

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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Mid-Week Lenten Offerings go to Lutheran Social Services

In these more difficult days, Lutheran Social Services has seen more than a quadrupling in the use of their financial counseling services. These are provided free to any who have need. There has also been an increase in the use of other counseling services, while grants and outside sources of income have diminishing. Please consider LSS in you mid-week Lenten support.

Round Robin in Lent

Trinity will participate in a "Round Robin" in Lent this year with neighboring congregations. This method provides the opportunity for us to hear new voices and see new faces in our pulpit. Holden Evening Prayer (somewhat modified for Lent) will serve as our liturgy. The overarching theme is **Finding Hope in Hard Times**. Soup Suppers are served from 5:15 to 6:30 pm during the five weeks of Lent. No suppers during Holy Week.

February 25, Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion, Imposition of Ashes (Pastor Natwick) Worship at 5:00 and 7:00 pm (no soup supper)

March 4, First Week of Lent, Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm with Pr. Shelly Olson, Our Savior's Lutheran, Cleveland

March 11, Second Week of Lent, Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm with Pr. Paul Kratzke of American Lutheran, Gaylord

March 18, Third Week of Lent, Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm with Pr. Steve Boots, Union Presbyterian, St. Peter

March 25, Fourth Week of Lent, Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm with Pr. Bill Nelsen, St. Paul's, Gaylord and Trinity, rural Gaylord

April 1, Fifth Week of Lent, Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm with Pr. Alan Bray, First Lutheran, St. Peter

April 9, Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion – Individual Absolution (Pastor Christensen) Worship at 5:00 and 7:00 pm

April 10, Good Friday, Tennebrae Service at 7:00 pm

Church Council Organizes for 2009

Trinity's Church Council, with newly-elected members, met for their first meeting on February 10th. The pastors provided a Chinese Dinner for all including traditional "fortune cookies". New Council members are: Ms. Joan (Neil) Anderson, Ms. Julie Fedeler, Dr. Mari Feder, Mr. Marc Bachman, and Mr. Pat Klubben.

New Members introduced themselves, were welcomed and received an "orientation" and lots of paper for their Council Books. Financial reports (which can be challenging for anyone) were explained. Normal business was transacted and time was spent brainstorming together about priorities, challenges, transitions, and opportunities before the congregation.

Various council members volunteered to represent Trinity at Conference Convention, Synod Assembly, and the Gustavus Adolphus Association of Congregations Meeting. The council anticipates a good year together.

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

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Cross Beams

Reflections from Pastor C's Study

By the time this reaches you, we will be on our Lenten journey as worshipping community. Lent is a time of spiritual discipline, discernment, and an intensification of Christian practice and self-awareness. A part of that are opportunities for mid-week worship and our Soup Suppers (see article and schedule elsewhere in this newsletter). We have often given a devotional to members for their use in Lent. Some folks (myself included) at Trinity very much enjoy the online devotions sent from Luther Seminary that focus upon the upcoming Sunday texts. If this may be your "cup of tea" try pointing your browser to this URL: www.lutherseminary.edu and subscribing to "God Pause".

An extravagantly unreasonable way to live . . .

I recently saw a very powerful and moving movie: *The Reader*. It's one of the most provocative "holocaust movies" I have ever viewed, with a Oscar-caliber performance by Kate Winslett. My favorite line in the movie is: "It isn't what you think or feel; it's what you do that counts." Actions, not words or feelings – a biblical theme.

We have a phrase in English that we sometimes use to explain why we have acted in a certain way. We will say, "I acted in fear" or "I acted in anger" or "I acted in frustration". In describing our state of mind, we intend to make sense of our behavior to people who question the reasonableness of what we did. We reframe the event so that it will make more sense to others (or ourselves).

Take this principle of explanation and use it to consider the implications of Christ's statement: "But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God". (John 3:21) Imagine that explanation for our behavior: my act was done in God. What would a life of actions "done in God" look like?

