

Trinity Times

Gather as God's People...

Grow in Faith, Family & Service...

Go into the World as Disciples for Christ...

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Thank you and Congratulations to Trinity Members!

A lot of wonderful things have been occurring at Trinity the past few months—including “The Kitchen” project developed by high school youth, increases in worship attendance, continued programs for children, youth, and adults, and the growth of the AA and AI-Anon groups as they use our facilities. In addition, the congregation went “over the top” in its 2008 offerings. During the last five months of the year, several council members were deeply worried about offerings falling below what was needed to meet the budget and keep our staff. The council shared its concerns, provided regular reports of income and expenses, and organized a catch-up program. The congregation responded beautifully. Not only was a short-term loan repaid, but we ended the year with about \$10,000 (2.2% of our 2008 budget) to carry us over into 2009. As we begin 2009, let us pause to celebrate God’s good work in our midst! And let us give thanks for the generosity of our members!

- Darrell Jodock, Council President

Ash Wednesday Worship Service, February 25th

Trinity will begin Wednesday evening worship services starting on Ash Wednesday, February 25th. Ash Wednesday communion worship services will be held at 5:00pm and 7:00pm. (There is no soup supper on Ash Wednesday).

Lenten worship services will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00pm starting on Wednesday, March 4th. Please join us during this special season of worship! Enjoy a soup supper prior to the Lenten worship service!

Annual Meeting Sunday, February 1st

All confirmed members of Trinity should attend Trinity’s Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 1st at 11:30am in the Sanctuary. A congregational potluck will follow the meeting.

Lenten Soup Suppers Begin on Wednesday, March 4th

The Lenten Soup Suppers will take place each Wednesday evening from 5:15 – 6:15pm in the Gustafson Fellowship Hall.

You are invited to share your favorite soup with your Trinity family by bringing enough soup to serve at least 50 people. Enjoy some lively conversation as you serve it up to fellow Trinity members.

Interested? Sign up on the Lenten Soup Supper sheet in the narthex.

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The Natwick Epistle

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”

PSALM 19:14

A Sunday School teacher posed a question to his class: “Is there anything that God can’t do?”

“Yes, sir” a little girl responded with great confidence.

“Now,” said the teacher, “think again. Think real hard about this. Is there anything that God cannot do?”

“Yes, sir!” said the little girl, as emphatic in her answer as before.

“Well, what is it?” the teacher finally asked her with some exasperation. This was not going the direction he was intending. He certainly didn’t want to tell her she was dead wrong in front of his class, but he wanted his students to know of God’s grace and power – over all things.

The little girl replied, “My Daddy says that God can’t please everybody.”

This past fall (perhaps all of 2008) we went through days upon days of political polling and positioning, of pundits picking apart all that candidates say in order that they might find some fault or flaw, of candidates striving to say the right thing that they might impress on voters the need to support them for the upcoming elections; in these days, one comes to the conclusion that no one – not even God – can please everyone.

We human beings set the bar high for those who are set above us. Whether it’s a public employee, a school board member, a member of the congress or senate, the president, or even God, we expect much of those set over us.

It’s true what the say about opinions: everybody’s got one. With so many opinions, the wise little girl is right – even if you’re God, you can’t please everybody.

Next week (as I write this) a new president will be sworn in to serve our country. This January congressmen and senators will have been sworn in to serve, along with a host of other newly elected persons to many different positions in many different levels of government. My prayer for those who serve us is that in all they do, they listen to their heart and do what they feel is best for everybody.

More importantly may we, as a people of God, strive to do what is right in God’s eyes in the place we’re at. God calls each of us, first and foremost, not to be successful – but to be faithful.

Pastor Eric

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TRINITY WOMEN

Thankoffering Sunday

Sunday, February 1st, Trinity Women will conduct the worship service as part of their yearly "Thankoffering" service. Brenda Moore will give the sermon and several other women will serve as liturgists, scripture readers and ushers.

Thankoffering envelopes will be provided for anyone wishing to contribute to this special offering to Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELCA). Thankofferings help Women of the ELCA to reflect their ministries and how they have been blessed. They make up part of the organization's annual gift to the ELCA, support programs and services of WELCA and help the church reach out in ministry worldwide. Thankoffering boxes are also available for anyone wishing to have a means for regular giving of thanks in one's home.

Thank you for participating!

Bold Women's Day

The Women of the ELCA will celebrate the third annual Bold Women's Day on February 22nd, 2009. Bold Women's Day was created to celebrate Lutheran women everywhere, and showcase the diverse ways in which we act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ. Some are bold in conspicuous and visible ways while others are bold in quiet yet strong ways.

When we look around us in our congregation and community we will recognize those who have acted and are acting boldly on their faith. Using them as models, perhaps we can make an intentional plan on how we will act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ in the next week, the next month or the next year. Some suggested ways to act boldly may be to move outside our comfort zone. We could register for a continuing education class, volunteer to serve on a committee, begin an exercise program, visit a nursing home and invite women there to tell you their bold stories of faith, or write a note to a woman who has inspired you by her bold action letting her know what a difference she has made in your life. We can each in our own unique way honor the bold women who influenced our lives.

Book Group

The book discussion group is taking a few months off and will be regrouping to meet again later in the year. Be ready with suggestions of possible books to read.

Ongoing Projects Continue

The first Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. women gather to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. You are invited to join the quilters who cut, pin, tie and sew these quilts and also enjoy a delicious potluck lunch!

We are still collecting cancelled stamps and Campbell's Soup labels. Please put them in the box under the table by the door to the Gustafson Room. The stamps go to a church in Washington, D.C. that has use for them. The soup labels go to North Elementary here in St. Peter.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues here at Trinity. If you knit or crochet, you might want to take part in the mission of serving. The special yarn and pattern are provided for you.

Last year Trinity joined the Cell Phone Recycling Challenge. Bring your unused cell phones and put them in the box by the Gustafson Room. The program has been established to create lasting solutions for poverty and climate change.

Card and napkin sales are offered the second Sunday of each month. If you need cards at a different time, please check with the church office or a coordinating board member.

February Schedule

February 1st, All Services
"Thankoffering" Service

February 2nd, 9:30am
Mission Quilting, Noon Potluck

February 6th, 1:30pm
Martha Circle

February 8th, 9:00am
Card & Napkin Sales

February 16th, 9:30am
Rebecca Circle

February 16th, 3:30pm
Hope Circle

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Live the Life: 7-9th Grades

February 1st – Super Bowl Sunday! Special Time: 5-9pm! We are still figuring out whose home this event will be at, as the church does not have TV reception...So look for that info in the Sunday announcements. We'll watch the SuperBowl and play some games of our own (boys vs girls) and win some prizes, so bring your friends!

Next Month: Live Monopoly! Join us for a game of Monopoly like no other! March 1st from 6:30-8pm! You become the pieces and go all around St Peter playing the game. Tons of Fun! Meet at the church at 6:30! Parents: we will need drivers for this event, if you are able to help, please talk to Erika.

Junior High GRAPPLE : 7-9th Grades

Sunday mornings in the conference room by Erika's office, you can hear a group of rowdy kids in grades 7-9 talking, wrestling, and grappling with issues of faith! Join us from 9:30-10:30 every Sunday for some fun! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Senior High Youth Group O2 (Oxygen) "Everybody needs it!"

Grab your friends and head to our WEEKLY senior high youth group which meets every Wednesday evening in the Youth Room at Trinity from 8-9:30pm. We understand that your schedules are busy and that sometimes you have tons of homework, but come when you can! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!! If you have any questions, please contact Erika and checkout our group on FACEBOOK!

Fat Tuesday Confirmation Party!

February 24th, 6:30 – 8:00pm

To launch our confirmation mentoring program for Lent we will be having our 3rd Annual Fat Tuesday Party on February 24th from 6:30-8:00pm in the Gustafson Fellowship Hall. This is a REQUIRED event for confirmation students and their mentors. Make plans to be there! It will be fun! Questions? Please see Erika or Pastor Eric.

