

*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Runnemedede, N.J.*

*May  
Activities*

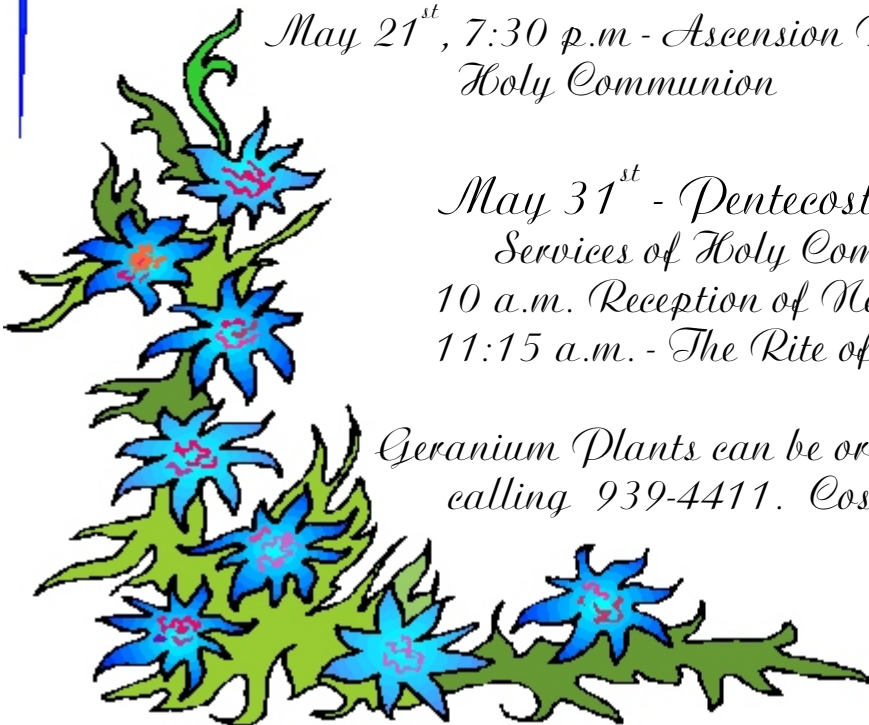
*May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30-11:30 - Donut Sunday  
Sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee*

*May 17<sup>th</sup>, New Members' Class following the  
11:15 a.m Service. If you are interested in  
becoming a part of Trinity, circle "N" on the  
pew card along with your name and phone number  
and drop it in the offering plate.*

*May 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 p.m - Ascension Day Service of  
Holy Communion*

*May 31<sup>st</sup> - Pentecost Sunday  
Services of Holy Communion  
10 a.m. Reception of New Members  
11:15 a.m. - The Rite of Confirmation*

*Geranium Plants can be ordered as memorials by  
calling 939-4411. Cost: \$18.00*



## FROM THE



**PASTOR**

For those who were not present at our 1:00 Good Friday Service I want to share the following thought from my sermon:

Christ our Pilot. On January 15<sup>th</sup>, Captain “Sully” Sullenberger landed US Airways Flight 1549 safely in the Hudson River after a collision with geese shut down both engines of the airplane. All 155 passengers and crew survived the crash suffering mostly minor injuries with the exception of one passenger suffering two broken legs. The Governor of New York proclaimed it “A Miracle on the Hudson.” Most of us readily agree that it was, in a way, a miracle. Days after the incident the black box, which records communication between the pilot and air traffic controllers, was released to the public. I was truly amazed at hearing the voice of Capt. Sullenberger. He was calm, deliberate and in control. How many of us caught in the moment of trial would be so calm? I have read and I have been informed that pilots are trained for such emergencies. Capt. Sullenberger is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and served in the U.S. Air Force as a fighter pilot for six years. Since 1980 he has been a commercial airline pilot. He has forty years of flying experience and has also worked in the area of improving airline safety and emergency situations. In that moment, when he made the decision to land his airplane in the Hudson River, all of his experience and training came into play, culminating in a calm and assured pilot working at his best in the worst of situations. In the actions of Capt. Sullenberger we see what is possible when a person is trained and disciplined in advance to face the unexpected hour. Lives were saved because a person was prepared. Even though we can ‘chalk up’ his excellent command of that airplane to his talents, we know that he is an extraordinary person. Just because someone has training and experience is no guaranteeing that when the moment of trial comes, they will follow through and act accordingly.

