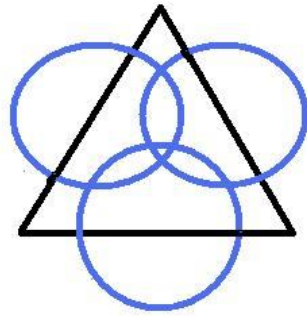


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# MONTHLY MONITOR

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## The Sense of Sin

A Christian young lady came to her pastor with a perplexing problem. She had been regular in her church attendance, conscientious in her daily prayers, and consistent in her attendance at the Lord's Supper; and yet she had been unable to rid herself of a haunting sense of sin. "Why is it," she asked, "that my girl friends who never go to church, and who freely admit that they have never taken religion seriously, are never troubled by any consciousness of guilt?"

Her problem was not a new one to the pastor. "Tell me," he said, "If I were to lay a hundred pounds of steel on a corpse and then a hundred pounds of stone – which would feel heavier?"

The girl stared at the pastor for a moment like he was dense and then replied: "It wouldn't matter!"

"Why not?"

"Because a corpse has no life in it and so it is unable to feel the weight either way."

"Exactly!" replied the pastor. "And that is why the person who is indifferent to his spiritual needs can say that he

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## HARVEST DINNER

Trinity's Harvest Dinner is Sunday, October 31, 2010. The following are dates we need help prior to the dinner:

- Thursday, October 27 –Squash Day
- Friday, October 28 –Roast Beef roasting day
- Friday Night, October 28-Set up tables
- Saturday, October 29-Set up/Prep day

As usual, we plan on a Bake Sale so practice making your yummy baked goods for a donation. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Rivet, (684-4618) or Julia Stephen (695-5873).

## Stewardship Corner

God gives us talents and gifts to be used in service to Him and others. However, instead of using what He has given to us, we often give excuses. Moses asked,

*“And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord with your God with all your heart and with all your soul?”*

(Deuteronomy 10:12).

When you are asked in the future to serve, remember God’s Words through Moses before you say, “I’m too busy,” “I’m not qualified,” or “Someone else can do the job better.”



## SCRAP BOOK CROP

The 6th & 7th grade students of Trinity Monitor are sponsoring a 2-Day Scrapbook Crop on November 11th & 12th. If you interested in scraping or know someone who is, please call Patsy Weiss @ 686-2269 for more information. Also we are looking for donations of: sugar, flour, brown sugar, chocolate chips, Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing, vegetable oil, croutons, and gallon size ziplock bags. Items can be put on the bench in the school lobby labeled scrapbook supplies. Proceeds go to the Washington D.C. class trip 2013. Thanks for your support.



## SECRETARY NEEDED

We are currently looking for a new Church Secretary. The hours are 8:30 to 11:30 in the morning, Monday to Friday. If you would like to be considered for this position or have questions please talk to Pastor Sherry (662-6093) or chairman of our Board of Elders, Virgil McGuire (989-225-1690).

## PART-TIME TEACHER NEEDED

Trinity Lutheran (Monitor) Day School is looking for a part-time teacher for the 2011/2012 school year. The position would be for teaching Science, Social Studies and English for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade class for, up to, 20 hours a week. Please send your resume and references, by October 1st, to:

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ATTN: John Kernstock



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he doesn't feel the weight of sin. He's dead – spiritually.”

It is true that the Christian has always been more conscious of his personal unworthiness in the sight of God – his personal sin-fulness – than the careless unbeliever. David, the man of God, had to admit: “For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.” The apostle Paul, who was a powerful missionary to the Gentiles, had to lament: “I know that within me ... there lives no good thing. ... Oh, wretched man that I am!”

Christian There is really nothing surprising in the Christian's conscious-ness of sin. The man who walks in darkness is unconscious of the smudges on his body; but let him walk out into the light, and he immediately becomes conscious of his dirty hands. The walks in light! And the closer he draws to “the Light of Life,” the more conscious he becomes of the dirty rags he is wearing.

Nor is there anything surprising in the Christian's sensitivity to his personal guilt. He has seen his sin in terms of Calvary. It was a sensitive heart, a Christian heart, that wrote:

*You who think of sin but lightly, nor suppose the evil great,  
Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.*

No, there was nothing surprising at all in this young lady's concern over her personal sin. In fact, her deep concern was a sign that the Spirit of God was indeed working in her heart.

And yet she had no reason to worry. For the same Bible that told her that she was a sinner in God's sight also tells her: “If our heart condemn us, God is greater than our hear and knows all things.” God, who is greater than our heart, looks at us, not in our sins, but in Christ. And in Christ there is abundant pardon and mercy. As the apostle Paul assures us: “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Sinners? Yes. But *forgiven* sinners. Forgiven through Christ.

(Adapted from My Hand in His by Herman Gockel)

-Pastor Sherry



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 LORD, HAVE MERCY

**Radio Lutheran Services:**

**Sunday on AM 1250:**

\*7:30 am Lutheran Hour

\*8 am St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

**Sunday on AM 1400:**

9 am Immanuel Lutheran

**TV Lutheran Service:**

**Charter**

**Channel 13:**

11:30 am Lutheran Shut In Service

***SCHOLASTIC  
BOOK  
FAIR***

The Scholastic Book Fair will begin on Sunday, October 30th, during the Harvest Dinner. The Book Fair will continue until November 11th.

Proceeds from the Book Fair support the School library.

**Trinity Lutheran Church**



*Harvest Dinner*

*&*

*Bake Sale*

**DATE:** Sunday, October 30, 2011

**TIME:** 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Trinity Lutheran School  
Corner of Salzburg & 8 Mile RD  
Bay City, Michigan

<b>DONATION:</b> Adults	-\$8.50
Children (6-12)	-\$4.00
Pre-Schoolers	-FREE

**MENU:** Pork Sausage-Sauerkraut-Roast Beef  
(with all the trimmings)

**TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE**