

THE TIDINGS

OF TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 21, 2010

Welcome guests! Following worship, we hope for an opportunity to chat with you. To help us become better acquainted, please take a moment to meet our pastors and some of our members before you leave.

We also ask that you participate in our **Ritual of Friendship**, filling in your name and address on the clipboard that is passed down your row.

Prayer requests may be submitted on the card in the pew rack and placed in the offering plate. **Hearing assistance** is available; ask an usher for a Personal PA Receiver. Remember to **turn off your cell phone** and other electronic devices before our worship service begins.

Join us each weekend for Sunday worship:

Heritage Worship at **9:00 a.m.**

Celebration Worship at **10:30 a.m.**

The **2010 Flower Chart** is posted in the gathering space. If you sign up to provide altar flowers, please fill out a card for the Altar Guild and put it in the drop box.

In Adult Forum today at both 9:00 and 10:30: Prayer is our focus in the season of Lent from **February 21—March 28**. Join the pastors and Donna Karvonen as they explore the rich variety and possibilities for prayer. What is Prayer? Why, How and When do we pray? What forms of prayer might help you move to a

deeper experience of God? Join us in the lounge as we grow in prayer.

Midweek worship: Join us each Wednesday in Lent for **Prayer around the Cross** at both noon and 7:00 p.m. Meditative chant, devotional readings, and lighting candles as an act of prayer form the heart of this special worship as we rest in the presence of God. A light Lenten meal follows the noon services. Instead of our traditional Lenten Suppers, we invite all to fellowship with refreshments in the lounge following our evening services. Nursery care is available at the 7:00 p.m. service.

Do you enjoy a good coffee drink?

Do you love lattes, crave cappuccino or have a hankering for hot chocolate? Today and tomorrow we will be testing out a new espresso coffee machine. The drinks will be free; in return we ask for some feedback on how you liked them and whether you might purchase these drinks here in the future.



Major reconstruction of West Stadium Blvd. from Suffolk (east of Pauline) to Hutchins (east of Seventh) is scheduled to begin March 1 and last

through November—and Trinity is located right in the middle! Construction brochures with a detour map are in the gathering space.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

First Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Heritage Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:45 a.m. Celebration Singers
10:30 a.m. Celebration Worship
10:30 a.m. Adult Education
11:30 a.m. Praise Band
2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:30 a.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Signage Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00 a.m. Men's Morning Ministry
10:30 a.m. Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Lenten Worship
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:30 a.m. AA Meeting
6:30 p.m. Chancel Bells
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

no scheduled events

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

no scheduled events

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

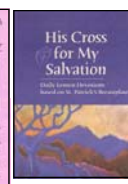
Second Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Heritage Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:45 a.m. Celebration Singers
10:30 a.m. Celebration Worship
10:30 a.m. Adult Education
11:30 a.m. Praise Band
11:45 a.m. Youth Vision Team
12:00 p.m. Joyful Ringers
3:00 p.m. Bishop's Forum
4:00 p.m. Catechism

Midweek Worship: sign up to provide a light Lenten meal after a noon service or snacks for evening fellowship in the gathering space.

End of the month goods collection:

Next Sunday (Feb.28) we will be collecting goods to be distributed by H.A.R.C., the HIV/AIDS Resource Center that serves this region. Particularly requested are grocery items not covered by Food Stamps. Categories include personal care supplies such as deodorant, shampoo, or mouthwash; household cleaners like Comet, Mr. Clean, Clorox, or laundry detergent; paper goods, and dietary supplements like Ensure. Non-perishable food in unbreakable containers is also always in demand. Our monthly goods collections reflect our commitment to "love the world as God loves us." Remember to bring something for the people served by HARC when you come to church next Sunday. Collection baskets will be out near the front entrance to the worship space.



Copies of the **2010 Lenten Calendar** and the **Lenten Devotional** are available

in the gathering space today. Suggested devotional donation is \$1.



Our new **Church Photo Directory** has arrived!

Copies for those who had their pictures taken are in church mailboxes. Others may purchase a copy of the photo directory from the church office for \$5 each.



NEW CHURCH

PHONE DIRECTORY

available in the information area.

Alpha House: March 8—14

Trinity is once again seeking volunteers to serve as cooks, overnight hosts, and playtime helpers at Alpha House, the homeless shelter for families run by Interfaith Hospitality Network. Alpha House is located on Jackson Road between Wagner and Zeeb. Short descriptions of the tasks are below. This is a very real, local, and meaningful service project. Sign up in the gathering space or contact Anne Clites (aaclites@sbcglobal.net or 994-1342). Thank you in advance for being God's hands at Alpha House!

