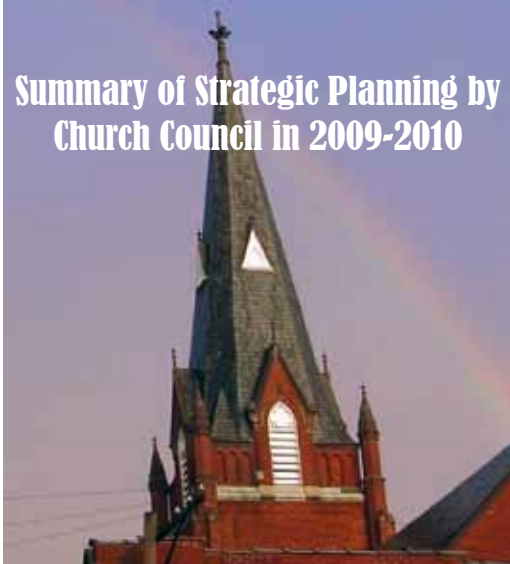




170th Anniversary Celebrations Comes to a Close

Lauren Hogan served as crucifer to lead the final procession at the close of our 170th Anniversary Year in worship on May 31st.

Summary of Strategic Planning by Church Council in 2009-2010



Did you know that a major responsibility of the Church Council is to plan for the future of the congregation? Since last August member John Schoedel has led the Council to address five questions toward a strategic plan. We thought you'd like to see how a summary of their answers compare with yours.

What is our vision for Trinity's ministry?

We see Trinity being a safe (open and accepting) community of supportive relationships in which we can all actively practice spirituality and grow in discipleship—faithful living for our Lord Jesus. Words like “welcoming, enriching, growing, and discipling” popped up.

To whom do we offer Trinity's ministry?

Of course, Trinity opens all sorts of doors for people seeking a relationship with God as well



In May, we dedicated the Krah family fountain outside the church. Earlier alderman Phyllis Young had delivered a Proclamation from the City of St. Louis in honor of our anniversary. Shown with the fountain (from left) are Pastor Marth, Jimmy Kohl, Courtney Avery, Haley Avery, Jack Kohl, Pat Kohl, Victoria Kohl, Jim Kohl, Elvera (Krah) Wurtz, and Dennis Rathert. (Elvera's father was Fred Krah, brother to Pat's grandmother and brother to Emma Krah who married a Rathert, of whom Dennis is a descendant. The Ratherts have been at Trinity since 1850 and the Krahs came in 1859.) We thank the Krah descendants for this beautiful addition to the Trinity campus.

as with others—members, other Lutherans, other Christians, and visitors of all sorts. But we also see our ministry as one offered to unchurched folks and “seekers,” people getting married, baptized and buried here, downtown loft dwellers, KGLS school families, homeless men, and Soulard neighbors.

What do we feel that people value in Trinity's ministry?

This could be a long list that would include Trinity's welcoming, open and relaxed atmosphere, range of ages and sense of community. The reasons for this include our pastors, our leadership, our urban sensibility, our spirit-filled worship, our fellowship activities,

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◀ The **last event of our anniversary year was a brunch at the Riverbottom Saloon** on June 27th. Guest speaker Rich Bimler (below) had us rolling in the aisles and the mighty Trinity Art Players recounted Trinity's history. Two long time members, Audrey Miller and Deaconess Audrey Vanderbles (seen at left with Deaconess Karen Westbrooks) were recognized for their many contributions to Trinity's life and received colorful prints of the Churches of Souland by artist Mark Hurd. Thanks to all who worked behind the scenes and "on stage" to make the event a success, including Russ Bettlach and Terri Mize who arranged a generous agreement with Joan Long (Ninth Street Abbey) for the facility, Rich Bimler for adding us to his busy itinerary, and to Mark Hurd for his generous gift of artwork.



Thanks to a streamlined production line (below), the **annual youth car wash** scrubbed 115 cars in four hours, exceeding their goal toward underwriting their travel expenses this summer. Thanks to Jennifer Finney and all the youth and adults who helped (and got scrubbed along with the cars!) ▼



◀ We were blessed with great weather for the **170th Anniversary picnic** May 23rd in Lafayette Park (left). Thanks to the hard working crew that managed the event including (at left) cooks Frank Carr, and Mary and Gary Zucker; Terri Mize (not shown); (below) Theresa Simpson, Russ Bettlach, and Kay Weber.



