

## **WHEN TO CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE...**

**REV. WILLIAM MAINS  
CHURCH OFFICE: 762-6626**

When there is a birth in the family

When there is a death in the family

When someone close to you is ill or in the hospital, or in need of spiritual help.

When someone in the family is going off to college or joining the armed forces.

When there are marital problems and before you call the lawyer.

When someone in the congregation has done something to anger you.

When you have a suggestion for the congregation.

When you have a question about the Bible, Christianity or Lutheranism.

When something in your life is troubling you.

When alcohol or drug dependency is a problem for you or someone close.

When you move to a different area.

When you just plain want someone to talk with.

When you want to be specifically remembered in prayer.

The pastor of a congregation does more than lead worship and preach on Sunday morning. A pastor is concerned with the lives of people and unfortunately the pastor is often times the last to know about major events in people's lives because people forget to tell them. Whenever you need the pastor's help or care....don't hesitate to call, stop by or leave a note.

Pastor Bill is not in the office on Fridays.

The office is open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

William Mains, Pastor	262-681-3368
Becca Mains, Interim Youth Director	
Thomas Reifenberg, Organist	303-3515
Tammy Woodbury, Saturday Keyboard	483-2815
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John Jones, Custodian	
Jana Larson, Music Director	

### **RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED**

Don Curry                      Lynn Weinberg  
Jill Wilcheck                 Ron Henriksen

### **FUNERALS**

A funeral service was held at Trinity for long-time member Shirley Rogars who died on December 22 at the age of 76.

### **SYMPATHY**

We offer our sympathy to Bill and Kari House and family on the death of Bill's mother.

We also offer our sympathy to Amy Peterson and family on the death of her mother, Alberta DeBarbieri, on January 15 at the age of 61.

### **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Dorothy Schaefer	Mike Zingsheim
Marion Hansen	Roger Malcolm
Eunice Troyer	Pam Cooper
Margie Steele	Dagne Domino
Wanda Sjoblom	Margaret Jones
Fern Christianson	Arlene Vad
Gina Lorentzen	Pastor Jim Niederloh
Bill Tillman	Barb Jones
Kathryn Swanson	Lynn Weinberg
Tom Immel	Don Curry

# TRINITY EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 PM, Sunday: 8:00 and 10:30 AM  
Contemporary Services the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10:30  
And the 4th Sunday at 8:00

February 1	“Souper Bowl” Sunday Installation of Council Members 9:15 Youth Ministry Team Meeting Elementary Roller Skating Event 6:30 First Communion Classes Begin 6:30 New Orleans Group
February 2	6:00 Property Team Meeting 6:30 Catechism Leader Huddle
February 3	9:00 Quilting 7:00 Education Team Meeting at Ray’s
February 5	6:30 Caring Ministry Team Meeting 7:00 Worship/Music Ministry Team Meeting
February 6-8	Youth Quake at Chula Vista
February 8	9:15 Blood Pressure Checks 11:30 Care for Creation Team 6:30 First Communion Class
February 10	7:00 Stewardship/Finance Ministry Team Meeting
February 12	7:00 Council Meeting
February 13	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
February 14	1:00-3:00 Saturday Stitchers
February 15	9:15 Outreach Ministry Team Middle School Roller Skating Event 6:30 First Communion Class 6:30 New Orleans Group
February 17	9:00 Quilting
February 21	9:00 Women’s Breakfast
February 22	<b>Fair Trade Coffee Orders Due</b> High School Event
February 25	7:00 ASH WEDNESDAY Service
February 26	8:00 Executive Committee

Dear Friends in Christ,

Ah, February.... the month of warm hearts and cold noses!

Why is it that the day we remember our loved ones in a special way that warms our hearts and theirs happens to fall into one of the coldest months of the year?

Valentine's Day was supposed to be the day Christians remembered the faith and life of St. Valentine, a priest in the 300s who defied the ban on practicing the Christian faith. Somehow it's become connected more with matters of the heart than matters of the soul. I doubt we need to be reminded of the importance of the ones we love and the ones who love us on an annual basis. Even so, it's obviously a pretty popular holiday, at least judging from the sales of cards, candy, flowers, meals out, and whatever else.

As Christians, we are constantly reminded of the importance of love. It was God's love that led to the Father sending the Son to rescue us from our sin and death. It was love that led Jesus to the cross for our forgiveness. It was for the love of one another and of the world that Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit.

It's love that leads parents to bring their children for Baptism, and then follows it up with Sunday School and worship. It's love that leads people to work with kids and adults to share the faith with them. It's love that helps us live and work together as a community of faithful people. It's love that guides us to share the Gospel with others and to serve the poor and powerless as Jesus commanded.

Have you felt cold lately? Well, you don't have to wait for Valentine's Day to feel the warmth of love. We Christians have the warmth of God's gift of love in Jesus the Christ all year long. We get to share it with one another and with those around us. Get involved in the mission and ministry that Jesus has called us to and you'll feel the warmth of God's love in some pretty special ways.

Yours in Christ's Service,  
Pastor Bill

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## **LENTEN MID-WEEK WORSHIP BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25**

Ash Wednesday falls on February 25<sup>th</sup> this year. Our annual worship will begin at 7:00 pm and will include the offer of ashes as a mark of repentance of sin as well as a celebration of Holy Communion.

This year's Midweek Lenten Theme, *Hand in Hand Around the World*, is based on the ELCA's Global Mission. Each week, we will be 'hearing' from different World Mission site and the missionaries who are at work in that place. They have shared some written Lenten reflections, some ideas for worship that come from their mission place, and a recipe the people of their region might consider "comfort food." The materials we will use include a segment from "our own" missionaries in Japan, Rev. Charles Fredrickson and Beth Borstad.

Ash Wednesday, 02/25 - Rev. Viking and Marissa Dietrich, Senegal

Lent 2, 03/04 - Rev. Ted and Jane Zimmerman, Hong Kong

Lent 3, 03/11 - Rev. Charles Fredrickson and Beth Borstad, Japan

Lent 4, 03/18 - Rev. John Lunn, India

Lent 5, 03/25 - Rev. Allan and Marie Krahn, Brazil

Lent 6, 04/01 - Rev. Roger Rogahn, Egypt

Maundy Thursday, 04/09 - Rev. Phil and Lou-Marie Knutson, South Africa

## **FIRST COMMUNION FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

It's that time of year again! We're planning our First Communion Classes for this year's current 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We are also offering the class for those younger than 5<sup>th</sup> grade whose parents believe they are ready to receive Communion and who have discussed their readiness with Pastor Bill ahead of the class start.

This year's First Communion process requires the participation of a parent with their child in all three of the class sessions. The classes are scheduled for:

Sunday, February 01, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Sunday, February 08, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Sunday, February 15, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Please contact the church office to register your child for the class or to set up an appointment to speak with Pastor Bill about a younger child's involvement. Letters with more detailed information were mailed mid-January.

# CARE FOR CREATION NEWS

Top ten reasons why everyone should switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs



What we should think about each time we flip on the light switch:

1. We won't have to mine as much coal. Save mountains and trees from strip mining!
2. We won't have to ship as much coal cross-country. Help save train loads of pollution!
3. Save 75% on your monthly lighting bills! Use 13watt vs. 60watt, or 23watt vs. 100watt.
4. We can delay the building of more power plants, saving more money!
5. We won't release as much carbon dioxide into the air, which accelerates the greenhouse effect.
6. We won't release as much sulfur dioxide into the air, reducing acid precipitation!
7. We won't release as much mercury into the air, which falls to our surface waters and builds up in the fish we eat as it magnifies up the food chain.
8. There would be fewer ozone alerts in the summer, helping people with asthma or other breathing difficulties.
9. We won't have to change the light bulbs as often. And this would create less waste vs. the incandescent bulbs.
10. You feel good by doing the right thing! Remember: If you are not a part of the solution, then you are part of the problem.

## Stewardship/Finance

### December Ministry Team report

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#### Operating Budget Summation

	For the month	Year-to-date
Income	29,632.34	291,179.77
Expenses	<u>30,665.69</u>	<u>291,772.30</u>
Net Income	<u>(1,033.35)</u>	<u>(592.53)</u>

## **CARING MINISTRY TEAM NEWS**

The Caring Ministry would like to say a quick thank you to our congregation. 2008 was an amazing year. We started the Healing Services, helping those in need of healing share their voices and ease their concerns together. We collected school supplies for Iraqi children, food for the hungry and toys for our neighborhood foster children. In 2009 we look forward to building on the things we accomplished last year and, with the help of our generous congregation helping even more people feel the benefits of God's love through his people.

### **Winter White Sale Collection**

The Caring Ministry is once again working with Human Concerns to help our neighbors make it through this tough winter. In November we collected over 2 barrels of food and in February we're asking you to collect household and personal items. Some suggestions include: shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, diapers, detergent, feminine products, deodorant, any non-food essentials. We will be putting the barrel back in the Narthex for collections Feb 1<sup>st</sup>- March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **PASTOR'S WISH LIST**

1. We're trying to become a "green" congregation in as many ways as possible. One idea is to return to using washable glass communion cups rather than throw more plastic cups into the landfill. We think it will save money in the long run by not constantly buying new plastic cups, save oil for the future because we're not having to make more plastic cups, and save landfill space by not disposing of an average of 500 cups a month. We have discovered a tool that makes washing a whole tray of glass cups a matter of about 30 seconds, but we only have one tool. If we had 7 more Communion Cup washing tools, a whole weekend's worth of Communion cups could be washed in about 10 minutes. They're a one-time expense of about \$50 each (call for more information).

2. One more Communion Assistant to help take Communion to our shut-ins on a monthly basis

3. Pictures of the congregation in action for the upcoming TLC Picture Directory - you can send prints to the office or digital pictures to Pastor Bill at his email: [pastortlcsm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastortlcsm@sbcglobal.net) (deadline to submit: 2/15/09).

4. Four child-care providers for an hour each week so stay-at-home parents can participate in a Bible Study as part of the "Opening the Book of Faith" initiative. We'd like to do a 4 week long Bible Study, so we're looking for one volunteer for each of the four weeks. The dates will be decided in cooperation with the volunteers to fit their schedule. Have you got an hour to give so others can get into the Word of God?

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning Adult Bible Study continues to meet in Room 112-113, but now there's an added consequence. The last one there has to bring a chair from another room! That's OK, though because we can always move to a larger room if we run out of space for chairs. You're welcome to attend our discussion of the upcoming Gospel on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Here's the schedule for the coming month or so:

Thurs, Feb 05 - 5 Epiphany: An Attitude of Discipleship: Serving - Mark 1:29-39

Thurs, Feb 12 - 6 Epiphany: An Attitude of Discipleship: Transformed - Mark 1:40-45

Thurs, Feb 19 - Transfiguration: An Attitude of Discipleship: Listening to Jesus - Mark 9:2-9

Thurs, Feb 26 - Lent 1: The Path of Discipleship – In the Wilderness - Mark 1:9-15

Thurs, Mar 05 - Lent 2: The Path of Discipleship - Beyond Oneself - Mark 8:31-38

Thurs, Mar 12 - Lent 3: The Path of Discipleship - Through the Maze - John 12:13-22

Thurs, Mar 19 - Lent 4: The Path of Discipleship - Within the Light - John 4:14-21

Thurs, Mar 26 - Lent 5: The Path of Discipleship - In the Footsteps - John 12:20-33

Sunday morning Adult Forums will continue the Bible studies based on the ELCA's *Opening the Book of Faith* initiative. The tentative schedule for Feb will include:

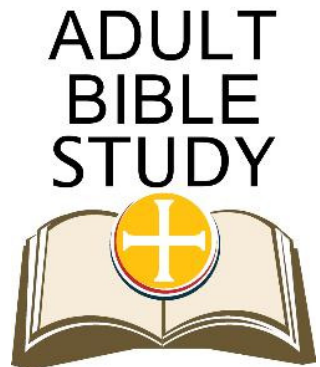
Romans 7:15-25a

Deuteronomy 11

Mark 4

Psalms 1

Feel free to grab a cup of coffee and a cookie and come to class. They meet in Room 109-110.



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Think back to 5<sup>th</sup> grade science class. Do you remember learning about the Intertropical Convergence Zone? Of course you do! It's otherwise known as "the doldrums". It's a place in the ocean where there is no breeze and the poor sailors who used to get stuck in it would languish for days, praying for a breath of wind to push them out of their inertia.