On Good Friday, we often think about the seven last words (sentences) of Jesus from the cross. When I think about those last words, I realize that Jesus was speaking as one who was calm, deliberate and in control. What does Jesus say from the cross? He says of his persecutors, “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). He says to a repentant thief, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43). He says to his mother and the beloved disciple, “Woman, behold your son: behold your mother” (John 19:26-27). And at the very moment of death he says two things, “It is finished” (John 19:30) and “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit” (Luke 23:46). Five of Jesus’ last sentences show him in command and in control.

Would we, when faced with the moment of trial, exhibit these same attributes? We call ourselves disciples. We are challenged to live up to both definitions of the word disciple. The first definition is that we are students/followers of Jesus. We spend a life long journey learning about the kingdom of God and how we have been called to serve God as we await the culmination of his reign on earth. Another definition of disciple is one who models their behavior after another. This we do as well. Do we not try to love one another as Jesus has loved us? Do we not try to forgive others as Jesus forgave us? Do we not try to be like Jesus in every part of our lives?

Part of our training, our discipline as followers of Jesus is preparing ourselves to meet the trials of life as believers who are calm, deliberate and in control, just as Jesus was on the cross. We draw our strength from Jesus on the cross, knowing that our God is willing to suffer and die with us, on our behalf to teach us how to face every moment of trial that comes our way. For we know that no matter what happens to us in this life, we have the promise of life to come because of the resurrection of Jesus and his promise to raise us as well, for Jesus Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Andy*

## **SERMON PREVIEWS:**

May 3 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
HOLY COMMUNION  
Sermon: **"THE FOUNDATION OF FAITH"**  
Acts 4:5-12

May 10 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
HOLY COMMUNION - 10 AM Only  
Sermon: **"THE GREAT CONNECTION"**  
John 15:1-8

May 17 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
HOLY COMMUNION  
JUNIOR CHOIR/JUNIOR BELLS  
Sermon: **"TAKE ONE FOR THE TEAM"**  
John 15:9-17

May 24 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
PRAISE CHOIR - SENIOR BELLS  
HOLY COMMUNION - 10 AM Only  
Sermon: **"A LEGACY OF FAITH"**  
Luke 24:44-53

May 31 - **THE DAY OF PENTECOST**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**  
10 AM-Reception of New Member  
11:15 AM-The Rite of Confirmation  
Sermon: **"LIGHTOUT"**  
Acts 2:1-21



## **DONUT SUNDAY**



**TODAY - MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**9:30 - 11:30 AM**

**Sponsored by**  
**Social Concerns**

**Join us in the Fellowship Hall!**



**MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

New Members' Class will be held following the 11:15 Service. If you are interested in becoming part of our church family, fill out a pew card with your name and phone number and place it in the offering plate and Pastor Andy will contact you.



*Pentecost Sunday - May 31<sup>st</sup>*  
*Holy Communion*

**10 a.m. - Reception of New Members**

**11:15 a.m. - The Rite of Confirmation -**  
Seven young people will have completed a two year study of Luther's Small Catechism. Join us as these young ones affirm the meaning of their Baptism.

*Geranium plants* can be ordered as memorials or gifts by calling 939-4411. Cost of geraniums for an 8" pot is \$18.00.



## Social Concerns Ministry

Forecast for the first weekend in May at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - on Saturday the Youth Group helped to load a box van with clothes donations from the Spring Clothing Drive sponsored by the Social Concerns Ministry. Meanwhile, the Youth Group was selling plants in the Church parking lot. Then on Sunday the Fellowship Hall was packed with congregants enjoying donuts and a beverage between services and stopping to purchase the few remaining plants to make both events a huge success. Hope you all took part in making my "forecast" accurate, as I'm writing this newsletter article on the weekend BEFORE the events.

