

THE TIDINGS

OF TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 28, 2010

Welcome guests! Following worship, we hope for an opportunity to chat with you. 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. To help us become better friends, consider sitting in different rows each week to meet people you might not otherwise interact with in the community.

Stephen Ministers are again available for laying on of hands and anointing with oil for those who wish after receiving communion. You may be seated in the chair close to the windows on either side of the bema (platform). Others from the congregation are also welcomed to stand and join in the laying on of hands while the Stephen Minister offers a prayer of healing/blessing.

Join us each Sunday for worship:
Heritage Worship at **9:00 a.m.**
Celebration Worship at **10:30 a.m.**

The **sanctuary flowers** are given by Andy Poselenzny in celebration of Joey's 9th birthday, and by Dolly Collins in celebration of granddaughter Becky Compton's 15th birthday.

In Adult Forum today at both 9:00 and 10:30: Prayer is our focus in the season of Lent. Join the pastors and Donna Karvonen as they explore the

rich variety and possibilities for prayer. Today our focus is "Prayer and Life's Journey." No doubt you remember the first prayers you learned. Bedtime and table prayers were probably among the earliest, and they are simple and heartfelt prayers that you memorized and used daily. They were your introduction into the Christian community—a community where you learn from and are sustained by those around you. The gift and art of prayer have been at the center of this community from the beginning, and it sustains us along the journey that is life.

Holy Week begins today. Worship service information and times are listed in the calendar on page 2. Copies of our Holy Week schedule are available in the gathering space that you may share with friends.

Place your order for **Easter** lilies or spring flowers by TODAY. Forms are available in the gathering space.

Today we are collecting food for the **St. Joseph Mercy Neighborhood Clinic** in downtown Ypsilanti. Thanks to all who donate!

Welcome back Heather! Our Youth Director Heather Shaw returned to work this week following her six-week maternity leave. We're happy to have her back on board, and to see baby Zach continue to grow and thrive after his very early arrival.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Palm/Passion Sunday

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Maundy Thurs. Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Catechism

MONDAY, MARCH 29

- 9:30 a.m. AA Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Morning Ministry
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Bells
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Maundy Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. AA Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Maundy Thurs. Worship**
- 2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. The Living Last Supper**

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Good Friday

- 10:00 a.m. Children's Activity
- 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship**
- 8:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship**

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Easter Vigil

- 10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast Set-Up
- 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Worship**

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Easter Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Festival Worship**
- 9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Celebration Singers
- 10:30 a.m. Festival Worship**

Trinity Reads: During the season of Easter, we invite members and friends of Trinity to become better equipped to be the disciples Jesus commissioned us to be. We are launching a program to read *Evangelism without Additives: What if sharing your faith meant just being yourself?* by Jim Henderson. Now don't run in the other direction because a Lutheran mentioned evangelism. This book demonstrates that many of the things we do every day in connecting with people are really evangelism. Our hope is that we will all become more intentional about showing God's love and message to others. Adult Forum sessions on April 11 at both hours will kick off the program followed by several opportunities for discussion in May. Sign up in the gathering space. Contact Anne Baird at (734) 769-7885 or albaird@comcast.net.

A box labeled "**Haiti Relief Drive**" is in the gathering space. Items will go to *Unite 2 Heal*, a student run humanitarian aid organization at U-M, in collaboration with *Partners in Health* which has over 20 years of experience in Haiti. Needed supplies are: blankets; durable medical equipment such as walkers, crutches, bath benches, bedside commodes, wheelchairs; 4+ person tents; tarps; (gently used blankets, durable medical equipment, and tents & tarps are accepted); non-powdered sterile gloves; dressings (all types); bandages (all types); gauze; medical tape; orthopedic supplies (braces, slings, etc.); alcohol pads; antiseptic wipes; cold compresses; hot packs; electric thermometers; collapsible water jugs.