I'm sure such a life would not look any more reasonable or logical than actions done in fear, anger, or frustration. To love one's enemies, to show compassion while living amidst violence, to pray for those who persecute you, to give generously while worried about putting food on our own table, to live confident that life is stronger than death: these are actions that do not appear reasonable in a brutal, survival of the fittest, kind of world. To live in God or to live in Christ is an extravagantly unreasonable way to live!

This is Lent – to live in an extravagantly unreasonable way! To take up our Cross and follow Christ!! Yes, we Christians see Christ consistently acting "in God," so that God's justice, light, truth, love, and mercy pour out through him into the life of the world. In following Christ, God's justice, light, truth, love, and mercy pour through us into the world.

So I ask . . . could it be that the most profoundly reasonable actions are those that cannot be accounted for by human psychology, but those that are done in the source of every good and perfect gift, done in the Spirit of the Word made flesh, done in hoisting our own cross and following Him, "done in God".

An extravagantly unreasonable way to live . . . and for us, the way, the only way to find/receive/discover authentic, meaningful LIFE!

Pastor Christensen

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TRINITY WOMEN

In Kind Offerings

All churches in our synodical conference have been asked to bring “in kind” offerings for our WELCA convention on May 7-8 in Marshall, MN.

This year we are asked to collect Christian literature—Bibles, Bible commentaries, Bible dictionaries, theology books, unmarked Sunday School material or religious pictures for teaching, tracts, devotionals, cassette/videos and Decision magazine. Do not include anything which has a denomination printed on it.

The Honduras Project has been chosen for our support also. The items included here are:

- Small toys or stuffed animals (like Beanie Babies)
- Toiletries – small sample bottles such as those from hotels
- Diapers
- Small caps – infant to size 2, knit or crocheted

The directions for knitting and crocheting these caps are available by the collection box in the narthex. Also available are the directions for making diapers from T-shirts.

The third in-kind offering requested are monetary gifts for the Project Comfort Fund. This fund assists with the cost of sorting, storing and shipping our Lutheran World Relief items around the world. Check may be written to Lutheran World Relief with “Project Comfort” written in the memo line.

We have two months to gather these items to bring to the SW MN WELCA Synod Convention. The collection box is by the east door of the narthex. Thank you in advance for each and every one of your contributions.

A New Way To Grow

The women of the ELCA have unveiled a new way to involve younger women while ensuring the growth of the organization. It is called individual partnership. Women who have no easy access to a congregational unit or no strong affiliation to a church can take part in Women of the ELCA by becoming an individual partner.

Individual partners receive one-year subscriptions to Lutheran Women Today and Café, an electronic magazine that explores contemporary issues young women face. They have access to Bible studies, global networks, advocacy efforts and newsletters as well as mutual support, fellowship and friendships. For only \$20 a year, you can pass this organization along to a friend, daughter, granddaughter, niece or sister. By making a woman an individual partner, you help both that woman and Women of the ELCA grow into the future.

Please take a copy of the “A New Way to Grow” page, with order form, from the women’s area of the bulletin board in the hallway off the narthex. This opens a new way for others to become part of Women of the ELCA.

Card/Napkin Sales

This is an on going project of the women of Trinity. We offer cards & napkins for sale the second Sunday of each month. If you have need to purchase at another time contact the church office or any member of the women’s board.

Besides our boxed cards we now offer individual cards at \$.50 each. Easter and Confirmation cards are featured this month. We have a few boxes of 24 or 25 cards per box (a birthday assortment, a sympathy assortment and a mixed assortment) which is priced at \$8.00.

Stop in this month and check out our excellent selection.

Quilting at Trinity

Trinity women held 2 quilting days in February and plan to hold 2 in March. We will quilt March 2 (the first Monday) and March 17 (a Tuesday). It is your contributions of fabric that allow us to keep on with this mission project and we are most grateful for all your donations. As spring nears and you are cleaning and sorting, if you have fabric remnants, bedding, curtains, etc. you no longer need, we will happily accept them to be used in our quilts.

We have received a letter from Green Lake Bible Camp asking for a quilt to be made to be auctioned off for their fundraiser in July. A quilt top has been donated and we are looking for an adjustable queen size quilt frame to use to hand stitch the quilt. If you have one or know of someone who does and would lend it to us, please call Leona at 931-3639.

