

Trinity Times

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Grow in Faith, Family & Service...

Go into the World as Disciples for Christ...

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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When Cooler Weather Comes, a Hot Meal Tastes Better!

Take a break from the kitchen and let us do the cooking for you! Join us on Wednesday evenings for our Fellowship Suppers. We serve each Wednesday from 5:15-6:15 p.m. in the Gustafson Fellowship Hall. Come and share some fine food with family and friends.

Fellowship suppers are not a fund-raiser, but an opportunity to gather with others during the week over a meal – our goal is to break even while providing good food to great people. Cost for the Fellowship Supper is \$4/person, maximum of \$12/family.

November 5 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Peas, Salad, Bread, Drink, Dessert

November 12 Mexican Night: Tacos, Taco Salad, Mexican Rice, Refried Beans, Drink, Dessert

November 19 Wednesday Supper Thanksgiving Night: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Dressing, Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Salad, Bread, Drink, Dessert

Attention Holiday Shoppers!

With the cost of gas, try shopping online this holiday season. It's easy once you've begun using GoodSearch. GoodSearch.com is a combination Yahoo!-powered search engine with an online shopping mall – "GoodShop".

Try it. We think you'll like it! Simply go to GoodSearch.com and enter: "Trinity Lutheran Church – St Peter" in the "Who Do You GoodSearch For?" box that you will see in the middle of the page. Or, you can select "Trinity Lutheran Church – St Peter" by scrolling through a drop-down menu in that same box. Now, you're ready to use GoodSearch as your internet search engine.

Consider setting GoodSearch as your "home page". Every search earns \$0.01 for Trinity; AND, if you use the online mall to shop, merchants such as Best Buy, eBay, Target, Walmart, and Barnes and Noble and HUNDREDS of others donate anywhere from .5 – 37.5% of their profits from the sale to Trinity! This is their way of helping out churches and other non-profit organizations. So, if

you're planning on shopping... take advantage of it!

Trinity to Receive New Members in November

If you are interested in joining our Trinity Family or know of someone who is, please plan to attend an orientation meeting on October 29 at 6:30 p.m. You will have the opportunity to learn more about Trinity and its ministries, as well as to have a time to ask questions of your own. Set the following dates aside on your calendar and plan to attend. We look forward to meeting you!

November 6th, 5:30pm New Member Potluck

November 9th, 9:30am Reception Service for new members

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

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Cross Beams

Reflections from Pastor C's Study

I am going to share something different from my normal offering this month. I was quite shocked to read an article in the October 7 issue of *The Christian Century* entitled WHO GIVES? A trio of authors had researched numerous data sources on charitable giving to establish some facts about American Christians and their giving to charities and congregations.

Fact #1: 20% of American Christians giving nothing to church or charity as compared to 50% of non-religious persons who give nothing. By this may be compared to 9% of non-Christian religious believers who give nothing (Jews, Mormons, Muslims, Buddhists, etc)

Fact #2: The vast majority of American Christians give very little to church, church-related, or nonreligious charities. The mean average for Christian households is 2.9% of pretax household income. Non-Christian religious believers give a mean average of 3.3%. Non-religious Americans give less than 1%.

Fact #3: A small minority of American Christians contribute most of the total Christian dollars given. The top 5% of Christian givers contribute 60% of all dollars contributed. Dropping in five percentiles the percent of all money given drops to 13.3, 8.1 and 5.4. Thus, the top 20% of Christian givers give 87% of dollars.

Fact #4: On a percentage basis the more one makes the less one gives. Saying it another way, higher earners enjoying more income actually decreases American's giving to religion as a proportion. Thus, American earning less than \$10,000 give 2.3% of their income while those earning more than \$70,000 give only 1.2%.

Fact #5: Overall, despite a massive growth of real per capita income in the 20th century, the average proportion of income given by American Christians declined (slightly -- 0.5%).

Fact #6: Most of the money that American Christians give to religion is spent on their own local faith communities. Little is spent on missions, development, and poverty relief outside of local congregations and particularly outside the United States, in ways that benefit persons other than the givers themselves. It is estimated that 97% of world-wide Christian giving benefitted highly Christianized societies.

Not all this information is new to me. However, it is all shocking, distressing and frankly, embarrassing to me as a Christian pastor. One may ask if this information also is descriptive of our congregation. I believe that it is. Obviously, we are not doing well at teaching Biblical principles in regard to our stewardship and money. Obviously, although have some extraordinary stewards, the body of Christ, as a whole, is not doing well.

Now, it is clear we are moving into more difficult economic waters. Can these times be both crisis and opportunity? Hmmmm . . .

– Pastor Christensen

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TRINITY WOMEN

Cell Phone Recycling

The cell phone challenge is on! The Women of the ELCA have set the goal of recycling 250,000 phones. In association with the Women's Funding Network and the Good Deed Foundation, we have joined this recycling drive in which two thirds of the revenue received will be invested in anti-poverty programs.