Conversely, looking back Social Concerns and the Youth Group hope all who came downstairs on Easter morning to have breakfast enjoyed eating and socializing, as much as we enjoyed preparing and serving. Your free will offering will be used to cover the costs of the Senior Outreach Breakfast to be held on Saturday, June 6th. Tickets for this event will be available, watch for the sign-up sheets on the Johnson Avenue side of the sanctuary on Sunday, May 10th.

Please note the clothing collected through the Annual Spring and Fall events are for the Light House Mission in Philadelphia. Your generous donations are passed along free of charge to those in need. They are never sold, or bundled and resold.

Social Concerns had initiated a gathering of the various food pantries in our area to exchange ideas on how to best steward the donations of food and money to our Food Pantry. We were about to share some of our ideas and ways we do things with the other pantries, while they shared information about the "free bread place" for our pantry. Our motto of Sharing and Caring in this ministry put into action.

Speaking of the Food Pantry, needed for this month's shopping list for Pantry day which will be on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> is:

Pasta, spaghetti sauce, tuna, apple sauce, fruit juices, canned potatoes, tissues, toilet paper, Spaghettios, soap, canned veggies, cold cereal AND **PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY** (In honor of our mom's making all those P & B's; Mother's Day is May 10<sup>th</sup>).

The economy is difficult and most likely will remain so into the near future, but we here at Trinity can make a difference in our community - one can, one box, one bag, or one dollar at a time. So, please when you are shopping for your family try to remember our Pantry families; buy one GIVE one, clip a coupon and REDEEM it, put your loose change aside for a donation to the Pantry as every little bit does help.

Our next regular meeting will be held on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at the yellow house (25 Knight Avenue). Lite refreshments and putting away groceries after the 10:00 am service, with meeting to follow. Stop in, we would love to have you join us.

Caring & Sharing,  
Carol Sheairs - Cheryl Morris, and all the Social Concerns Ministry

*The Lord does do great things with the littlest of our offerings.*



## Junior Choir Notes

The Sunday after Easter is usually a time of low attendance but this year the Junior Choir did a super job singing "*Celebrate Life*," a song telling about the resurrection of Jesus. Many thanks to all who came!

Though it is hard to believe, Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, is the last time we will be singing for the 2008-2009 season! How time flies!! The song we will be doing is especially delightful in that it speaks to us about God and what He has done for us particularly during this season of the year. "*God's Alive!*" is one of those songs you just can't get out of your head once you hear it.

Weather permitting we will meet at the church on the Saturday before our final song of the season to go for our Ice Cream Outing. More details to follow.

Everyone will want to mark their calendars for August 3-7 when we will be having our 2009 VBS. "Studio GO! Game Show: Real Teamwork, Real Service and Real FUN" is the theme. It starts each day at 9:00 a.m. and concludes by 12 Noon.

Thank you to Mr. Kraemer once again for accompanying us, as well as Miss Lisa and Miss Millie for helping with the robes. Always we are grateful for the parents who transport us, listen to our words and generally encourage us!