Senior High Synod Youth Gathering: Rescue Me

When: March 20-22, 2009

Where: Park Plaza in Bloomington, MN

Cost: \$150 We will be doing some fundraisers (like the current Pizza Coupon Sale) to off set the costs. This was a favorite last year, so talk to your friends; we want to take a ton of St Peter people! Featuring: Mass gatherings, service projects, worship, the Spirit Garage, nightlife (yes, there's a dance this year), peer led small groups, and LYO elections. Erika will give you a packet of information once you have signed up and paid your fee. Registration Deadline is Wednesday Feb 25th

Lenten Mentor Program

For the third year our confirmation program will be doing something a little different during the Season of Lent. One of our goals for Youth & Family is to increasingly add INTERGENERATIONAL aspects to our ministry. To promote this goal each of Trinity's confirmation students will be pairing up with an adult MENTOR for the 6 weeks of Lent. This will be an excellent experience for both youth and adults.

We will be focusing on Philippians 4:6 – iPray. The student/mentor will worship together each week then share and discuss different questions that will be provided throughout Lent. If you are an adult member of the church and would like to be a mentor for a confirmation student, please talk to Pastor Eric or Erika. We have over 55 youth in confirmation this year, so we need many volunteers.

J3 Winterfest Event

The youth from our community who will be attending the "Jesus, Justice, Jazz" National ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer are hosting a very special fundraising event at Trinity during St Peter's WINTERFEST:

- Pulled pork luncheon. Yummy food will be available for purchase.
- Used Book Sale. Clean out your bookshelves - Share the gift of reading during "I Love to Read" Month. Drop off your book donations at the church from February 1st-6th.
- and Pfeffer Tournament will start at 1pm.

Look for our event in the Winterfest brochure and posters or for more information, please contact Erika Reckling.

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In Place of Applause...

The Worship & Music Committee requests that in place of applause for solos, ensembles or choirs who lead us in worship, that you personally convey your thanks and appreciation to these folks following worship. This request is made in respect and in response to many among us who have asked for it.

Attention Coffee Lovers: Coffee Fellowship needs some buyers!

Many of you have discovered and enjoyed the Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate which are available for sale at church. Now you have the opportunity to share a cup of it with your church family on Sunday morning during the morning Fellowship time at 9:00 am & 10:30 am. Simply purchase a bag or two of your choice of coffee and drop it off in the church office. If you've never checked out the Fair Trade display in the narthex, we invite you to do so soon! By choosing to buy fair trade products, we ensure that farmers in developing countries earn enough income to adequately feed and care for their families and communities. What a great way to help out people in need!

Wednesday Night Supper

Our Fellowship Suppers take place each Wednesday evening from 5:15 – 6:15pm in the Gustafson Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5/person with a maximum of \$17/family. Here are the menus for the month of February:

- February 4th** Sloppy Joes, Cold Veggies, Pickles, Salad, Drink, Dessert
- February 11th** Pan Lasagna, Salad, Peas, Garlic Bread, Drink, Dessert
- February 18th** Baked Potato / Salad Bar, Broccoli, Bread, Drink, Dessert

Did You Know?

Trinity has a Puzzle Exchange! Puzzles are located on a table outside the Gustafson Fellowship Hall. Donate a puzzle to the exchange or grab one to take home and enjoy! When you've finished it, bring it back and take another! What a great family activity!

Daily Readings

Trinity's traditional worship schedule is Sundays at 8:00am and 9:30am. The 10:45am service is intended to be a more contemporary service.

NOTE: the daily lectionary is found in ELW starting on page 1121. The first three of the week's readings reflect the previous Sunday; the last three prepare us for next Sunday!

February 1st

Holy Communion at all services

Monday	Acts 21:17-26
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 7:32-40
Wednesday	Mark 5:1-20
Thursday	Galatians 5:2-15
Friday	1 Corinthians 9:1-16
Saturday	Matthew 12:9-14

February 8th

Monday	Acts 14:1-7
Tuesday	Acts 15:36-41
Wednesday	Mark 3:7-12
Thursday	Hebrews 12:7-13
Friday	Acts 19:11-20
Saturday	Matthew 26:6-13

February 15th

Holy Communion at all services

Monday	Acts 3:1-10
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
Wednesday	John 4:46-54
Thursday	3 John 2-8
Friday	Hebrews 12:7-13
Saturday	Luke 4:38-41

February 22nd

Holy Communion at all services

Monday	Hebrews 2:1-4
Tuesday	1 Timothy 3:14-16
Thursday	1 John 1:3-10
Friday	2 Timothy 4:1-5
Saturday	Matthew 9:2-13

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Cinnamon Roll Sundays!