Cooks: Dinner is served every night at 6:00 p.m. for the residents and some staff. The number can vary, but 20 is a good guess, and many of those will be children. There is a weekly guide to follow for the main entrée which Anne can provide. Most people prepare the food at home and do last-minute warming up in the Alpha House kitchen, but you are welcome to cook there if you prefer. Their kitchen is well equipped. Cooks are encouraged to eat with the residents and staff. Weekend breakfast and lunch cooks are also needed.

Playtime helpers: Parents get an hour of free time from 7:00-8:00 p.m. while the kids are playing (this time of year, in Alpha House's wonderfully equipped basement!). This is often very active play, and teens are perfect for this job; Alpha House rules specify, however, that two adults need to be supervising playtime, so teens should bring a parent or two! You should plan to come at 6:45 and you will be done at 8:00.

Overnight volunteers: This is the easiest job of all! Alpha House has an overnight staff person at the desk, but needs another adult in the building in case of an emergency. The overnight volunteer comes to Alpha House about 8:30 p.m., helps staff put out lunch supplies that parents use for the next day. At 10:00 p.m., you're off duty and retire to your room (lovingly referred to as 'the Hilton') for the night. You may leave at 7:00 a.m. (earlier if needed).

Supplies: The church hosts for the week are also asked to provide the staples needed for that week: breakfast and lunch supplies, paper goods, diapers, etc. If you can't help out at Alpha House, this is another way to be involved that is very much needed.

Minutes from the Annual Budget Meeting (Feb. 7) are posted on the Council bulletin board in the hallway and on our website, or available by request from the church office.

Assistance Needed: A Lutheran from Minnesota has leukemia and is coming to Ann Arbor for experimental treatment over the next few months. She has an apartment to stay in, but is looking to rent or borrow a car. She was here this past week and had to rent a "pricey" car. She wasn't able to find a "rent a wreck" online. Contact the pastors or the church office if you can help.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool Open House on Thursday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. Tours available by appointment. Barb Daniel, Program Director. *Tell your friends!*

Trinity will host Bishop Stephen Marsh on Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 p.m. for a bishop's forum. The Bishop is traveling around our synod to share accurate information about what was actually decided by the 2009 Churchwide Assembly, particularly around the issues of sexuality and ELCA ministry policies. This is an opportunity for people to express themselves on issues in a safe environment and to hear from Bishop Marsh how we as a synod are going to move forward in the face of the Churchwide Assembly decisions. All are welcome to attend.

Do we have...

your @ e-mail address?

2010 General Offering Income through February 14	Actual Weekly Offering Last Week	\$ 16,926.00
	Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 10,135.00
	Actual More/(Less) than Budget	\$ 6,791.00
	Actual Weekly % of Budget	167.0%
	Actual Year-to-Date Offering	\$ 67,266.00
	Budgeted Year-to-Date Offering	\$ 70,942.00
	Actual More/(Less) than Budget	\$ (3,676.00)
	Actual Year-to-Date % of Budget	94.8%

*Our purpose is
to serve God by
loving the world
as God loves us.*

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Office Staff: Kay & Daryl Hurst

Preschool Staff: Barb Daniel, Nancy Baldus, Lorin Kummer, Wendy Fremuth

Seminarian: Emily Wineland. *Missionary:* Bette McCrandall in Liberia

Join us for the next **Men's Dinner** on **Thursday, March 11** from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the home of Ron & Jill Jedele, 7385 Steeplechase Ct. in Saline (east of State Rd, south of Michigan Ave.) Our theme will be *Men of Faith: Action Planning*.

Avalon Housing would like to thank Trinity for its generous donation of \$2,250.75 (our Christmas offering). Almost five hundred Washtenaw County friends and neighbors call Avalon home. Avalon recently opened their waiting list and received more than 500 applications - all requiring very low income housing. Let us continue to remember and support them.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

February 28	Youth Vision Team Meeting
February 28	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal
February 28	Catechism
March 7	Youth-Led Service
March 8	Alpha House Service Project
March 12	Elementary School Youth Late-Night

Sunday School from 9 - 10am (during church service)

- ⇒ **Beginners - 6th grade youth** BEGIN downstairs in the Music Room and END in their Sunday School Rooms.
- ⇒ **MSY and HSY** meet downstairs in the Luther room and will be planning the Youth-Led Service for March 7.
- ⇒ Please note that the **5th and 6th grade milestone celebration originally scheduled for today is being rescheduled**. Families will be notified via email as soon as the new date is confirmed.