Love to all,  
Mrs. Schmidt

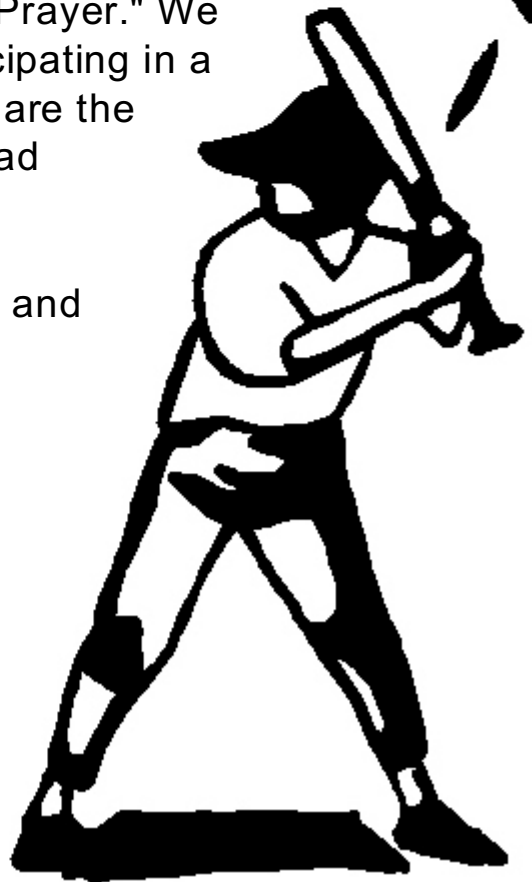
# Youth News

By the time you read this article, the plant sale should be finished. Thanks to all who came out to help, and also to all who helped both the Sunday School and Youth by making an effort to purchase their plants from Trinity.

We had another successful Youth Night here at Trinity this past Saturday night (4/25). We had multiple friends of youth members who took up the invitation to come and participate, for which we are glad.

This months devotional topic was "Prayer." We actually had a group of 5 or 6 participating in a "board game" !! Remember, those are the things we used to play before we had Playstation, Wii, etc.

Thanks to all that brought a snacks and goodies for all to share !!





“Prayer truly can change us and our circumstances.”

Are you aware that prayer is the key to heaven, but faith unlocks the door? Each Sunday our classes learn how to pray; they learn the importance of prayer for others as well as themselves. Yes, and they also learn the Lord’s Prayer while our teachers continue to emphasize the need to pray. How wonderful it is that Jesus taught us all how to pray!

What a great job our Sunday School classes did in filling their dime folders to help C.J. Kochon on his trip to Sudan. He will be our missionary to Sudan, bringing the news of Jesus Christ to all he will be working with this summer. A total of \$672.00 was collected toward this mission by our Sunday School. Many thanks to all students and teachers who brought in the non-perishable items for our Easter baskets, and thanks to the congregation for bringing in the hams. We helped 60 needy families who were most grateful for their baskets of food.

Vacation Bible School begins on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> - one week! The time will be 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon each day. There will be a closing program on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars as you will not want to miss this “Studio Go! Game Show.” Come meet our new puppet to join Gneppie and Gorf.

Remember that Sunday School continues all year each Sunday. The Spring Session ends on June 7<sup>th</sup>, and new material will be on hand for the summer.

Please continue to keep our students and staff in your prayers.

Our next staff meeting will be held on September 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

A final thought: *“Every word we speak for Christ has the power to bring new life.”*

To God be the glory,  
Pat Henry



Did you miss our “Soup & Bread” nights during our Lenten services from March 11<sup>th</sup>, each of 5 weeks until April 1<sup>st</sup>? Let me tell you, there was no “April Fool” on any of those nights. We had a total of 483 hungry folks during that time, bringing the average to 96 per night. Whew! Do you think we can top that next year?

How blessed Trinity is to have such wonderful culinary talents, both in making our soups, but also giving us some most delicious desserts. No, I’m not a member of that elite group, but I can tell you I had several swallows of soup, and a bit more of the desserts. Umm! Good!

Once again, many thanks to all who provided the tasty soups, as well as the super desserts. You won’t find a better group of good cooks anywhere! Oh, yes, thanks to all who helped to “set up” and “clean up” before and after our fellowship together. We truly are a “Family of God,”

God bless each of you, and have a great Spring and Summer!

Keep smiling!

Love in Christ,  
Pat Henry



Once again I will be centering the June bulletin board outside my office on our graduates for 2009. I would like to place a copy of your graduation picture along with your name on the board. Please see that I receive your picture as soon as possible so I can color copy it and return it to you quickly. Place pictures in the box on the office door.

I would also like to have a featured page in the June Newsletter honoring all who graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school or college. Please let me know all the pertinent information before the end of May including the name of the school, what high school or college you will attend, your major and any awards you received.

Thanks!  
Joanne

## **LUTHERAN HOME NEWS**

The Lutheran Home Auxiliary met at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Steele is at home recuperating from cancer surgery. Your continued prayers for her and her family are appreciated. In her absence, Pastor Ingrid Wengert, St. Matthews, Moorestown, led devotions.