The J3 youth of Trinity (those going to the Jesus-Justice-Jazz National Youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer) are excited to offer freshly baked, hot, gooey cinnamon rolls during fellowship hour on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH!**

The cost is just \$1 per roll which includes juice or coffee. You can even place an order to take home or to the office! Please call Beau Bachman (931-2139) or Randy Ziebarth (931-6706) by the Friday before each Cinnamon Roll Sunday to place your pre-order.

Please join the J3 youth for CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY and thank you for your support!

Check out the Church Library

Stop in and see what's new in the church library! Here's a few highlights:

Good Mews by Kitty Chappell and Happy Tails by Linda Winn. Inspirational stories for cat lovers and dog's best friend respectively.

The Secret Of Happiness by Billy Graham. Looking at happiness through the Beatitudes: poverty, mourning, meekness, hungry, mercy, purity, peacemaking and persecution.

Potluck by Kim Thomas. A collection of meditations is based on the potluck heritage. The table offers a place of discovery and delivery, becoming and belonging.

The Faith by Charles Colson. The authors have written this book to caution us that ignorance of our own faith comes at the most critical of times for Christianity and the world at large.

Bible Food Fun By Lesley Wright. A cookbook with delicious recipes inspired by well-known stories from the Bible.

Sunday School Update

Sunday, February 15th will be Camp Sunday. We'll be promoting and talking about the great opportunities our kids and families have to go to Green Lake Bible Camp over the summer. The Sunday School kids will sing camp songs, watch a DVD, and hear about the fun of Summer Camp. Parents of 3rd-6th graders are welcome to attend in the Gustafson Room. Sixth graders and their parents will have a meeting at 10:25am to learn about confirmation camp. Each church service will talk about Summer Camp as well.

Looking Forward to Spring – Attend a Via de Cristo Retreat

Via de Cristo, a Spanish phrase meaning "Way of Christ", is a three-day Cursillo weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God's grace. It is for anyone who believes in Jesus Christ – young or old, single, married or widowed. It is for people who live strong and active lives in Christ, and for those who seek to be renewed and strengthened in their relationship with Christ and the people around them.

The next Southern Minnesota weekends will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Northfield. The men's weekend is March 5th-8th and the women's weekend is March 12th-15th. Weekends start Thursday evening and conclude late Sunday afternoon.

Interested in attending? Or do you simply want more information? Then contact Julie Fedeler at 934-2465 or at flute28@hickorytech.net.

Dad's Belgian Waffle Feed

The Lion's Club of St. Peter will host a "Dad's Waffle Feed" here at Trinity on Sunday, February 8th. Serving begins at 8:00a.m. and goes until 12:30 p.m. Tickets will be available in the church office after the first of February.

Amazing Greys

Amazing Greys will meet on February 3rd, 1:30 p.m. in the Gustafson Room. Val Youngblom will be the hostess. Join in the fun and games, devotions and visiting.

If you received a "new" game for Christmas, bring it along. How about, "Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader?" or a new version of "Monopoly"? See you there!

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit all items for the March newsletter no later than February 13th.

All items are preferred in an **electronic format** and can be emailed to editor@trinitystpeter.org.

Minnesota Food Share Month

Trinity is going to make a big “BANK of FOOD” for Minnesota Food Share month in March. With all the snow banks around, let’s see if we can make our DONATION BANK bigger than the one in the parking lot! Bring your donations to church with you and leave them in the south east corner of the narthex.

They may have to be moved from time to time, but we will keep a marker there to know how “deep” our bank is. Watch for a list of items SPAF could use in the coming weeks. Of course, cash donations are always needed to buy meat, milk and other perishables.