I have a story about this topic. I went on a Lake Geneva sailboat excursion with Steve, my sister, Cris, and Steve's friend, Dean, while I was still in graduate school many years ago. I can say in hindsight that I made the mistake of embarking on this Gilligan's Island Tour the weekend before my comprehensive examinations. "Comps" as we called them, were a really really, really BIG deal. If you failed them, you didn't get your degree, and all students were terrified of them. So of course, I had been studying for Comps for weeks (even made up a song about passing them) and finally got to the point where I felt like I was as ready as I'd ever be (although it's impossible to be "ready" for a test in behavioral science statistics). Anyway, when the sailing opportunity came along, I gladly took it because I needed a break. My first warning of impending doom should have been when Dean said that he had just bought the boat, and had only taken it out a couple of times before. My second clue should have been when he said he didn't really know how to sail. But Steve, Cris and I went out with him anyway, and Dean actually did pretty well for awhile, tacking and catching the wind and zooming us across the lake. It was fun until IT happened. You guessed it. We hit the Intertropical Convergence Zone of Lake Geneva and we stopped dead in the water. After scratching their heads, Dean and Steve tried a lot of things to get the find and catch the suddenly elusive wind, but nothing worked. Then they started a heated discussion about how to get things moving and Dean kept saying it wasn't his fault. His end of the conversation went something like this: "There's no wind! There's no wind!" And Steve pointed at other boats, saying, "Dean, those boats are moving just fine. How come they have wind and we don't?" I sat there listening to the debate for the first 20 minutes thinking, "Great. I've just spent a bazillion hours studying for Comps and now I won't be able to sit in class on Monday because I'm stranded in the Lake Geneva doldrums. Who's ever going to believe this excuse? This is worse than, 'the dog ate my homework'!" Eventually Cris and I sighed heavily, leaned over the side and started paddling with our hands. Luckily, with our efforts and a little more maneuvering, the boys got the sail in the right place and miraculously we found the wind that I suspect was always there in the first place!

Do you ever feel like you're in the doldrums in the middle of winter in Wisconsin? If you do, you are certainly in a majority. The decreased sunlight and cold actually cause our brains to produce less of those "feel good" chemicals.

I have a remedy for the doldrums. Move to Florida!! Okay, seriously, for those of us who can't retire yet or for those of you who don't want to move

to Florida, what can you do? Well, you may not be able to adjust your environment, but you certainly can adjust your attitude.

Here are some suggestions. When you feel lazy and apathetic, bundle up and go for a walk and notice how beautiful nature looks in the winter, or go down to the lake and look at the amazing ice patterns on the water. When you feel lonely, call someone you haven't talked to for awhile. If gloominess sets in, make a list of all the things/people you appreciate in your life and read it over several times. If you feel sad and neglected, decide on one nice thing you're going to do for someone that day and do it. Above all, remember your faith in God and that there is a much bigger picture than what you may be feeling that day.

So as soon as you catch yourself being Dean and saying, "there's no wind!", remember that you can create the wind by revisiting your faith in the God who loves you.

P.S. I passed my Comps.

Peace and blessings to you! ~Sandy

## **INTERFAITH OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE/ OAK CREEK FUNDRAISER**

**South Milwaukee Oak Creek Interfaith will be having their "2009 Snowball Gala" on Friday, February 20th from 6 PM-10 PM at the Oak Creek Community Center.**

Tickets are \$25.00/individual or \$250/corporate table sponsorship and can be purchased by mail or in person at the South Milwaukee/Oak Creek Interfaith office at 1327 Marshall Avenue, South Milwaukee, WI 53172 (762-1998). Sponsored tables will be acknowledged in our printed bulletin as well as advertised the evening of the event.

The Gala will feature food, drinks, dancing, entertainment, silent auctions and other fund raising opportunities. Proceeds from this event will go to the South Milwaukee/Oak Creek Interfaith Neighborhood Outreach Program. As you know, they are \$11,000 short for their 2009 budget, which means they are in real jeopardy of having to close their doors this year. The good news is that they have a matching grant available for the first \$5,000 that they raise.

Members of Trinity are also encouraged to donate toward Interfaith's ministry among our community's senior citizens. You can do that either by writing a check to Trinity and marking it for Interfaith. Any donations received during February will be sent to Interfaith by the end of the month to help with their budget short-fall, or by sending Interfaith a check directly at the address above.

# **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH** **ENDOWMENT FUND**

The Trinity Lutheran Endowment Fund was established to help our congregation enhance the mission of the Church, apart from the general operating budget. Endowment funds differ from annual giving. As a permanent fund, only income from interest or dividends is available for distribution. Gifts are always welcome and donors may designate the purpose and use of all gifts, if they desire. Gifts to the Endowment Fund provide a means to support your Church during and after your lifetime.

## **USE OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS:**

Investment income from the Endowment Fund is used for the following beneficial purposes not usually included in the church's annual operating budget. Gifts may include donor restricted gifts.