We at Trinity have joined this campaign. The first full box has been sent off and the second is filling up. Find those unused cell phones and bring them in. It's good for our environment and our society. This is something we can do! Let's do it!

Christmas Cards and Napkins

New fall and Christmas napkins are here. The boxes of Christmas cards are here too. They will be on sale November 9th, the second Sunday of the month. Take a moment to check them out. We have a good supply of all other cards at this time also. If you need to see them at another time, please check with the church office or a coordinating board member.

Join Us in Spokane in 2011

The next Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering will take place July 14-17, 2011, in Spokane, Washington. You can pre-register for the 2011 Gathering through December 31, 2008 at the special rate of \$240. We expect the registration fee to go up after that date. This registration fee is not refundable, but it is fully transferable. If you are even thinking this might be something you'd like to experience, pre-registration will save you money. Contact Kay Mowbray, 934-3170, for more information.

Did you know?

Trinity Women have three different Bible Study Groups: the Hope Circle, the Rebecca Circle and the Martha Circle. Each group meets at different times during the month.

Call the church office for more information on when these groups meet.

Let's Bake for Emmalina!

The women of Trinity have been asked to conduct a bake sale to help with the benefit for the Walsh family on November 15. We need you to bake and bring your goodies to church by noon that Saturday. We will need volunteers to work 2-hour shifts that afternoon. A sign up slip for workers is on the board in the narthex.

This is a great way for us to help. Many people will be coming for the music, the food and the silent auction. We will need lots of baked goods. Please help by baking your specialty and bringing it to church for the sale. Thank you for your willingness to help one of our newest Trinity families. Larry and Sandy Walsh were welcomed into membership last April.

Trinity Women Book Club

The Trinity Women Book club is reading Three Cups of Tea. At the next meeting on November 6th, more books will be selected for future readings.

Remember!

November 3: Quilting and Pot luck lunch (9:30am-2:00pm)

November 9: Card and Napkin Sales

November 15: Bake sale for Walsh Benefit

December 13: Christmas Brunch (9:30am)

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Kudos to Beau Bachman!

Did you know that Trinity's own Beau Bachman is currently serving on the SWMN Synod's LYO Board!?!

Lutheran Youth Organization is a vital part of the youth ministry in our synod, and the greater ELCA church. Being on the board is not only an honor, but a valuable learning experience as well.

Beau, a junior this year, was elected at the Multi-Synod Sr High Youth Gathering in Alexandria, MN last March. Since then he has attended leadership training, served as a page and general helper at the Synod Assembly and helped plan the Jr High Youth Gathering. We are so proud of the gifted young leader Beau is, make sure to congratulate him when you see him!

Junior High Synod Youth Gathering in Willmar

Nov. 22-23 "Rescue Me" This annual youth gathering for 7th – 9th Graders is an annual favorite! The theme this year is Rescue Me (Psalm 143:9-10). Trinity is sending 38 youth and 9 adults and we're joining First Lutheran who is sending 30 youth and 8 adults.... We'll have a big group of St Peter people....85 folks! WOW!! The Deadline for this event has passed, but ask Erika to get on the waiting list – we may have a cancellation. **Important Reminder for all Willmar participants: Required, informational meeting on Wed. Nov 19th @ 8:11pm! Youth and one parent need to attend. Thanks!

Live the Life: 7-9th Grades

The Trinity Youth Group for 7th-9th grades will meet on Sunday November 2nd BRING YOUR FRIENDS! This group meets on the 1st Sunday of the month in the Youth Room at Trinity from 6:30p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Join us for some fun!

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, grappling with issues of faith! This group meets in 4 week blocks.... the current discussion is: DO OVERS. Join us from 9:30-10:30 every Sunday for some fun! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

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

Do you know someone in 10-12th grade? Invite them to join us for our WEEKLY senior high youth group which meets every Wednesday evening in the Youth Room at Trinity. This is an informal small group for our confirmed youth who want to gather, grow and go deeper in their faith. Currently we are doing a series on being spiritually fit....Jason Schultz (our Gustavus Helper) has been leading our devotional time, its awesome! 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!

Jesus.Justice.Jazz – J3

That's the theme to the 2009 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana. Trinity, First, and Scandian Grove have teamed up to go to this amazing event as a big group. Since there are three churches, three J's in the theme, and both St Peter & New Orleans are the "saints"...we've decided to call ourselves the J3 Saints!

The Gathering, which happens every three years, is July 22-26, 2009. This year there is a greater focus on service, and all 36,000 people who will attend will be working to restore the city of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast region in many different ways! 36,000 Lutherans...now that's going to leave a mark! Trinity is sending 10 youth and 3 adults, who will be a part of the 27 who are headed to New Orleans w/ the J3 Saints!