Journey to South Africa

“The Journey to South Africa,” a documentary film based on the SW MN Synod Companionship relationship with the Southeastern Diocese of South Africa, will air 7:00 p.m. Feb. 8 and 3:00 p.m. Feb. 15. This is a Pioneer Public Television production which followed the agricultural mission trip to Southern Africa in January 2008 involving members of the Wantonwan River, Shetek, Scenic Valley and Prairie conferences.

The hour long documentary will tell the story of the people on both sides in discovering and using the gifts that each group brings to this mission challenge, especially to advance the hope of shedding light on farming, hunger and poverty in South Africa.

Congregations in the Minnesota Valley Conference are working with the Vryheid Circuit of South Africa to build a similar partnership. This documentary is a good example of what can happen when we work together in ministry. A copy of the program will be available at the synod office.

Preach and Soup Series

The 30th annual Preach and Soup Series will be held on five Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 4th at Church of the Holy Communion.

The series is sponsored by the St. Peter Area Ministerial Association and the Episcopal Church. Each event opens with a 12:05pm service, with homily followed by a soup luncheon in the church hall. Homilies are given by St. Peter clergy.

A free will offering is taken at the luncheons. Because all luncheon ingredients are provided by members of the host church, all offerings are dedicated to the St. Peter Area Food Shelf. Last year, the food shelf received \$906 in offerings. Since the money was given in March, it was eligible for matching funds.

Schedule of homilists will be announced in the March newsletter.

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Mission Update

When I was in high school, a fund raiser for buying new band uniforms was a 20 mile walk; in the weeks leading up to the event, the band members found sponsors who agreed to pay x amount for each mile walked. I remember that the day was relatively cool and overcast and therefore comfortable for walking; nevertheless, 20 miles was long and I was very tired at the end of the day. I also remember that there were many refreshment stops along the way and the route chosen was mostly level. All I had to do that day was walk. I hadn’t thought about that 20 mile walk in years. But I did in December.

The Bouar District Women scheduled their annual conference mid-December 20 miles from Bouar. The women had only one way to get from Bouar to the host congregation: walking. But not all women in the Bouar district live in Bouar. There were some women who walked 30 miles (or more!) first to Bouar before tackling the last 20 miles to the host congregation. The road between Bouar and the host congregation consists of hill after hill after hill ... and there were no refreshment stops along the way! The women carried their own drinking water and many of them also carried a child on their back and a change of clothing and some food. And there was no one was paying them to walk 20 miles in the hot sun. There were over 80 women at the Bouar District Women’s Conference.

Pray for these women and all the others involved in the “Central African Women for Christ”.

- Pastor Joyce & Ian Graue
ELCA missionaries, Central African Republic

GoodSearch!

It’s easy to earn money for Trinity when you have the GoodSearch! toolbar installed in your browser. GoodSearch has toolbars for IE 6 and 7 and search box plugins for Firefox, IE7 and Safari. Here’s how you do it. First, type in this address in your web browser: <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbars.aspx> ; second, follow the instructions to install the GoodSearch toolbar; and third, you’re ready to go!

GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter “Trinity Lutheran Church – St. Peter” as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!

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Financial Update

As of 1/22/08:

January 2009	\$28,947.30
January 2008	\$25,155.25

Lutheran Men in Mission Retreat

The 2009 Lutheran Men in Mission Retreat will be held Friday and Saturday, March 6-7 at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer, MN. This year's theme is "Be Strong and Courageous! God is With You!" based on Joshua 1:9. The featured speakers are Larry Olson and Hans Peterson from Dakota Road Music. Larry and Hans have been singing God's praises and leading people in worship for more than twenty years. They will share a night filled with their powerful, God centered music and stories of their faith. Worship, singing, small group sessions and service with Kids Against Hunger will fill the weekend.

This will be a great activity for men of all ages. The retreat begins with registration at 4:30pm and dinner at 6:00pm on Friday, March 6, and concludes at 3:00pm on Saturday, March 7. Cost is \$95 for the full retreat, housing and 3 meals. Commuter fee is \$75, Saturday only is \$65 with two meals, and Friday night only is \$60 including dinner. Sign up early and receive \$10 off if your registration is postmarked by February 6th! For more information, contact Lowell Krogstad at 507-227-9247.

Please Let Us Know...