The Spring Fair is set for May 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds go for the benefit of the residents and it is a really fun day. We will have lots of books, plants, white elephant items, hot dogs, hamburgers, pretzels, and baked good for sale. Riverside String Band and One way Express will be entertaining and there will be clowns, balloons and face painting for the children. Please place all white elephant items under the table on the Johnson Avenue side of the church and I will be sure to get them up to the fair. There will also be a Health Fair going on at the same time. There will be plenty happening! Hope you can come and join the fun for a worthy cause.

There had been some set backs with construction, as there often are, but we have a new contractor and things have been moving along quite well. The Home is hoping that things will be finalized at some point this summer. At that time, there are plans for an Open House. I will keep you informed. Lutheran Home has also secured a license for an additional 152 bed nursing home/assisted living to be located on the grounds of Luther Memorial Church in Blackwood, NJ. A new church will be built for the Blackwood congregation on the same site. In an effort to better serve the needs of the people, Lutheran Home is giving careful consideration to possibly expanding and serving the Vineland area as well as the Ocean County area. This will be determined at a later time and in accordance with need.

I have made copies of order forms for the "Christ in Our Home" Lutheran devotionals for any who may be interested in subscribing for their family and have placed them on the Johnson Avenue table. There is also a

sample copy available for you to look at. Our family enjoys this devotional and finds it worthwhile.

### **Needed:**

People to help with "creative hands" crochet and knitting group - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 2-3 p.m.

Beach balls, building blocks, soft, one piece dolls, doll clothes, yarn, stuffed teddy bears and for a new activity, large men's shirts to be used as smocks for water color classes.

Thurs., May 14<sup>th</sup> - 10 am - Auxiliary meets  
Tues., May 19<sup>th</sup> - 10 am - Adventure Aquarium  
Tues., May 26<sup>th</sup> - 12 noon - Residents Birthday Lunch

Sat., May 30<sup>th</sup> - 10 am to 3 pm - Spring Fair

I pray that this month and always you can have opportunities to share with others what Christ is doing in your life and what He can do for them as well!

Praise God!  
Sandy Counsellor

*"The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God" Isaiah 52:10.*

**LUTHERAN CARE AT MOORESTOWN**  
The Lutheran Home Auxiliary  
255 E. Main Street, Moorestown, NJ  
856-235-1214

**SPRING FAIR/HEALTH FAIR**  
**Saturday, May 30, 2009 - Zelle Avenue**  
**10 am to 3 pm**

*"Climb to the Top with the Auxiliary"*  
*We know we can.... We know we can...*

**Plenty of FOOD, FUN, BOOKS, PLANTS**  
**Clowns and Balloon Animals**  
**BARGAINS and ENTERTAINMENT**  
**"Riverside String Band"**  
**"One Way Express"**

# Sunshine Class News

Sunshine held its monthly meeting on April 14th. Pastor Andy stopped by for fellowship and refreshments. He told us that he had gotten the plaque for the mosaic Lutheran Symbol we purchased in Connie Landolt's memory. He told us that he would dedicate it on April 19th. If you haven't seen it yet, please be sure to do so. It's beautiful!