March Schedule

March 2, 9:15 a.m.	Quilting, noon potluck
March 3, 7:00 p.m.	WELCA board meeting
March 6, 1:30 p.m.	Martha Bible Study
March 8, 9:00 a.m.	Card/Napkin sales
March 16, 9:30 a.m.	Rebecca Bible Study
March 16, 3:30 p.m.	Hope Bible Study
March 17, 9:15 a.m.	Quilting, noon potluck

Looking Ahead

April 14	Spring gathering in Hector
May 7-8	Synodical Convention in Marshall
May 9	Mothers Day Tea
June 18	Bus trip to “Church Basement Ladies, a Second Helping”

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Live the Life: 7-9th Grades

Sunday March 1st –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!

Faith 4 Life / Elementary Youth Retreat

April 3-4, 2009

7 pm Friday through 1 pm Saturday Green Lake
Bible Camp, Spicer, MN

Grades 3-6 Cost \$38

Are you wondering what camp might be like or are you too excited to wait until next summer to come back to camp? This is your chance to be part of a fun-filled night at camp. There will be games, songs, worship, food, fun...probably more than anyone can handle! Grab a flyer from the counter in the Education Wing (aka the Sunday School Hallway)!

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 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 has been extended to Sunday, March 8th.**

Attention: Juniors & Seniors 2009 Spring ELCA College Fairs

When: Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Where: Burnsville, MN

Erika will be taking a group from Trinity to this event...Would you like to come along? Sign up on the "College Board" by Erika's office today!! **CHECK IT OUT!!!**

Other Dates: Sunday, April 26 — Excelsior, MN; Monday, April 27 — Maple Grove, MN; Wednesday, April 29 — Woodbury, MN; Thursday, April 30 — Rochester, MN

"iPray" Focus on God and 'i' becomes smaller!

March continues our confirmation program's Lenten Mentor Program. We're focusing on Phil. 4:6 – "iPray" The student/mentor worship together each week, then share and discuss different questions. Please continue to pray for these youth and adults.

Summer is Coming!

The snow may still be around, but soon warm sunny days will be here, and so its time to start planning for summer 2009! On March 15th we will announce all of the summer programming at SUMMER SUNDAY! Registration for all of your favorite events will begin on that day! You'll want to grab a copy of Trinity's 2009 summer programming brochure from the youth table in the narthex or check online for all the details about Vacation Bible School, Boundary Waters, Sonshine Music Festival, and much more!

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!

March 1st

Holy Communion at all services

Monday	Ephesians 2:1-10
Tuesday	1 Peter 3:8-18a
Wednesday	Matthew 4:1-11
Thursday	Romans 3:21-31
Friday	Romans 4:1-12
Saturday	Mark 8:27-30

March 8th

Monday	Hebrews 1:8-12
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19
Wednesday	John 12:36-43
Thursday	1 Peter 2:4-10
Friday	Acts 7:30-40
Saturday	Mark 9:2-8

March 15th

Holy Communion at all services

Monday	1 Corinthians 3:10-23
Tuesday	Hebrews 9:23-28
Wednesday	Mark 11:15-19
Thursday	Ephesians 1:3-6
Friday	Ephesians 1:7-14
Saturday	John 3:1-13

March 22nd

Monday	Hebrews 3:1-6
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 10:6-13
Wednesday	John 8:12-20
Thursday	Hebrews 4:1-13
Friday	Hebrews 4:14-5:4
Saturday	John 12:1-11

March 29th

Monday	2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Tuesday	Acts 2:14-24
Wednesday	John 12:34-50
Thursday	Philippians 2:1-11
Friday	Philippians 2:12-18
Saturday	Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

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Lenten Soup Suppers begin on Wednesday, March 4

The Lenten Soup Suppers will take place each Wednesday evening from 5:15 – 6:15pm in the Gustafson Fellowship Hall. Enjoy some lively conversation with fellow Trinity members as you dine on homemade soup.