If you are hospitalized for any reason, please be sure to tell the hospital on your admission that you are a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. It isn't enough to tell them that you are Lutheran! It would also help if you or one of your family members would call the church office at 934-4786 to let us know that you have been hospitalized so that Pastor C or Pastor Eric can visit you.

If you wish one of the Pastors to visit you in your home for conversation, prayer or Holy Communion, please call the church office at 934-4786 to arrange for a mutually agreeable time for the Pastor's visit.

Minnesota All-State Lutheran Choir Auditions

Auditions will be held for its June 2009 summer camp and tour on Thursday, February 19th from 4-5pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Mankato. Auditions are open to all Minnesota Lutherans in 10th, 11th and 12th grade. For more information, visit www.maslc.org.

Leaders Needed for 2009 Block Party

Trinity is looking for energetic leaders to assist in planning and implementing a Block Party in August of 2009! This event provides us an opportunity for community outreach, fund raising, fellowship in an intergenerational environment, and enjoyment of life and our congregation. It happens in our parking lot. Our congregational leadership feels this event has great potential to grow in many ways. In an effort to get started early on planning, we are looking for persons willing to serve on the Steering Committee and on the following sub-committees: children's focus, food focus, adult and teens focus, publicity focus. Would you be willing to help your parish in one of these areas of leadership? Much has been learned from the past two years; we'd like to make this event an even greater one for all. If you are willing, please call the church office and leave your name or just stop in and visit about it!

A Big Thank You

Thank you so very much to everyone who supported the fundraiser for the Milestone Ministries Program. You helped raise \$966.62! We couldn't have done it without you!

Congratulations to the top 5 sellers and winners of a free movie pass to CineMagic St. Peter 5:

Taylor Graft (21 items)
Lydia Kisor-Conlon (13 items)
Parker Sisler (9 items)
Ellen Davis (8 items)
Reegan Kelly (6 items)

An honorable mention goes to Kaitlyn Flowers who also sold 6 items (tie was broken by sales), and to Alexandra Eberhart who sold 27 items (Dawn Eberhart's daughter).

– Dawn Eberhart and the Children & Families Committee

Help End Youth Homelessness

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

- An estimated 22,410 unaccompanied youth are runaway or homeless each year.
- On any given night in MN, 550-650 youth 17 and under are homeless
- On any given night in MN, 1300 youth 21 and under are homeless
- Current emergency shelter or housing services meet only 15% of the estimated need

It is with this in mind, that we invite you to Christ the King Lutheran Church (CTK) on Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30 PM in the Chapel. At CTK we have an active Circle Of Hope—a group that is a part of Lutheran Social Services Movement of Hope.

The Movement of Hope aims to unify people of faith around the achievable goal of ending child and youth homelessness in Mankato and Minnesota. In this effort, we will work to link the importance of sharing resources, serving one another, and raising our unified voice to advocate for policies which support a society where everyone has a safe and stable home.

At this meeting, we will talk and think together. We will learn more about Minnesota's children, youth, and families, reflect on our call to care for our neighbor, build community among those who share an interest in ending homelessness, and take action on their behalf.

Please join us in this endeavor. Coffee and dessert will be served. Please RSVP, by calling CTK at 345-5056.

Notice

If you would like a community announcement to appear in the monthly newsletter, please turn your items into the church office by December 12th.

Announcements will be published on a space-available basis.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Health Check-ups for Seniors

VINE Faith in Action, in collaboration with MSU-Mankato, School of Nursing is offering Free Health Clinics in St. Peter and in Nicollet in February. Services will be provided by MSU nursing students under the supervision of their clinical instructors.

The check-up includes:

- Blood Pressure Checks
- Foot Care (Toe nail clinic)
- Ear Wax Removal
- Blood Glucose Screenings
- Fitness Information
- Medication Review
- Healthy Snacks

Scheduled dates are:

- Tuesday February 10th, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in St. Peter at Trinity Lutheran Church, 511 So 5th Street
- Tuesday February 17, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Nicollet at The Church of Saint Paul, 411 5th Street

Appointment times are limited, so reservations are needed. Contact VINE Faith in Action at 387-1666 to reserve a time and to arrange for a volunteer driver if a ride is needed.