Middle School and High School Youth and their families are invited to help with dinner and activities for **Alpha House on Monday, March 8**. Steve and Sandy Pernecky (pernecky@sbcglobal.net) and Becky Gucwa (Becky.Gucwa@RaymondJames.com) are coordinating the youth service evening. Please see the Youth Nooz Board and your email to sign-up to bring food and/or serve. We're looking for families to bring baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, scalloped potatoes and fruit salad as well as serve the food and help with playtime. This is a great opportunity to support a local service organization while earning service hours!

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MSY and HSY will be leading the **10:30am service on March 7**. The chosen theme is "Lost" and youth are leading everything from music to the sermon. Planning is underway and you are invited to the HSY Sunday school room at 9am on Sundays to help with planning.

The **Youth Vision Team** meets next Sunday, **February 28 at 11:30am** in the Library.

The **Joyful Ringers** have rehearsal on Sundays in February and March from noon-12:30pm. Please note that there is no rehearsal TODAY. The group will be ringing in the 10:30am service on March 7.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Sunday School survey**. The Youth Vision Team is carefully considering the results to be sure that our programs serve your needs.

Heather Shaw, Youth Director, is on maternity leave. Please contact Angela Oonk, Youth Administrator, in her absence. Angela can be reached by phone at 734-214-0424 or via email at aonk@trinityaa.org.



Trinity's **3rd - 6th graders** are invited to attend **Elementary Camp** and **7th - 8th graders** are invited to attend **Confirmation Camp** at Michi-Lu-Ca in Fairview, MI as a group from **July 25 - 30**. Campers will learn about God and themselves by exploring the wonders of nature, trying new activities and participating in a fun bible study time. Registration packets are available on the Youth Nooz Board.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YOUTH (Beginners - 6th grade)

Calling all youth in Elementary School (1st through 6th grades)! We're having a late night "lock-in" Friday, March 12 from 6pm-midnight. We'll have dinner, games and activities. Watch the Weekly Tidings and the Youth Nooz board for more details such as a theme, what parents can do to help and more details. Questions, contact Becky Gucwa at Becky.Gucwa@RaymondJames.com.



Please mark June 21 - 26 in your calendar to attend Vacation Bible School!

We'll need lots of volunteers to make Baobab Blast a success! Contact Angela Oonk at aoonk@trinityaa.org or Kerry Paisley at holloway.paisley@comcast.net.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH (7th - 8th grade)

Milestones are significant life events in a person's life where reflection, relationships and seeing God at work are very important. Parents or caregivers accompany their youth to a time of learning in the Social Hall at 9:00am and then the youth are recognized for accomplishing the milestone during the 10:30am service.

7th & 8th grade youth and their parents will learn about how we're all made in God's image on Sunday, March 14. We'll explore what this means for daily living.



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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (9th - 12th grade)

Save the date for Winter Jam 2010, a Christian Music Concert, at EMU's Convocation Center on Friday, March 26.

Calling all High School Students! Stay tuned for information about the High School Lock-In March 19-20. Looking for: Food donations - snacks, drinks, taco/nacho bar & ideas - What would you like to do? Questions, contact Laurie Silvester at ljbws@att.net.

Mark your calendars to serve Easter Breakfast on April 4. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the Youth Nooz board soon. Contact Carrie Holt at caholt67@gmail.com or Heather Brigger at chbrigger@hotmail.com for more information.

HSY are welcome to attend Senior High Camp at Michi-Lu-Ca in Fairview, MI from July 25 - 30 to carpool with the other campers. Registration packets are available on the Youth Nooz Board. In addition, please check out the Youth Nooz Board or www.elcalivingwater.com to see the many other Christian camping opportunities available.

Save the Date! Bass Lake Festival is August 6- 9. Bass Lake is a Christian Music Festival with great music and unique learning opportunities for sharing the Gospel in a beautiful outdoor setting. Registration information will be coming soon!

The ELCA Southeast Michigan Synod is part of a new Holy Land initiative. As part of this mission, youth ages 15 (entering sophomore year in high school) through ages 22 are invited to join in a leadership and peace-building trip to the Holy Land July 8-22. For more information call the Rev. Julie Rowe at 800-638-3522, ext. 2720.

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