

THE TIDINGS

OF TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 31, 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 fill out an **Attendance Card** and place it in the basket or offering plate during the service. **Hearing assistance** is available for our services. Ask an usher for a Personal PA Receiver.

We hope you will join us each week-end for Sunday worship:

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

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

Sunday School for beginners through high school is offered each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Join members of Trinity Council in the lounge today at both hours for a forum on the upcoming congregational meeting. The proposed budget for 2010 will be presented and questions addressed. Come hear the Council's implementation plans for the Vision Statement.

The **Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, February 7** begins with lunch following the 10:30 service followed by the meeting to approve the 2010 budget, affirm the Vision Statement, and celebrate adult and youth members who have given exemplary service to Trinity.

The **2009 Annual Report** is available in the gathering space today.

2009 contribution statements are in your Trinity mailbox today. They will not be mailed out, so don't forget to retrieve them. Contact the office with corrections, or if you wish to have a PDF copy e-mailed to you.

There is a **women's spirituality gathering today** at Judy Wellman's house (2065 S. Main St.) from 12:00 -3:30 p.m. with a potluck lunch followed by sharing on the theme "*Looking for light in the darkness.*"

Our **end-of-the-month goods collections** resume today as we support the Catholic Social Services food bank on Ann Arbor's north side. Baskets for your donations are out near the entrance to the worship space. Thank you for keeping these needy people in mind.

The **February-March issue of The Tidings** is available online and in the gathering space today. Check out the new design and format which we hope will be easier to read and more inviting to visitors. Your comments about the new layout is solicited.

We are in the middle of our week of hosting the **Men's Rotating Shelter**. Thank you to all who are serving as overnight hosts and drivers, and to all who have donated food and supplies. For more information, contact coordinator Derith Garrison at dagarris@med.umich.edu

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

9:00 a.m. Heritage Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

9:45 a.m. Celebration Singers

10:00 a.m. Nursery Host Training

10:00 a.m. Friendship Task Force

10:30 a.m. Celebration Worship

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

11:30 a.m. Praise Band

12:00 p.m. Joyful Ringers

12:00 p.m. Women's Gathering

8:30 p.m. Rotating Shelter

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:30 a.m. AA Meeting

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

8:30 p.m. Rotating Shelter

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

8:30 p.m. Rotating Shelter

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 a.m. Men's Morning Ministry

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. West. Stadium Reconstruction Townhall Mtg.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:30 a.m. AA Meeting

2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:30 p.m. Chancel Bells

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Men's Retreat

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Men's Retreat

5:00 p.m. Intergenerational Retreat
Chili Cook-Off

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

11:30 a.m. Lunch & Annual Meeting

12:00 p.m. Joyful Ringers

2:00 p.m. SMA Youth Competition

Trinity church-wide retreat: to chase away the winter blues and to give us all time to spend together, the youth ministry is planning a "retreat" on **Saturday, February 6** from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. or later. The whole church is invited for a time of games, crafts, and dinner together. Dinner will be a chili/soup cook-off and the winner will get bragging rights in church and on the website. If you're interested in helping plan, please contact Heather Shaw (hshaw@trinityaa.org).

The Annual **Men's Retreat** is scheduled for **February 5-7** at the Weber Retreat and Conference Center. This is an opportunity for men from Trinity, Zion, King of Kings, and Lord of Light to worship, learn, reflect, and build relationships in a peaceful and comfortable setting. The retreat leader this year is Pr. Barry Ludwig, Senior Pastor at Zion. The cost is \$150.00 which includes four meals and two nights lodging (single rooms). Sign up in the gathering space or contact Dick Davis at dickandviv@provide.net.

The **Ritual of Friendship** is coming to Trinity! This will give us a chance to learn who our worship neighbors are and help us greet visitors. In order to implement this program without a sizeable investment, we are looking for donations of clipboards to use during the testing phase. Half size clipboards (for 5½ x 8½ paper) would work particularly well, but any that you have lying around the house that you are not using would be appreciated. Just label them for the *Ritual of Friendship* and leave them for us in the church office.



Major reconstruction of West Stadium Blvd. from Suffolk (east of Pauline) to Hutchins (east of Seventh) is scheduled for March thru November 2010 and Trinity is located right in the middle! Plans currently call for only a single-lane of westbound traffic to be maintained throughout the entire project. This will greatly impact access to Trinity and may hinder attendance at worship and church activities by members and visitors.

We invite everyone to view this challenge as an opportunity and to undertake some reconstruction of Trinity's ministries and outreach strategies. This could range from giving a group a new image (name, logo) to starting up a community-based satellite program.

Get started next Sunday, February 7! Daryl Hurst will host a seminar in the lounge during the Adult Forum hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. explaining more about our "reconstruction" and "back door" opportunities. **Liz Rolla**, Senior Project Manager for the City of Ann Arbor, will also be on hand to present an overview of the West Stadium reconstruction project and to answer questions. **Plan to join us and learn more about how to turn challenge into opportunity with the Orange Barrel Outreach Project!**

The City of Ann Arbor is also hosting a town hall meeting on the road construction project this Wednesday, February 3 at Trinity at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

The evening **Prayer Shawl** group will be meeting **at Trinity** in the lounge on Monday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Pam Watson.