An organizational meeting for a *new* Trinity book group will be held on **Wednesday, April 7** at 7:00 p.m. in the lounge. The first book for discussion will be *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Future books and meeting times will be determined on April 7. Contact Marion Miller (997-8883 or (maremere@comcast.net) or Gretchen Danielewicz (944-0113 or gdanielewicz@comcast.net)

The spirited, toe-tappin' sounds of the **River Raisin Ragtime Revue** returns here to Trinity on **Sunday, April 11**. The concert is at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door (\$14 adults; \$12 seniors and students), but a limited number of free tickets have been made available to Trinity members by the R4 on a first come-first serve basis. Contact Kay Hurst in the church office at 662-4419 or khurst@trinityaa.org.

Learn more about Trinity and ways you can deepen in serving God and neighbor at our next **Discovery Class** on **Saturday, April 17** beginning at 10 a.m. This "orientation" provides an overview of Trinity's ministry, beliefs of the ELCA, and opportunity to meet our staff and some of our members. While many participants will join our congregation on Sunday, April 25, Discovery Class also provides opportunity for the curious to learn more about Trinity and ways to enjoy all that the congregation has to offer to guests and members alike. The class concludes with lunch. Contact the church office (mail@trinityaa.org or 662-4419) or sign up in the gathering space to let us know you'll be attending!

King of Kings Lutheran Church, 2685 Packard Rd., will hold its **Annual Garage Sale** on **Saturday, April 24** from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Come and discover a wide array of tools, electronics, books, clothing, games, toys, antiques, and many other treasures. A portion of all monies raised help support their youth or adult mission trips as well as expenses related to attending a National Youth Gathering.



Major reconstruction of West Stadium Blvd. from Suffolk to Hutchins has begun and lasts through November. Construction brochures with a detour map are in the gathering space. The back section of our lot will be used as a construction yard by the contractor, so park there only when necessary.

Women's Retreat: "How God Sustains Us" Women of Trinity arise! Come away to relax and refresh yourself with your sisters in Christ--our yearly retreat approaches. Set aside Friday, May 21—Sunday, May 23. Sara Freedland will again be our guide to explore the ways God sustains us. The ever gorgeous and popular Lake Huron Retreat Center will be our weekend home. Walks along the lake available, all food provided, and laughter obligatory! The approximate cost is \$195. Scholarships available to those in need (talk to one of the pastors). More details to follow.

Our **Spring Clean Up** will be on **Saturday, May 1**. Bring your garden tools and help us spruce up the grounds and flowerbeds!

Vision Grants: The generous bequest of longtime Trinity member Pearl Manning made it possible for Council to establish a fund for Vision-related projects. The deadline for the first round of grants was March 1, and Council was inspired by the wonderful ideas that were submitted. While we would have liked to fund all of them, we were limited to approving \$15,000. We are excited about some of the changes you will see at Trinity in the near future, made possible by Pearl's generosity, including a *Nursery Caregiver, Sidewalk Repair, Improved Signage, Youth Praise Music Leader, Parking Lot Light Replacement, and a Saturday Service.*

Expanding the Table is an ongoing process at Trinity to change our culture so that everyone is aware that God is at work through them to share the Good News, each in their own way, with everyone with whom they come in contact. We want everyone to be proud to say, "I walk in the light and am friends with everyone I meet." It is all of our ministry to both 'see' and welcome the 'other' who is standing in our midst, whether it is greeting someone new during worship, talking to someone who is standing alone during coffee fellowship, or helping someone find a rest room. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this journey that includes our Ritual of Friendship.