Please consider sharing your favorite soup with your Trinity family by signing up to bring enough to serve 50 people. While helping in the kitchen with the suppers, you'll be serving up not just soup, but good conversation as well. Check out the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Many Thanks to Lenten Supper Volunteers

What a great group of workers! Many thanks to Dale and Kay Mowbray for keeping us supplied with bread and for over-seeing the kitchen each Wednesday evening. Thanks to all you who are serving, doing dishes, and cleaning up each week – we couldn't do it without you. And, thanks to all our confirmation small groups and their guides for their participation in the supper each week.

Attention Scripture Readers!

Ever wonder what makes an actor's reading more forceful and attention-grabbing? Do you wish to better understand and bring forth the depth of feeling and meaning in a Scripture passage when you read it aloud? A workshop that will provide real help for Scripture reading will be offered at Immanuel Lutheran of rural Courtland on Saturday, March 7th from 9:00-Noon. Twin Cities actor Mark Rosenwinkel and Pastor David Buuck are the presenters. To register, call 507-359-2505.

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Fair Trade Stand Needs Friends!

Maybe you've tried the coffee, but have you tried the tea? Pastor Eric is quoted as saying, "That tea is great stuff, by jove!" There is also unsweetened cocoa as well as Divine milk chocolate and semi-sweet chocolate. 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!

Make a Good Marriage Great!

No matter how good a marriage is, it can be improved. Even the best marriages can find new meaning and deepened joy on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend, whether married for a short time or for many years.

In a relaxed atmosphere four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions the couples discuss in the privacy of their hotel room. There is no counseling and no group sharing. No one tries to change who you are. You'll spend two nights in a comfortable hotel and enjoy five delicious meals from Friday at 7:00 pm to Sunday at 5:00 pm.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are March 27-29 in Duluth or April 24-26 in Brooklyn Center. Please register a month in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.

Remember...

Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday,
March 8th. Spring Ahead!

Amazing Greys

Amazing Greys will meet on Tuesday, March 10th, 1:30 p.m. in the Gustafson Room. Evelyn Schultz, Vivian Mork and Dee Hahn will be your hostesses. Join in the fun and games, devotions and visiting.

Camperships Available

Some years ago, several individuals came forward with funds to create an endowment which would make camp affordable for any child wishing to attend who had need. Trinity has a limited amount of \$100 scholarships available to youth who would not be able to attend camp without a scholarship.

These camperships help cover costs of a week of camp at Green Lake, Shores of St. Andrew, or Camp House. These camps are all a part of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, of which we are a corporate member. In order to receive a Trinity campership, you must complete a campership application form (see Erika) and turn it into the church office by May 17, 2009.

Many individuals will point to camp as being a significant experience in their growth of faith. At Trinity, we look at our camping ministries as being important extensions of our ministry. Sign your child up online by following the instructions on GLLM's website. When you register online, you will need a credit card. GLLM's website is: www.gllm.org. Thanks in advance for your understanding. Please contact the office for more details.

GLLM also has scholarships available for campers who are in need of financial assistance. For an application, contact Jackie at 320-796-2181 or jgrothe@gllm.org.

Minnesota Food Share Month

With a higher rate of unemployment, food shelf usage always goes up. Consider sharing some of what you have in your pantry with those in need. Bring your donations to church and leave them in the southeast corner of the narthex. We would like to collect over 2,000 pounds – or, a TON of food – for the foodshelf this March.

We'll have a "scale" in the narthex telling us how many pounds of food we've collected during the month. Watch for a list of items that the St. Peter Area Foodshelf (SPAF) could use in the coming weeks. Cash donations are also needed to buy meat, milk, and other perishables.

Newsletter Deadline

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

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

The Steward's Corner

A note from Trinity's Stewardship Committee

"Our money is our time and talent in portable form."
- Harry Emerson Fosdick

If we are persons of empathy and compassion we often feel sorry for persons who are in great need. Sometimes these people are near; sometimes they are far away.

Most of us cannot travel personally to areas of need or disaster. But our money is a means of going there and doing some good. Our money is a form of "portable self". Those persons in need are as near as our checkbook. When we give to serve others, something of ourselves travels to those places and situation.