St. Peter Reads Event

The St. Peter Reads group is very excited about its upcoming Unity in Community Winter Read.

St. Peter Reads - Winter Read
William Kent Krueger's mysteries
Red Knife and Iron Lake

Tuesday, February 10

4:30-5:30 p.m. meet the author and book signing at the public library

7:00 p.m. author talk on both books and book signing at Trinity Lutheran Church

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Ushers and Greeters

Please contact Tim Kennedy & Mary Snyder at 934-2642 for the Ushers & Greeters schedule.

Lay Readers

February 1st
8:00am Curt Stolee
9:30am Sandi Minter

February 8th
8:00am Adrian Lo
9:30am Lynn Davey

February 15th
8:00am John Lammert
9:30am Deb Fichtner

February 22nd
8:00am Jan Swanson
9:30am Emily Kracht

Altar Care

February 1st LeAnn Davis; Lillias Harmer
February 15th Rita Kruger; Lola Douglas
February 22nd Jan Swanson; Janet Brown
February 25th Jan Davis; Gert Wright

Video Camera

February 1st Tom Frey
February 15th Dale Bjorklund
February 22nd Dale Bjorklund
February 25th Chuck Christiansen

Council Assistants

February 1st
8:00am Darrell Jodock
9:30am Scott Moore
10:45am Sharon Litynski

February 8th
8:00am Dale Mowbray
9:30am Scott Moore
10:45am Jerry Conlon

Vital Statistics

Baptisms

Emmalina Elizabeth Walsh
Daughter of Larry & Sandy Walsh
Born: July 22, 2008
Baptized: February 1, 2009

Funerals

Marian Skogstad
March 25, 1929 – December 18, 2008

Beulah Otting Martens
May 13, 1913 – December 19, 2008

Jacquelyn J. Elliott
December 16, 1930 – January 2, 2009

Trinity's Mission Statement

The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to:

Gather as God's people,
Grow in faith, family and service, and
Go into the world as disciples for Christ.

SERVICE LIST

All Trinity members share in food preparation and serving duties for funerals and other church events throughout the year. The membership has been divided into 13 groups with designated coordinators for each month. This allows one group to have a month off each year. Groups move up one month each year as well, so that you are not serving in the same month each year. This list is also used to secure ushers. When your assistance is needed, a coordinator will contact you.

February 2009

Food Coordinators:

Dolores Holteen	934-2434
JoAnn Pedersen	931-4869

Usher/Greeter Coordinator:

Tim Kennedy & Mary Snyder	934-2642
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Name

Anderson, LeRoy & Lorraine
Bachman, Marc & Wendy
Berg, Patty
Boesch, Karen
Delestre, Kathy
Evans, Ted & Becky
Fay, Colleen
Fedeler, Julie
Gerke, Douglas & Leslie
Horning, Darlene
Jodock, Darrell & Jan
Johnson, Kraig & Natalie
Johnson, Paul & Jane
Johnson, Roger & Deb
Keeley, Jeff & Kim
Kivi, Eileen
Lo, Adrian & Pei-Loh
Loomis, Nancy
Moret, Cheryl
Moulton, Pete & Cindy
Mueller, Kevin & Lori
Nygard, Doug & ReVae
Oberlander, Mark & Mary
Ogren, Darin & Jennifer
Olmanson, Vern & Jan
Pearson, Paul
Roggow, Brian & Denise
Rustman, Douglas & Becky
Sandry, David & Sherry
Scholl, Judy
Skogstad, Mary
Swanson, Kermit & Jan
Vandenburg, Pat
Wilkinson, Roger & Sharon

March 2009

Food Coordinators:

Meryl Jessen	931-6408
Cindy Porter	934-5667

Usher/Greeter Coordinator:

Curt & Peg Stolee	934-2397
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Name