Check out who's going: (T=Trinity folks, 1st=First, SG=Scandian Grove) Marie Annexstead T, Beau Bachman T, Kaylen Borseth 1st, Laura Dobler T, Ivy Estenson T, Katie Hanson T, Susanna Holmstrom 1st, Katy Kuiper T, Brittani Lamb 1st, Mindy Malecek SG, Emily Menk 1st, Cortney Norell SG, Emily Norell SG, Katelynn Pankratz SG, Chad Poppen T, Luke Schwichtenberg 1st, Harley Schwichtenberg 1st,, Kathryn Wolf SG, Bailey E Zallek T, and Randy Ziebarth T

We have LOTS of FUNDRAISERS scheduled, please consider supporting our young people as they prepare for this summer trip!

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!!

All Saints Sunday, Nov. 2nd

We remember those Saints gone before us:

Florence S. Brown	Michael D. Potz
Anna Henze	Philip Swenson
Bernice Monson	Gladys Hayes
Violet Larson Zell	Harold Coulter
Kent D. Forkey	M. Elaine Mayo
Nancy Schwichtenberg	Milton Teske
Edward Barnett	Lois H. Poppen
Joyce C. Frey	Richard Jaax
Arline Becker	B. Jeanette Larson

Baptisms since last All Saints Sunday:

Ashtin David Fredrickson	Ambria Ann Lindberg
Quinn Thomas Dixon	Mackenna Nicole Holtz
Avery Lee Burgess	Matthew James Timmerman
Jackson Joel Stensrud	Lillian Mei Moore
Colton Ron Travaille	Ethan Andrall Reed
Owen Gehrig Greisen	Wyatt Anthony Betz
Elliot Michael Betz	Alissa Joeanne Betz
Kendra Margaret Simondet	Vivian Cate Christenson
Cora Elizabeth Penkert	Brody William Krein
Rowyn Gracie Myhra	Braelin Marie Weber
Gretchen Patricia Kathleen Hahn	Andrew John Gerke

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“The Kitchen” – Serving a free meal to those in need

Starting Monday November 3rd, 2008

Trinity will be hosting a weekly free meal for those in need from 5:30-6:30pm in the Gustafson Fellowship Hall for St. Peter Area Residents.

The idea for a free meal in St. Peter came from our group of Senior High Youth that served at soup kitchens during their summer mission trip to Chicago. Wanting to continue their mission work locally, they started “The Kitchen.”

There is great need for help to make sure this much needed ministry is successful. There are 5 main ways in which you can help “The Kitchen”:

- 1) Donate food (sign up sheets are located in the narthex)
- 2) Volunteer your time (sign up sheets are located in the narthex)
- 3) Join a committee, and get more involved
- 4) Make a monetary contribution (donations will be used to purchase food, drinks, supplies and to cover operating expenses)
- 5) PRAY FOR US! We need your support. Please add “The Kitchen” to your prayers.

The Kitchen Steering Committee includes: Youth Members: Maria Delestre, Laura Kienlen, Luke Kolek, Alex Natwick, Makenzie and Reed Woyda. Adult Members: Pastor Charles Christensen, Erika Reckling, Heather Tollefson, Kathy Woyda and Kris Kracht.

Laura Kienlen and Makenzie Woyda are using their experience with “The Kitchen” as their senior projects at St. Peter High School. This is an ambitious undertaking, so please be sure to congratulate them when you see them.

Trinity's church council is fully supporting this endeavor and the St. Peter Ministerial Association is getting involved too. We will need everyone's help to make sure that we are living out our faith in service to others at “The Kitchen”!

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Necklace Sales Update

Last summer Barb Zust, a member of Trinity, shared information with us about a couple in Kenya working with orphans there – many often made so through the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa. As a congregation, we have been working with this couple to provide these orphaned children with school uniforms, as a child is not allowed to attend school unless they have the required school uniform.

Making use of brightly colored pages of magazines that are cut in a special way and then tightly rolled by the children, they make beads that are then used to make necklaces.

To date approximately \$800 has been raised, which is enough to provide complete uniform outfits for 10 orphans (each complete outfit costs approximately \$80). These complete outfits include: For Girls: 2 skirts, 2 blouses, 2 pullovers, 2 pairs of socks, 1 school bag, 2 petticoats, 1 towel, and 1 pair of shoes. For Boys: 2 pairs of trousers, 2 shirts, 2 pullovers, 2 pairs of socks, 1 school bags, 2 vests, 1 towel, and 1 pair of shoes.

They will soon be available for sale, once again, in the narthex. Consider purchasing one for a friend or a relative. Each necklace costs just \$5.

Adult Education Schedule

At 9:30am on Sunday mornings in the fireplace area of the Gustafson room. We will be having 5 presentations in November. Please have a social time starting at 9:00am and then come to hear about challenges we're faced with in our community and country.