2010 General Offering Income through March 21	Actual Weekly Offering Last Week	\$ 9,522.00
	Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 10,135.00
	Actual More/(Less) than Budget	\$ (613.00)
	Actual Weekly % of Budget	94.0%
	Actual Year-to-Date Offering	\$ 119,973.00
	Budgeted Year-to-Date Offering	\$ 121,615.00
	Actual More/(Less) than Budget	\$ (1,642.00)
Actual Year-to-Date % of Budget	98.6%	

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

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Music Staff: Liz Wolber, Dolly Collins, Ann Dill, Joan Folland
Office Staff: Kay & Daryl Hurst
Preschool Staff: Barb Daniel, Nancy Baldus, Lorin Kummer, Wendy Fremuth
Seminarian: Emily Wineland. *Missionary:* Bette McCrandall in Liberia

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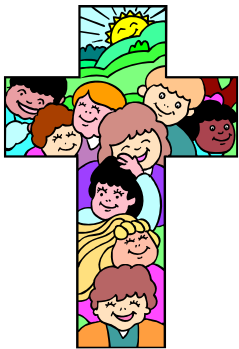
DATES TO REMEMBER

TODAY	Catechism
TODAY	Beginners - 2nd Grade sing at 10:30
April 2	Good Friday Activity
April 3	Set-up for Easter Breakfast
April 4	Easter Breakfast
April 11	Catechism
April 11	Youth Vision Team Meeting

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

- ⇒ **Beginners - 6th grade youth** meet downstairs in their Sunday School Rooms.
- ⇒ **7th - 8th grade youth** meet upstairs in the meeting room
- ⇒ **HSY** meet downstairs in the Luther room

Please note that there will be **NO Sunday School** on Easter Sunday, April 4 and the following Sunday, April 11 (due to spring break).



Plan to help with or attend the **Good Friday Activity for Beginners (with parent) - 6th Grade** on Friday, April 2 from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. We will be meeting in the social hall to hear the Good Friday story, color eggs, make a craft and have an Easter egg hunt! We need MSY, HSY and parent helpers. We also need donations of hard boiled eggs and candy. Please contact Angela Oonk at aonk@trinityaa.org to volunteer or sign up on the Youth Nooz Board (outside of the lounge).

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Milestone Ministry

Another step your faith journey

Milestones are significant life events in a person's life where reflection, relationships and seeing God at work are very important. Trinity's fourth grade youth will begin their faith journey towards First Communion during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, April 18. If you have any questions about this Milestone, please contact Alison Holmes at aholmes2@ford.com.

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. Registration packets are available on the Youth Nooz Board.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YOUTH (Beginners - 6th grade)

Please mark **June 21 - 26** in your calendar to attend **Vacation Bible School!** Registration packets and volunteer sign-up sheets are now available in the Gathering Space and on the Youth Nooz Board. Contact Angela Oonk at aonk@trinityaa.org or Kerry Paisley at holloway.paisley@comcast.net with questions or to volunteer.



Living Waters Ministries will be holding a summer day camp for children 5 - 12 years old, **June 28 - July 2** at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 1679 Broadway from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (with before care at 8:00 am and after care until 5:30 pm available). Cost is \$75 per child if registered before May 15; \$85 after. Scholarships will be available for families that need them. More information is available on the Youth Nooz Board and at www.staidan.org/dcamp.html.

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At our most recent Youth Vision Team meeting we discussed the results of the **Sunday School survey**. (A copy of the results is posted on the Youth Nooz Board.) We appreciate the thoughtful input given and have used it to make recommendations regarding next year's schedule. Worship Committee, Youth Education Teachers and Youth Vision Team will be meeting on April 18 at 11:30am. Please pray for the members of commissions and council who are carefully considering worship times, Sunday School and the Vision of Trinity that they may bless Trinity with a schedule to help us all grow in our faith.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (9th - 12th grade)

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.

CONTACTS

Heather Shaw	Youth Director	On maternity leave
Angela Oonk	Youth Administrator	aoonk@trinityaa.org



Easter Morning Breakfast

WHEN: Sunday, April 4
from 9:15am - 11:30am

WHERE: Trinity's Social Hall

COST: \$5 each
or \$20 for a family of four or more
(*Proceeds will be used by the High School Youth for travel to the next National Gathering in 2012*)

You can also support the High School Youth by donating food! Sign up on the Youth Nooz Board (outside of the Lounge) to volunteer to bring breakfast casseroles, muffins, juice, milk and other supplies!

Contact Carrie Holt at caholt67@gmail.com for more information.