Bjorkland, Dale & Rosemarie
Borgstahl, Scott & Kim
Brandt, James
Christensen, Eric
Christianson, Helen
Detlefsen, David
Douglas, Emily
Erickson, Dennis & Mary Jo
Fitterer, Chad & Pam
Golgart, Jim & Lucy
Gurrola, Chris & Kristie
Gustafson, Victor
Harmer, Lillias
Hartman, Kip & Paula
Johnson, Stephen & Mary
Krenik, Mark & Betty
Kuhl, Danielle
Lund, Kevin & Michelle
Lunderberg, Mike & Candus
Maland, Debra
Martinson, Joel
Nelsen, Bill & Margie
Nielsen, Jill
Nygard, David
Nygard, Lynda
Oachs, Jane
Peterson, Helen
Thorn, Raymond & Beverly
Wahl, Melvin & Amy
Wood, Barry & Betty
Youngb1om, Mark & Sheryl

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 Communion Worship 8:45 JOY! 9:00 Fellowship (Cinnamon Rolls) 9:30 Communion Worship 9:30 Education Hour 9:30 Celebration Singers 10:45 Communion Worship 6:30 Faith 4 Life 7:00 Jr. High Youth Group 7:00 AA (Closed)	2 9:30 Mission Quilting 5:30 "The Kitchen" Free Meal 7:00 Eunique Quilting 8:00 AA (Closed)	3 1:30 Amazing Greys 5:30 Executive Committee 7:00 Trinity Women Board Mtg	4 7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Fellowship Supper 6:15 Confirmation 6:30 Trinity Choir 7:30 Praise Bells 8:00 Praise Band 8:00 Sr. High Youth Grp	5 2:00 Text Study for Pastors 5:00 AI-Anon 5:30 Truancy Circle 7:00 Trinity Women Book Club 8:00 AA (Open)	6 1:30 Martha Circle 5:30 Council Retreat	7 8:30 Council Retreat J3 Pulled Pork Luncheon, Used Book Sale, Pfeffer Tournament
8 8:00 Worship 8:00 Dad's Waffle Feed 8:45 JOY! 9:30 Worship 9:30 Education Hour 9:30 Celebration Singers 10:45 Worship 7:00 AA (Closed)	9 5:30 "The Kitchen" Free Meal 6:30 Red Hats 8:00 AA (Closed)	10 9:30 Communion at Park View Manor 2:45 Communion at Grandview 3:30 Communion at Benedictine 6:00 Committee Mtgs 7:00 Council Mtg	11 7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Fellowship Supper 6:15 Confirmation 6:30 Trinity Choir 7:30 Praise Bells 8:00 Praise Band 8:00 Sr. High Youth Grp	12 2:00 Text Study for Pastors 5:00 AI-Anon 8:00 AA (Open)	13 Newsletter Deadline	14
15 8:00 Communion Worship 8:45 JOY! 9:00 Fellowship 9:30 Communion Worship 9:30 Education Hour 9:30 Celebration Singers 10:45 Communion Worship 6:30 Faith 4 Life 7:00 AA (Closed)	16 9:30 Rebecca Circle 3:30 Hope Circle 5:30 "The Kitchen" Free Meal 8:00 AA (Closed)	17 8:00 MN Valley Conf. Pastor's Meeting	18 7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Fellowship Supper 6:15 Confirmation 6:30 Trinity Choir 7:30 Praise Bells 8:00 Praise Band 8:00 Sr. High Youth Grp	19 2:00 Text Study for Pastors 5:00 AI-Anon 5:30 Truancy Circle 8:00 AA (Open)	20	21
22 8:00 Communion Worship 8:45 JOY! 9:00 Fellowship 9:30 Communion Worship 9:30 Education Hour 9:30 Celebration Singers 10:45 Communion Worship 12:00 J3 Pre-trip Meeting 7:00 AA (Closed)	23 5:30 "The Kitchen" Free Meal 8:00 AA (Closed)	24 6:30 Youth Fat Tuesday Party (Lenten Mentor Program)	25 7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Staff Meeting 5:00 Ash Wed. Worship 6:15 Confirmation 6:30 Trinity Choir 7:00 Ash Wed. Worship 7:30 Praise Bells 8:00 Praise Band 8:00 Sr. High Youth Grp	26 2:00 Text Study for Pastors 5:00 AI-Anon 8:00 AA (Open)	27	28

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Celebration Singers Director	Annette Meeks	Christian Education Coordinator	Lori Hanson
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