November 2 Teenage Homelessness
presented by a representative of LSS

November 9 Housing needs for Homeless in St. Peter
presented by a representative of MVAC

November 16 Global Warming and our response
presented by Jim Dontjes

November 23 Global Warming and our response
presented by Jim Dontjes

November 30 Advent Hymns
presented by David Fienan

Ambassadors in Mission (AIM)

Minnesota Valley Conference Ambassadors in Mission (AIM) will meet on Saturday, November 15, 2008 at First Lutheran, St. Peter, 1114 W Traverse Rd. (Phone: 507-934-3060). The program will be led by Pastor Brad Thom, Glencoe. He will be speaking on "Looking at positives in Iraq". Coffee is at 9:30 a.m. with the program starting at 10:00 a.m. Program and business meeting followed by noon meal. All are welcome to attend.

Catalogs for Holiday Shopping in Honor or Memory of Loved Ones

For your early holiday shopping, we have received catalogs from Lutheran World Relief and Heifer International. Make your gifts a gift of sharing with others around the world.

The catalogs are available on the table outside the Gustafson Fellowship Hall. You may borrow one for a week or so, but kindly return them for others to use.

November is Name Tag Month

On Sunday, November 9, new members will be received into our congregation. To honor that event, we encourage everyone to find and wear their name tags for the entire month! If yours has been lost, notify the church office and a new one will be made for you. The nametags make it easier for our new members to get to know us, as well as for us to know them! Let's make this an opportunity for all of us to get to know more of our Trinity family.

Amazing Greys

The Amazing Greys will meet on Tuesday, November 11th, 1:30 in the Gustafson Fellowship Hall. Everyone over 55 is welcome, if you haven't quite reached those "golden years", come and see what is in store for you in a few years! Sarah Swenson and Vera Lutz will be your hostesses. Always good fellowship, your choice of games and goodies besides.

Remember...

Daylight Savings Time ends on
Sunday, November 2nd. Fall Back!

Our Website is Continually Updated!

(www.trinitystpeter.org) We update our online calendar weekly at staff meetings. If you need to find out if something is going on, then check out our calendar online.

When you need to find information about our church and its ministry, its committees or other Trinity groups, go to our website to find the details you're looking for. The calendar is there, along with the latest issue of the Trinity Times monthly newsletter.

You will also find links on our website that can lead you to other great sites. If we are missing something, send an email to us with your suggestions to make what we do online even better!

Trinity has stepped even further into the 21st Century to make it possible to contribute online at our website. This online contribution may be done as an electronic transaction from your checking or savings account that you have with a bank, or by a credit card transaction. For transactions from bank accounts, all the information you need should be in your bank book (your bank's routing number and your account number); for credit cards you will simply need information that is on your credit card. Here's how to do it: Go to Trinity's website, click on the "Online Giving" button – the instructions are easy to follow. Thank you for your support!

Chocolate... The Perfect Gift

Sometimes we're looking for something... some small gift to accompany a card; not trite, but something to be enjoyed and appreciated. That something is Divine Chocolate – and its name says it all.

We currently feature six varieties of this incredible chocolate bar: Divine Milk and Dark Chocolate, Divine Hazelnut Milk Chocolate, Divine Fruit & Nut Bar, Divine Mint Dark Chocolate, and Divine White Chocolate with Strawberries. Whether given as a gift, or bought for yourself to enjoy, this chocolate is loved by everyone. After all, it's "Divine"!

In addition to Divine Chocolate, many of you have discovered and enjoy the Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, and Cocoa that are available for sale at church. Many of our members have enjoyed sharing these products with fellow members of your church family by "sponsoring" Coffee Fellowship on a Sunday Morning. Simply purchase a bag or two of the coffee of your choice and drop it off in the church office. We'll see that it's used the following Sunday.

Fair Trade improves the lives of farmers, artisans, and their families by increasing incomes, improving working conditions, and promoting democratic principles. When you buy Fair Trade products, YOU benefit from high quality goods and the knowledge that you are shopping responsibly.

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Holiday Vouchers

The St. Peter Area Foodshelf and the St. Peter Area Ministerial Association will again be providing groceries to needy families in our community over the holiday season. Last year, vouchers were provided for over 1,300 adults and children. Needy persons are identified by churches and public agencies. This information is kept in the strictest confidence.

Vouchers are distributed between November 15 and December 1 and are issued according to family size and age distribution. Should you be aware of someone in need, please contact Audrey in the Church Office with this information.

Because of increasing need, the Ministerial Association has a goal of \$5,000. Last year the Food shelf more than matched this amount. We hope to raise \$1,500 at Trinity to put toward people in need.

Please make out a check to Trinity clearly marked for Holiday Baskets and leave it in the offering or stop by our Church Office to leave a contribution. Thank you for your generosity. We are blessed to be a blessing!

Advent Services

Mark your calendars: November 30th is the First Sunday in Advent. Wednesday Advent Services will begin on Wednesday, December 3rd, 7 p.m. Hanging of the Greens is on the calendar for the 3rd at 5:00 p.m., come help decorate, have supper and worship!

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit all items for the December newsletter no later than November 12th.

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

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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.