Support our Youth program by eating at Max & Erma's this **Tuesday, February 2**. 20% of your total bill will go to Trinity. Be sure to pick up a coupon in the gathering space.

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.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 17, we will be having a light Lenten meal after all the noon services and fellowship in the lounge following the evening services with appetizers and sweets. Monies collected will go toward our 2010 Habitat Build. If you would like to help or contribute any food for these Lenten Wednesday services, sign up on the poster in the gathering space or contact Judy Willi (996-4441 or flowerjudy@att.net).

Zion Lutheran Church is hosting a **Managing Your Career Transition Workshop** on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-9:30 p.m. from February 9-March 16. The cost is \$95 and is open to the community. Pre-registration is required. See the hallway bulletin board or contact Zion's office at 994-4455.

The U.S. Census Bureau is now hiring for the 2010 Census with a variety of paid positions available. Check out the display in the gathering space for brochures, practice tests and more information.

ELCA response in Haiti: Following the recent tragic earthquake in Haiti, ELCA Disaster Response has been working through long-standing partnerships on the ground to provide emergency food, water, shelter and medical supplies. ELCA Disaster Response increased its initial financial commitment to support relief efforts in Haiti to \$600,000 based on a "strong and generous response" by ELCA members. One hundred percent of your donation will be used for the relief efforts in Haiti. In addition, **Thrivent Financial will match \$1 for every \$2 donated** by Thrivent Financial members, up to \$1 million total. Visit ELCA News at elca.org to read sto-

ries about Lutherans who were in Haiti last week and the account of a Lutheran World Federation worker. May God's steadfast love be a tower of strength and courage in the midst of destruction and distress, and a refuge and comfort to all those who suffer and grieve.

Center for Faith & Scholarship Lecture Wednesday, February 10 at 8:00 p.m. in Rackham Amphitheater: Dr. Mark Noll, Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History at Notre Dame University will speak on "Race, Religion, and Politics in America." Admission is free. For more information, call (734) 668-7421 or visit www.cfs-aa.org.

2010 General Offering Income through January 24	Actual Weekly Offering Last Week	\$ 6,389.00
	Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 10,135.00
	Actual More/(Less) than Budget	\$ (3,746.00)
	Actual Weekly % of Budget	63.0%
	Actual Year-to-Date Offering	\$ 33,965.00
	Budgeted Year-to-Date Offering	\$ 40,538.00
	Actual More/(Less) than Budget	\$ (6,573.00)
	Actual Year-to-Date % of Budget	83.8%

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TODAY	Joyful Ringers at 10:30 - No Rehearsal
TODAY	Sunday School Survey Deadline
TODAY	Nursery Volunteer Training
February 2	Max and Erma's Fundraiser
February 6	Chili Cook-off/Games/Fellowship for all!
February 7	Summer Camp Early Bird Deadline

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

- ⇒ **Beginners - 2nd grade youth BEGIN downstairs** in the **Shepherd Room** (pre-K/K Sunday School Room) with music and **END** in their Sunday School Rooms.
- ⇒ **3rd - 6th grade youth** meet in their Sunday school rooms
- ⇒ **MSY** meet upstairs in the **meeting room**
- ⇒ **HSY** meet downstairs in the **Luther room**

Don't forget! Trinity's High School youth are sponsoring a **fundraiser at Max & Erma's restaurant in Ann Arbor on Tuesday, February 2**. Eat lunch or dinner at the restaurant or order take-out and our youth will receive 20% of the proceeds! Just present the flier on the last page to your server. Proceeds will be used for renovating the Youth Room and to create a youth activity scholarship fund for families experiencing financial difficulties. Please support our youth by eating some good food!

Attention all **nursery volunteers!** There will be a **training TODAY in the nursery** to go over procedures and policies. This will be a short 10-15 minute meeting between services, so please make every effort to attend. Anyone who is interested in volunteering who has not signed up is welcome to attend as well!

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The Youth Vision Team meets about once a month to shape the Family Ministry programs here at Trinity. In order to be sure we're offering programs that meet your needs we'd like your feedback regarding Sunday School. **Each family member (including youth) is invited to fill out a short survey**--you can find hard copies on the youth nooz board (you may also return copies there), a link is on the website and is included in the email version of the Youth Tidings. The deadline for participation is TODAY. Thank you for helping us better partner with you! --The Youth Vision Team

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

To chase away the winter blues and to give us all time to spend together, the youth ministry is planning a "retreat" on **February 6th from 5pm until 8pm or later**. The whole church is invited for a time of games, crafts, and dinner together. Renae and Todd St. George will lead us in charades. Dinner will be a **chili/soup cook-off**. Steve Piche is serving as our Cook-off Captain.

5-6pm: Craft tables, games, fellowship
6-7pm: Judging of chili and soup - everyone eats!
7-??pm: Play board and card games (The nursery will be staffed at this time and elementary school youth will be invited to watch a movie with supervision)

Sign up on the Youth Nooz board!



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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. The early bird price is \$290 if paid in full by February 7. Registration packets are available on the Youth Nooz Board.

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**.

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. The early bird price is \$340 if paid in full by February 7. 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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Tuesday, February 2nd

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