Ten percent of Trinity's envelope giving goes "off the top" for mission support. Those dollars go to the SWMN Synod and to the ELCA to support their partnered causes. Additional dollars go to foreign missions (Graue's), to Green Lake Bible Camp, to Lutheran Social Service, to VINE, and other causes. These dollars (beyond mission support) are called Benevolence.

We ARE at work through our dollars to feed, heal, teach, proclaim, nurture, and save. In such ways our dollars are a means of grace.

On the other hand, if is also true that if we use our dollars only for self-indulgence, it becomes a means of disgrace. So we will remember: how we spend our money reveals how we are spending our lives. (written by Pastor C.)

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.

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March Adult Forums

March will be dedicated to study of the Scripture. The first three weeks will feature Trisha Wheelock, visiting professor at Gustavus who will present on the prophet and book of Amos. The last two Sundays will be spend on Paul's letter to the Philippians led by Casey Elledge, professor in the religion department of Gustavus Adolphus College.

Forums meet at 9:30am in the Fireside Room (west end of the Fellowship Hall). Be aware that we will be taking some steps to improve sound in this area. Forums are informal; questions and discussion are invited. Bring your coffee and come!

Funeral Service Groups

The names of those volunteering to work at funerals have been divided into four serving groups. These groups will be called upon on a rotating basis, thus serving at every fourth funeral. The serving groups are listed below with the * denoting chairpersons of each group. If you are willing to help and your name is not on a list, please notify the office and your name will be added.

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| *Jill Gatzke | *Joy Sanderson |
| *Dee Swenson | *Louise & Duane Sunderman |
| Dan & Sandra Buendorf | Sharon Bakken |
| Helen Christianson | Marlyss Burch |
| Wanda Ekberg | Sandy Grochow |
| Charlotte Foss | Leona Herberg |
| Steve Herberg | Mary Jacobson |
| Bea Martinson | Meryl Jessen |
| JoAnn Pedersen | Julie O'Malley |
| Jennifer Thiesse | Shirley Wittly |
| Donna Wick | |
| *Bev Aanonsen | *Kathy Hauser |
| *Rita Kruger | *Barb & Roger Nelson |
| Janet Brown | Bob & Sandi Broeder |
| Lola Douglas | Jan Glimsdal |
| Diane Gerlach | Lillias Harmer |
| Helga Haedt | Delores Holteen |
| Ray & Liz Jacobson | Mary Lou Miller |
| Warren & Sharon Litynski | Kay Mowbray |
| Jenny Miller | Harriet Rydeen |
| Jan Swanson | Ruth Sundin |
| Sarah Swenson | |

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Upcoming Retreats & Events at Green Lake

Baskets of Fun Quilt Retreats

March 27-29 or March 29-April 1

Fee: 2-Day \$139, 3-Day \$173

Deposit: \$50

It will be a basket of fun during the spring quilt retreat. Besides working on your own projects, you will have the opportunity to work on a basket pattern or two. Pack your sewing basket and come for baskets full of food, fun, faith and fellowship.

Knit Retreat

March 13-15, Medayto Lodge, GLBC

Fee: \$95

Deposit: \$50

Come for a wonderful weekend filled with faith, fellowship and fun. This is a great opportunity for all knitters, regardless of skill. The Medayto Lodge will be the perfect setting for that relaxing and re-energizing weekend you've been longing for.

Partnership Rally

A rally celebrating Minnesota Valley Conference's companionship with Lutherans of the Vryheid Circuit in South Africa will be held on March 14th from 9:30am through a Noon Lunch at Trinity Lutheran in rural Gaylord. The rally features that talents of South African musical guest Quinton Ruiters . Plans for the group trip in 2010, Vryheid clergy visit in May/June and information on how churches can help will be presented. Everyone is welcome! (AIM-hosted Global Mission promotion)

Notice

If you would like a community announcement to appear in the monthly newsletter, please turn your items into the church office by March 13th.