Financial Update

As of 9/30/08:

Budget Income	\$312,200
Budget Expense	<u>-\$334,300</u>
Net Deficit	(\$22,100)

Budget Forecast

Jan-Sep Offering Income	\$298,000
Plus Other Budget Income	<u>\$14,300</u>
Total Budget Income to Date	\$312,300

Total Budget Income to Date	\$312,300
If contributions average the same as the last 3 years for the balance of 2008	<u>\$123,000</u>
Total Estimated Income	\$435,300

Estimated Income	\$435,300
Estimated Expenses	<u>(\$449,300)</u>
Estimated Shortage	(\$14,000)

Please Note. . .

Trinity does offer grape juice, in addition to the wine, at communion for those wishing to have this option. The grape juice is located in the center ring, or you can just ask for grape juice.

Dollar Stewardship in Time of Financial Crisis

(a word from Trinity's Stewardship Committee)

At this writing, the DOW is down another 700 points. All of us are aware of uncertainty, fear, and downturn in a very shaky national and international economy. The words crisis, unprecedented, recession, depression, etc. are commonly being used.

We draw you attention to Pastor Christensen's pastoral article this month for a view of Christian giving in the United States. Above all, may we remind you that generosity is not and has never been a matter of how much money we have. A reduction in income does not affect a spirit of generosity. We give not because we have to but because we "get to" – because we have grateful hearts to God for all Christ's has done for us.

We must not panic, nor can we bury our heads in the sand nor put on our rose-colored glasses. A rocky road lies ahead. We assure you that our Church Council will review all expenditures. We know, surely, that endowment monies used in past years for congregational mission support will diminish significantly. Saving in all ways possible will be important. If it is impossible for you to maintain steadfast in your support of Trinity, a discrete word to our Financial Secretary will help us plan for the future.

We remind you that we have constantly and consistently encouraged proportional giving at Trinity. If one gives proportionally, giving will vary with income. If it is necessary for anyone to reduce a proportion, there should be no guilt! The gospel always trumps the law!

In the broadest sense, each must ask: What warnings is God giving in this crisis? Do we need to take corrective action as individual or as congregation? How shall I continue to be a generous person? How shall we continue to be a generous congregation? Let us repeat: a reduction of income does not need to affect a spirit of generosity in our hearts. We give proportionally, regularly, joyfully, prayerfully, out of gratitude for God's grace revealed in Christ Jesus.

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“Waterfights in the Living Room”

This is the name of a new milestone that we are planning for 3rd graders and their parents. We promise our children in baptism that we will teach them to pray; yet, so many of us never had the experience of our own parents teaching us to pray and so we unsure of how to do it.

“Waterfights in the Living Room” is meant to give parents (and kids) some tools to do this very important things that Jesus teaches us to practice. Our catechetical focus will be the “Daily Prayer” portion of Luther’s Small Catechism. 3rd graders and their parents will meet with Pastor Eric in the youth room to learn new ways of doing daily prayers and devotions at home. A milestone gift will be presented to each 3rd Graders at the 10:45 am Family Worship Service.

Thanksgiving Community Meal

For the last couple of years, a traditional thanksgiving meal has been hosted by the Christian churches of St. Peter for whoever is needy or lonely on Thanksgiving Day in the St. Peter area. Trinity will host this year’s meal from 11:30am to 1:00pm in our Gustafson Room. (November 27) Volunteers are being sought from each of the churches that make up the St. Peter Area Ministerium (SPAM). Trinity will be responsible for some aspect of the meal as well as the host site. Contributions are needed as well as volunteers. Please watch Sunday bulletins for more information.

Trinity Christmas Recital

Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 2:00pm

Please join us as the musical talents of Trinity are showcased in a delightful Christmas Recital!

If you sing, play the piano, or play another instrument, you are invited to perform at this fund-raising event. Participants of all ages are encouraged to sign up by Sunday, November 23. The sign up list is located in the church narthex.

If you cannot join us as a participant, please join us as audience members. Funds raised at the recital will be used to support the Trinity Youth and Family Program. Donations will be collected at the door.

Benefit for Emma Walsh

On November 15, there will be a benefit at Trinity for the daughter of Larry and Sandy Walsh, who was born very premature on July 22, 2008 and has spent most of her first days of life in the hospital in Rochester. Thanks to many, many prayers and tremendous care, she has been progressing rapidly and will soon be able to go home.

There will be a Volleyball tournament at St. Peter High School starting at 8:00am. Food will be served by HyVee from noon to 5:00pm. Free will donation will be received for the food. A silent auction will be held from noon to 3:00pm. There will be musical presentations by barbershop groups, blue grass groups, gospel and more, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The women of Trinity will be selling baked goods for the Benefit. All events will conclude by 6:00pm.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so at First National Bank Minnesota at any of the bank locations. Donations may also be sent to Emma Walsh Benefit, 805 Churchill Court, St. Peter, MN 56082. If anyone is interested in helping out with the event, or has an item to donate to the Silent Auction, please call Sandra at 507-469-8380.

For more information on the benefit, please visit www.tamarackmarketing.com/emma. For information about Emma and her progress, go to www.caringbridge.org-search Emma Walsh.