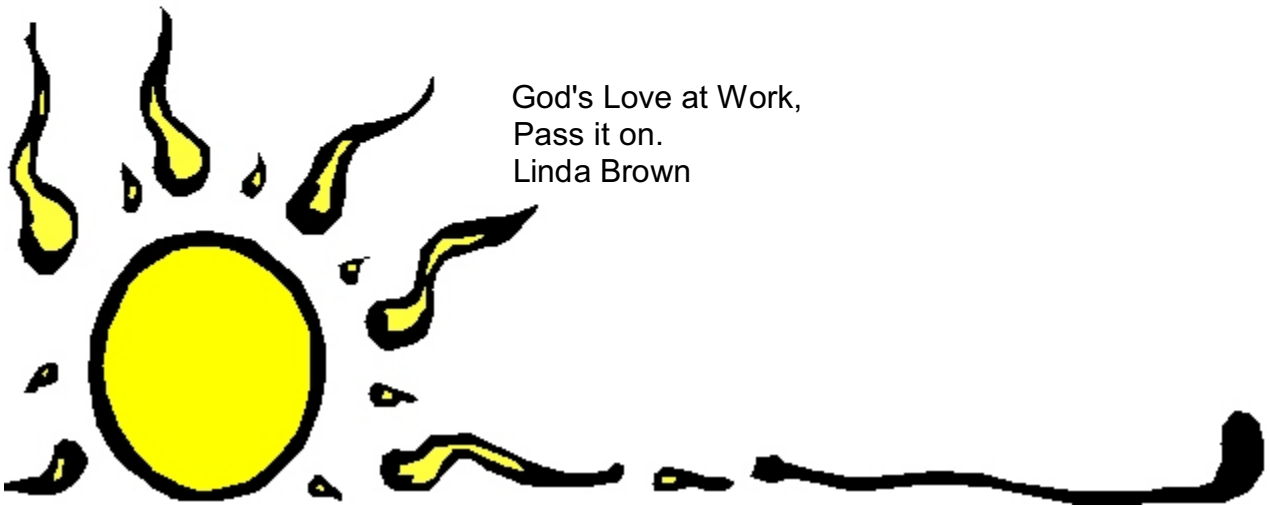
We will be selling bottled water, pretzels, baked goods and have a White Elephant table at the Spring Fair (formerly June Day) at the Lutheran Home in Moorestown on May 30th. We need your support for this to be a success. Hope to see you there.

As most of you know, Pauline Thornley was President of Sunshine for many years. Pauline has informed us that she will no longer be able to handle the position of President nor will she be able to attend our meetings. Pauline, we love you, we continue to pray for you and we wish you the very best. You did a GREAT job and we will surely miss you. I hope we can make you proud.

In that light, we had to fill the position of President. We also added a Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. I am the new President, Vice President - Doris Menchaca and Corresponding Secretary - Eileen Humes.

Our next meeting is May 12th at 12:00 noon. If you care to join us, and we hope you do, just show up and bring a sandwich. Dessert will be served by our hostesses, Caryl Krupinski and Clara Meyer. We are always looking for new members!

God's Love at Work,  
Pass it on.  
Linda Brown



# WANTED

## NEEDED

**The Food Pantry is in need of a few  
WHEELED CARTS.**

**A. K. A. "Granny carts"**

You know, the kind you can put groceries in and it has a handle and wheels.

Some of our clients at the Food Pantry do not have transportation, but live close enough to cart their groceries home *IF* we can provide them with a cart to use and return.

Please, if you have a cart you would like to donate to remain at the Pantry for clients to use, please contact:

Carol Sheairs

[csheairs@verizon.net](mailto:csheairs@verizon.net)

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### **BOAT NAMES**

A boating magazine ran a contest for clever boat names. The following names reeled in the honors:

BRACE YOURSELF - owned by an orthodontist),

SIR OSIS OF THE RIVER , AQUA SELTZER  
OUT TO LAUNCH, WATERTIGHT ALIBI  
(owned by a lawyer), MEALS ON REELS,  
and, from a landscape contractor, YARD  
BUOY.



Thanks to all who came out for our monthly work day last Saturday, April 25th. The weather was truly in our favor which allowed us to get some outside work done. We were able to trim the new line of shrubs on the far end of the parking lot and mulch around them. We were also able to weed the flower beds around the perimeter of the Church, and top off the mulch in them as well. The front of the 25 Knight Ave. building was able to get a spring cleaning, which was long overdue !!


A special thanks to Ted Cubler who was gracious enough to give of his time during the work week to repair some of the siding and other exterior building repair items.

There's always an ongoing list.....If you would like to help out. please feel welcome to come out on our work days, which we usually schedule for the last Saturday of the month and they are posted in the Church bulletin the Sunday before.

Ron Lunn,  
Property Chairman

# May, 2009

## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

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