Announcements will be published on a space-available basis.

Cursillo

Have you attended a Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, Unidos en Cristos, Via de Cristo, Kairos, etc. weekend? If you have, would you like to be informed about local Ultreya/Renewal meetings? If so, please contact Julie Fedeler at 507-934-2465 or flute28@hickorytech.net with your name and contact information to receive updates about Cursillo related events.

Via de Cristo – “Way of Christ” – Retreat

Jesus often went into the wilderness for prayer and retreat. We, too, need times of spiritual refreshment and renewal. If you are looking for an opportunity for strengthening and renewal in your walk of faith with Christ, consider taking part in a Via de Cristo weekend.

The next Southern Minnesota weekend retreats will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Northfield, MN. Then men's weekend is March 5-8 and the women's retreat is the following weekend, March 12-15. Each weekend begins Thursday evening and concludes late Sunday afternoon. Other weekends may be found on the web at www.mnviadecristo.org.

Interested in attending or wish for more information? Contact Julie Fedler at 934-2465 or email her at flute28@hickorytech.net.

Kids Against Hunger Event

A “Kids Against Hunger” packing event will be held on Wednesday, March 25th at the Lafayette Charter School from 1:30-7:30pm. Simple tasks for ages 5 through 105 will be available. Volunteers may stand or sit while assembling food packages that will help malnourished and starving children worldwide. Refreshments will be served at no charge to volunteers.

Additional donations are needed to help cover the nutrients and rice that are placed in each meal packet. Please send donations to “Kids Against Hunger”, PO Box 51, Lafayette, MN 56054. This event is being coordinated by the Bernadotte 4-H Club. Everyone is welcome to assist! For additional information, please call 507-276-0452 or visit www.feedingchildrenstewart.org.

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.

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.

March 2009

Food Coordinators:

Meryl Jessen 931-6408
Cindy Porter 934-5667

Usher/Greeter Coordinator:

Curt & Peg Stolee 934-2397

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
Youngblom, Mark & Sheryl

April 2009

Food Coordinators:

Lola Douglas 934-3397
Nancy Sanderson 931-2106

Usher/Greeter Coordinator:

Bill & Marilyn Robertz 934-3883

Name

Anderson, Jeff & Sheila 931-5355
Annexstad, Phyllis 931-8720
Beyer, Kirk & Marilyn 934-6505
Blaido, Bridget 931-0820
Braun, Scot 931-5923
Bredeson, Sean Lee 934-9728
Bruns, Darwin & Carla 931-5868
Calhoun, Claudia 934-5464
Carson, Aaron & Amber 345-8221
Cohrt, Altamira 931-4139
Eberhart, Ryan & Dawn 934-4926
Farlinger, Jaime & Julie 934-1655
Greisen, David & Marci 351-5627
Hartman, Craig & Liz 345-3937
Haslip, Bret 934-9367
Johnson, Chester & Marian 931-4045
Kreft, Keith & Corinne 931-2879
Langsjoen, Deanna 934-6083
Lutz, Vera 931-2233
Martinson, Bea 931-2776
Moore, Scott & Brenda 934-4614
Nieves, Ray & Larissa 931-0042
Oligney, Cheryl 934-4780
Olson, Ray & Dorothy 934-1955
Pedersen, Willian & Lurene 931-9103
Peterson, Conrad & Lita 931-3632
Polikowsky, Laurie 931-2729
Rock, David & Kay 931-6000
Rydeen, Mike & Kim 934-7976
Sawyer, Michael & Patricia 931-9205
Schmit, Marilyn 934-1278
Schmidt, Michael & Sherri 934-5729
Soucek, Matt & Shawn 934-1336
Sunderman, Duane & Louise 931-4049
Theisse, Jennifer & Randy Menk 934-4863
Thorstensson, Roland & Edith 934-2345
Wellner, Brad & Carol 931-2937
Westre, Peter & Michelle 931-3128
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Wright, Gertrude 934-3764

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Ushers and Greeters

March 1st

8:00am Curt & Peg Stolee, Walt Grochow;
Lillias Harmer
9:30am Rich & Nancy Beran; Agnes Akland
10:45am Lynn & Bruce Davey; Ione Nesheim