Trinity Kitchen Wish List

Here’s a few items we “wish” people might consider donating to Trinity’s kitchen: a timer (needs to go up to about an hour), meat thermometers, 4 cup size pyrex measuring cups, and muffin pans (dozen sized pans preferred, but 1/2 dozen sized are just fine!). Thank you!

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GoodSearch.com Earnings

Trinity has earned the below amounts through the congregation's use of the GoodSearch.com search engine and through GoodShop.com's online shopping portal.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Searches</u>	<u>Amount Raised</u>
January	128	\$1.96
February	1,565	\$30.34
March	1,177	\$14.39
April	1,220	\$17.76
May	974	\$12.32
June	809	\$10.07
July	622	\$7.33
August	681	\$28.16
September	770	\$11.14
October	800	\$9.43
Total	8,768	\$143.10

The Amount Raised column includes monies received from the online shopping portal.

Thank you for your continued use of the GoodSearch.com portal and for supporting Trinity's ministries!

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Daily Readings

Trinity's worship schedule is Sundays at 8:00am and 9:30am. The 10:45 service is intended to be leaner, shorter and "family friendly."

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!

November 2nd

Holy Communion at all services

Monday	1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
Tuesday	Acts 13:1-12
Wednesday	Matthew 15:1-9
Thursday	Revelation 8:6-9:12
Friday	Revelation 9:13-21
Saturday	Matthew 24:1-14

November 9th

Monday	1 Corinthians 14:20-25
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Wednesday	Matthew 24:29-35
Thursday	Revelation 16:1-7
Friday	Revelation 16:8-21
Saturday	Matthew 12:43-45

November 16th

Holy Communion at all services

Monday	Romans 2:1-11
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 5:12-18
Wednesday	Matthew 24:45-51
Thursday	Revelation 14:1-11
Friday	Revelation 22:1-9
Saturday	Matthew 12:46-50

November 23rd

Holy Communion at all services

Monday	2 Timothy 2:8-13
Tuesday	Revelation 19:1-9
Wednesday	John 5:19-20
Thursday	Revelation 14:6-13
Friday	1 Thessalonians 4:1-18
Saturday	Matthew 24:15-31

November 30th

Monday	Revelation 15:1-8
Tuesday	Revelation 18:1-10
Wednesday	Luke 21: 34-38
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 1:2-10
Friday	Acts 11:19-26
Saturday	Mark 11:27-33

Community Benefit for Amy (Skoog) Buskey

Many of you know Gustavus coach, Whitey Skoog. On July 1, 2008 Whitey's daughter, Amy, was diagnosed with Stage 4 Malignant Melanoma Cancer. She has recently been undergoing radiation treatments as well as chemotherapy. The proceeds from this benefit will assist Amy with her rising medical expenses.

The event will take place on November 22nd from 4-9 pm at the Red Men Club in St. Peter. The event features: \$1 Game Bingo from 4-7 pm, \$5 Hot Pork Sandwiches, and Silent Auction Items (the auction will end at 8 pm). Thrivent will provide supplemental funds for the event. If you would like to donate a silent auction item, call Scott Moe at 933-6610 or email him at smoe@gac.edu. If you would like to donate food to the event, call Nancy Thorkelson at 934-9316 or email her at nancyth@bolton-menk.com. Cash donations can be mailed to David Skoog, 35689 398th Lane, St. Peter, MN 56082 (make check payable to: Amy Buskey Benefit).

Bethlehem's 88th Annual Nordic Bazaar

The Nordic Bazaar will return to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Mankato with your favorite foods and booths. Bazaar sales run from 10:30am-1:30pm. Chicken Kiev luncheon will be held from 11:00am-1:00pm. Luncheon tickets are available on the day of the Bazaar or they can be purchased in advance at the Bethlehem church office. Join us for a day of Scandinavian fun!

"Minnesota Memories" Presented by Sweet Adelines

"Minnesota Memories" is the program being presented by the Minnesota Valley Sweet Adelines on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. at South Central College in Mankato. It features Warren Nelson from Big Top Chautauqua and an Adeline Idol Contest. Tickets in advance are Adults: \$12.00; Seniors: \$10.00 and Students: \$5.00 are available in Mankato at Twin Rivers Center for the Arts; Hy Vee, both locations; Scheitel's Music; and St. Peter, Swedish Kontur. For more information call 386-4955.

Medo Lutheran Lutefisk Dinner

Medo Lutheran (south of Pemberton) will hold its Lutefisk Dinner on November 9th at 1:00, 3:00 and 5:00pm. For guaranteed seats, call 507-869-3056 for reservations. Adults \$13.00, children 12 and under \$6. Also serving Swedish meatballs, boiled potatoes, gravy, rutabagas, lefse and dessert.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship

The St. Peter City Ministerial Association will sponsor a Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship at First Lutheran Church, 1114 Sunrise Drive at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday November 26. The message will be delivered by a representative of the Centenary United Methodist Church of Mankato, just now establishing a church in St. Peter. An ecumenical choir will sing. Worshippers are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall following the service for refreshments and celebration. A free will offering is taken for the St. Peter Area Ministerial Association's Emergency Needs Ministry Fund..