Al Mangels (on stage at right below) held his annual **"Mangos in May"** fundraiser cabaret show in memory of his son Nathan in our School Hall in early May. The event raises money to benefit tuition assistance for Lutheran students studying to become professional church workers. ▼



John Speckhard and Steve Meyer are shown here reenacting the **parable of the Good Samaritan** with the help of other Trinity thespians. Afterward, John led the children's sermon to discuss the story. This drama was one of several presented by members in worship this spring. Thanks to all the actors and director, Diana Krueger. ►



▲ Our seminary field worker Jamie Holt called for God's blessings on the youth and adults involved in **this summer's servant event and Youth Convocation in New Orleans**. A wide range of young people took part in both events. Thanks to them and to those who accompanied them on their travels. Their servant project was here in St. Louis in cooperation with the staff of Humanitri.



▲ Rev. Ken Doka, professor at Concordia University, Bronxville and classmate of Pastor Dave's, is shown joining our pastor in the **baptisms of 23 babies, youth and adults** from one extended family he met almost 40 years ago when he was a fieldworker here at Trinity. He became the godfather of a student attending Trinity Lutheran School. The result was the blessing many years later as that seed planted by the Holy Spirit sprouted into the entire family tree coming to know Jesus as Savior. According to archivist Dennis Rathert, over its 170 years Trinity has welcomed 11,617 new members of the kingdom of God through baptism at this font.



▲ Members **heading to Belize for this year's week-long VBS mission trip** (above) were blessed before their July 11 departure. Traveling this year were Christine Moss, Sharon Parr, Bob Kurtz, Sheila Wright, Karin Schubert and Katelind Rohde (and John Hosie – not pictured).



Pastor Marth welcomes those joining Trinity this past spring by adult confirmation, transfer, or reaffirmation of faith (from left): Clayton and Jamie Gobel, Luke Schroeder, Kendra Setzkorn, Rita and Rex Burlison, Sue McFarland-Strieby, Don and Jane Prahlow, Jacob and Alex Bender (accompanied by their mom and grandma), Ken White, Jamie Thurston Jennifer Rehberger and Kurt Hertel. ▲

THE HISTORIC CHURCH FOR CONTEMPORARY PEOPLE

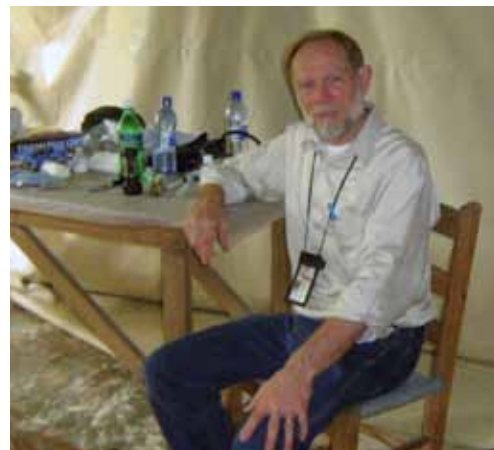
The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to be a loving, Christ-centered community actively reaching out to all people

Members, Music Director Visit Churches Prior to Organ Renovation

Members of Trinity have begun a series of “organ crawls,” auditioning a variety of types of pipe and digital organs in the area prior to drafting plans for renovation of Trinity’s old pipe organ.



Continuing its research, Trinity’s Organ Committee visited several more instruments in the metro area, including this Rogers electronic organ at Union Avenue Church. Here our Music Director, Wes Kassulke, tries the organ’s various digitally synthesized stops. New visits are being scheduled for all those interested in participating. Contact Don Bohler for details at donmboehler@sbcglobal.net.



Early in the rescue of Haitians injured by the recent earthquake, Trinity’s **Dr. John Lautenschlager** joined a team of LCMS workers to enter Haiti and assist for several weeks (above). The volunteers, traveling overland on foot, had to carry in all their supplies as well as personal belongings. Thanks, John, for being there for the Haitians on behalf of us Lutherans and Lutherans in Medical Missions.

VintageTen Has Moved to Permanent Quarters and is Growing

Pastor Jason Rust leads worship at VintageTen’s new permanent location downtown at 10th and Locust beneath The Bridge wine bar at 10 a.m. Sundays. Well attended, including a half dozen children, the services feature music leader Carl Casperson and our own Emily Dittmer on keyboard. Michele Pokorny joined the singers on this Sunday.



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and our outreach beyond our membership—to young couples, bereaved families, the homeless and poor. We also believe that people value the way in which we are Lutheran yet stay connected with other churches, how the Gospel shapes all we say and do, and the freedom in which we serve our Lord.

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