March 8th

8:00am Delores Hahn; Jim & Nancy Kruger;
Helen Christiansen
9:30am Rich & Nancy Beran; Doug & Sandi
Minter; Agnes Akland
10:45am Ann Maland; David & Marci Greisen

March 15th

8:00am Curt & Peg Stolee; Dennis & Mary Jo
Erickson
9:30am Al & Linda Hewitt; Delores Holteen;
JoAnn Pedersen; Chad & Pam Fitterer
10:45am Lynn & Bruce Davey; Scott & Kim
Borgsdahl

March 22nd

8:00am Willis Lindquist; Janet Brown; Adrian
& Pei-loh Lo; Leona Miller
9:30am Bob & Sally Lammert; Lloyd &
Nancy Sanderson
10:45am Curt & Peg Stolee; Cindy Porter

March 29th

8:00am Delores Hahn; Janet Brown; Adrian &
Pei-loh Lo; Helen Christiansen
9:30am Roger & Barb Nelson; Delores
Holteen
10:45am Ione Nesheim; Cindy Porter

Lay Readers

March 1st

8:00am Vivian Mork
9:30am Al Hewitt

March 8th

8:00am Justin Simpson
9:30am Doug Minter

March 15th

8:00am Gregg Stone
9:30am Carolyn Dobler

March 22nd

8:00am Gregg Stone
9:30am Jan Glimsdal

March 29th

8:00am Dale Mowbray
9:30am Nancy Beran

Altar Care

March 15th Delores Swenson

Video Camera

March 1st Chuck Christiansen
March 8th Steve Pettis
March 15th Steve Pettis
March 22nd Pat Klubben
March 29th Pat Klubben

Fellowship Hosts

March 1st J3 Youth
March 8th Meryl Jessen & Cindy Porter
March 15th Helen Christiansen & Lillias Harmer
March 22nd Dale & Rosemarie Bjorklund
March 29th Pam Fitterer & Beverly Thorn

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.

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MARCH CALENDAR

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 10:45 Communion Worship 2:00 MN Valley Conf. Assembly 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 3:00 SP Schools Professionals Mtg 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 5:00 The Kitchen Mtg 5:15 Soup Supper 6:15 Confirmation 6:15 Trinity Choir 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:45 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	7
8 Daylight Savings 8:00 Worship 8:45 JOY! 9:00 Fellowship 9:30 Worship 9:30 Celebration Singers 9:30 Education Hour 9:30 Celebration Singers 10:45 Worship 7:00 AA (Closed)	9 2:00 PEO 5:30 "The Kitchen" Free Meal 8:00 AA (Closed)	10 9:30 Communion at Parkview 1:30 Amazing Greys 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 1:30 SPAM 5:15 Soup Supper 6:15 Confirmation 6:15 Trinity Choir 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:45 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 12:00 Youth Council 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. Pastors Meeting 9:15 Mission Quilting	18 7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Staff Meeting 5:00 The Kitchen Mtg 5:15 Soup Supper 6:15 Confirmation 6:15 Trinity Choir 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:45 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 Sr. High Synod Youth Gathering	21 Sr. High Synod Youth Gathering
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 12:30 J3 Pre-Trip Mtg 7:00 AA (Closed) Sr. High Synod Youth Gathering	23 5:30 "The Kitchen" Free Meal 8:00 AA (Closed)	24	25 7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Soup Supper 6:15 Confirmation 6:15 Trinity Choir 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:45 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
29 8:00 Worship 8:45 JOY! 9:00 Fellowship 9:30 Worship 9:30 Education Hour 9:45 Mtg for 6th graders & parents 9:30 Celebration Singers 10:45 Worship 2:00 Elmer Tolzman 90th Birthday 7:00 AA (Closed)	30 5:30 "The Kitchen" Free Meal 8:00 AA (Closed)	31				

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JOY! Director	Nancy Sizer	Missionaries in Africa	Pastor Joyce & Ian Graue
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