Habitat for Humanity

The St. Peter Chapter of Habitat for Humanity will hold a general/all committee meeting on Monday, November 3 at 7:00 pm at Union Presbyterian Church, 311 West Locust Street. Volunteers from each of the five working committees will give updates on current Habitat projects. Everyone welcome!

St. Peter Meals-on-Wheels Seeking Drivers

Meals-on-Wheels serves the elderly and handicapped in the area, a hot meal for lunch. The need for this program is growing. We are currently seeking volunteer drivers of all ages. There are two routes daily with a third needed. They take about an hour to deliver. Works great for your lunch break, if you work in St. Peter and it's great for retirees. Drivers serve for one week at a time, about three times in a six month period.

Please consider giving of your time for this great service. Contact Tracy Krueger, coordinator at 507-931-3482 or e-mail x2remwom@peoplepc.com.

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.

IN HIS SERVICE

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Ushers and Greeters

November 2nd

8:00am Harold Frey, Willis Lindquist, Gary and Joan Johnson
9:30am Mary Jacobson, Cindy Erkel, Genevieve Miller, Bill and Marlene Lueck
10:45am Julie Gault and sons

November 9th

8:00am Harold Frey, Willis Lindquist, Roger and Barb Nelson
9:30am Mary Jacobson, Phil and Dee Engebretson, Bill and Marlene Lueck
10:45am Angie and Emmalie Mott, Julie Gault and sons

November 16th

8:00am Tom Frey, Helen Christianson, Roger and Barb Nelson
9:30am Mary Jacobson, Mike and Jordan Skrove
10:45am Julie Gault and sons

November 23rd

8:00am Brad and Sharon Sykora, Lillias Harmer, Willis Lindquist
9:30am Phil and Dee Engebretson, Mike and Jordan Skrove
10:45am Julie Gault and sons

November 30th

8:00am Lillias Harmer, Meryl Jessen, Carol Potz, Roger and Barb Nelson
9:30am Mike and Jordan Skrove, Joel and Carolyn Darge
10:45am Karen, Grant and Marie Annexstad

Lay Readers

November 2nd

8:00am Curt Loken
9:30am Carolyn Dobler

November 9th

8:00am Val Youngblom
9:30am Nancy Beran

November 16th

8:00am Dale Mowbray
9:30am Doug Minter

November 23rd

8:00am Curt Stolee
9:30am Al Hewitt

November 30th

8:00am Tammy Poppen
9:30am Michael Kolek

Altar Care

November 2nd Kathy & Harvey Schulz
November 16th Leona Miller; Michelle Westre
November 23rd Delores Hahn; Bob & Joy Sanderson

Video Camera

November 2nd Dale Bjorklund
November 9th Dale Bjorklund
November 16th Chuck Christiansen
November 23rd Chuck Christiansen
November 30th Steve Pettis

Council Assistants

8:00am Becky Grabow
9:30am Joel Darge
10:45am Marlene Lindemeier

Fellowship Hosts

November 2nd Dorothy Fiebelkorn
November 9th Cindy Erkel and Genevieve Miller
November 16th Pat and Carolyn Roach
November 23rd Ron and Carol Bannick
November 30th Carol Potz

Vital Statistics

Funerals

Arline A. Becker
May 9, 1925 – September 22, 2008

Bernice Jeanette (Jean) Larson
February 28, 1916 – September 19, 2008

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 be needed, a coordinator will contact you.

November 2008

Food Coordinator:

Jill Gatzke 934-6399

Usher / Greeter Coordinators:

Roger & Barb Nelson 934-4382

Name

Annexstad, Grant & Karen
 Bannick, Ron & Carol
 Bardon, Steven
 Brown, Eldon & Margo
 Burg, Tom & Lynn
 Custer, Hazel
 Engebretson, Phil & Dee
 Erkel, Cindy
 Fiebelkorn, Dorothy
 Foster, Harry & Sandy
 Frey, Amy
 Fromm, Josh & Jaime
 Gessner, Carl
 Haedt George & Helga
 Haugen, Larry & Sharon
 Herberg, Sue
 Hochstein, Mark & Shelly
 Jacobson, Mary
 Johnson, Keith & Marilyn
 Liebel, Jeannie
 Lueck, William & Marlene
 Lynch, Roger & Sandy
 McCormick, Dianna
 Miller, Genevieve
 Mott, Dennis & Angie
 Nelson, Roger & Barb
 Puchta, Rebecca
 Richter, Mary Jean
 Roach, Pat & Carolyn
 Scholl, Brad
 Sievert, Rebecca
 Skrove, Mike
 Sykora, Brad & Sharon
 Wilkinson, Robert
 Woyda, Kathy

December 2008

Food Coordinators:

Leona Miller 931-3639
 Delores Hahn 934-3558

Name

Andree, RJ. & Miriam 931-3109
 Davis, Ron & Jan 934-4103
 Ebbenga, Brian & Lisa 995-1299
 Eckberg, Richard & Wanda 934-3561
 Francis, Sandi 934-0893
 Hahn, Delores 934-3558
 Henrichs, Curt & Karla 931-3458
 Hofferbert, RaVae 931-2686
 Keswani, Marianne 931-4232
 Klubben, Pat & Tami 934-1739
 Kraft, Tim & Bev 934-1591
 Kretschmer, Tom & Sue 934-3619
 Krugerud, Arlen/Manser, Roberta 931-6597
 Lindquist, Stan 931-5956
 Lindquist, Willis 934-1886
 Loken, Curt & Leona 931-2327
 McIntyre, Jeff 934-8989
 McIntyre, Cathy 931-9311
 Meyer, Rob & Janice 931-5582
 Miller, Leona 931-3639
 Munsterman, Gene & Sue 387-8121
 Natwick, Mary 934-4095
 Pettis, Steve & Natasha 934-1734
 Prafke, Marvel 934-9078
 Rodning, Paul & Gayla 931-6902
 Satrom, Lauren & Kellie 934-9381
 Schlueter, Ron & Deann, 931-3181
 Seppelt, Troy & Heidi 934-4926
 Sisler, Curtis & Leatta 934-3606
 Sowder, Monte & Juli 934-5314
 Sundin, Duane & Ruth 931-4114
 Swenson, Delores 931-1262
 Wilmes, Todd & Shayne 931-6387
 Wood, Melody 934-5017
 Zabel, Steven & Lori 931-3842
 Ziebarth, Stan & Sue 931-6076

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

View the calendar online at
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 Worship 8:45 JOY! 9:00 Fellowship 9:30 Worship 9:30 Education Hour 9:30 Celebration Singers 9:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Celebration Singers 10:45 Worship 11:00 Dawn Buboltz Benefit 7:00 AA (Closed)						1 2:00 8th Gr. Confirmation Retreat Departs
2 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 6:30 Jr. High Youth Group 6:30 Children & Family Com. Mtg 7:00 AA (Closed)	3 9:30 Mission Quilting 5:30 "The Kitchen" Free Meal 7:15 St. Peter Choral 8:00 AA (Closed)	4 5:30 Executive Committee 7:00 Trinity Women Board Mtg	5 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 8:30 J3 Meeting	6 2:00 Text Study for Pastors 5:00 Ala-non 5:30 New Member Potluck 6:00 College Savings 7:00 Trinity Women Book Club 8:00 AA (Open)	7 1:30 Martha Circle	8
9 8:00 Worship 8:45 JOY! 9:00 Fellowship 9:30 Worship 9:30 Education Hour 9:30 Waterfronts in the Liv. Room 9:30 Celebration Singers 10:45 Worship 12:00 Youth Council 6:30 Faith 4 Life 7:00 AA (Closed)	10 2:00 LSS Grief Counseling 5:30 "The Kitchen" Free Meal 6:00 Red Hats 7:15 St. Peter Choral 8:00 AA (Closed)	11 10:30 SPAM 1:30 Amazing Greys 6:00 Committee Mtgs 7:00 Council Mtg	12 Newsletter 7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:15 Confirmation 6:30 Trinity Choir 7:30 Praise Bells 8:00 Praise Band 8:00 Sr. High Youth Grp	13 2:00 Text Study for Pastors 5:00 Ala-non 8:00 AA (Open)	14	15 Emma Walsh Benefit
16 8:00 Communion Worship 8:45 JOY! 9:00 Fellowship 9:30 Communion Worship 9:30 Education Hour 9:30 First Communion Class 9:30 Celebration Singers 10:45 Communion Worship 6:30 Faith 4 Life 6:30 Jr. High Youth Group	17 9:30 Rebecca Circle 3:30 Hope Circle 5:30 "The Kitchen" Free Meal 7:15 St. Peter Choral 8:00 AA (Closed)		19 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 Group 8:11 J3 Meeting	20 2:00 Text Study for Pastors 5:00 Ala-non 8:00 AA (Open)	21	22 2:00 Jr High Youth Gathering Departure from First Lutheran
23 8:00 Communion Worship 8:45 JOY! 9:00 Fellowship 9:30 Communion Worship 9:30 Education Hour 9:30 Celebration Singers 9:30 Communion Worship 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Admit Forum 10:45 Celebration Singers 11:30 Communion Worship 2:00 Jr. High Gathering Returns 7:00 AA (Closed)	24 5:30 "The Kitchen" Free Meal 7:15 St. Peter Choral 8:00 AA (Closed)		26 7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service (First Lutheran)	27 OFFICE CLOSED 11:30 Community Thanksgiving Meal at Trinity 5:00 Ala-non 8:00 AA (Open)	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29

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