- ❖ Extend the ministries of the church
- ❖ Provide seed money for new missions and/or ministries
- ❖ Support special ministries such as scholarships and youth programs

## **TYPES OF GIFTS:**

The TLC Endowment Fund can receive many forms of gifts and bequests, such as:

Cash and Securities, Real Estate, Life Insurance, Charitable Gift Annuity, Trusts, Bequest by Will, IRA, Profit Sharing, 401(k) Plan

## **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

If you are interested in further information or would like to give a gift at this time, an Endowment Fund Board member would be happy to meet with you personally to explain the Endowment Fund options and assist you with any gift you would like to make.

**Please contact the church office to be put in touch with an Endowment Fund Board member.**

## **BAKED GOODS**

There is a sign-up sheet at church for those willing to provide cookies or other treats to share with the coffee offered on Sunday mornings. Check to see which days have openings.



## **NEWS FROM CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:**

### **Family Bowling Party**

Here's a chance to enjoy a night out with the family. Trinity will gather at the bowling lanes at Salvatore's (South Milwaukee Community Center, 1919 12th Ave.) on Saturday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. The per person cost of \$10 includes pizza, soda and unlimited bowling. Adults & children of all ages are welcome. Have your kids bring their friends! Bumper bowling will be available for the children. If you haven't been bowling in a while, here's your chance to get back in form. Enjoy the fellowship of your friends from church. Sign up on the sheet in back of church. All you have to do for some great fun is sign up & then show up!

### **Women's Breakfast**

In past years, Trinity had held a women's breakfast. Some church members have indicated a wish to start holding these again, so we are offering a breakfast on Saturday, February 21st at 9:00 a.m. at Sunrise Restaurant, 2418 10th Ave. in South Milwaukee. Come for some female fellowship and we'll share a bible reflection. Please sign up in back of church so we can let the restaurant know how many will be attending.

### **Fair Trade Sale**

Our first fair trade sale of 2009 is taking place in February. You may use this order form included with this issue of the Tidings, and there will be extra order forms in back of church as well. Please continue to support the farmers around the world who rely on fair trade coffee & tea sales for their livelihood. Micah 6:8 calls us, as Christians, to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly. The LWR Coffee Project helps Lutherans answer that call by righting the injustices faced by small-scale farmers around the world.

The LWR Coffee Project closes the gap between our parish and the kind of communities in which LWR works. By using fair trade coffee and other products in our parish and homes, we guarantee that farmers will earn the income they need to feed their families, educate their children, seek medical care and improve their communities. What difference can a simple cup of coffee make? Jose Luis Castillo Vasquez, a member of a cooperative in El Salvador put it simply: "I want to thank all of the congregations that purchase our coffee," he said. "It is thanks to you that we have a seed of hope in our lives."

### **Diner's Club**

Our first Diner's Club of 2009 will be at Lotus on Howell Ave. on Sunday, March 29th at 5:30 p.m. Choices at Lotus include sushi and hibachi in addition to standard Chinese fare. A sign-up sheet will be in back of church.



## FEBRUARY YOUTH NEWS

Hello,

When I was first asked to act as interim for the youth director position I was nervous about the big shoes I would have to fill. Some would think that I was talking about Amy or Pastor Bill and to a degree they would be right. Amy did a great job as the youth director and we all have great memories of the events she led. Pastor Bill is my father and that probably says it all! Both Amy and Pastor Bill are great individuals, but they were not the shoes I was nervous about. I was talking about Jesus. Jesus loved children. He taught them about God and how to build and nourish a relationship with Him and so many other important lessons. I can only imagine that Jesus had to have been one heck of a youth leader back in the day. So, while I work with the youth ministry team to plan upcoming events, I also will be asking for guidance from the number one youth director, Jesus.

In Him,  
Rebecca

### Upcoming Youth Events:

#### February:

- 1<sup>st</sup>- 1-3- Elementary School roller-skating event at Rollaero  
6:30- New Orleans Youth Gathering Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>- Quake in WI Dells
- 15<sup>th</sup>- 1-3- Middle School roller-skating event at Rollaero  
6:30- New Orleans Youth Gathering Meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup>- 1-3- High School Wii game day

#### March:

- 8<sup>th</sup>- 1-3- Elementary School servant event at church- We will be sharpening pencils for the sanctuary and restocking the activity bags
- 15<sup>th</sup>- 12-2- Middle School servant event at church- We will be making Easter baskets to donate to a woman's shelter in Racine

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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## Christmas Program Offering

Offerings collected from the Sunday School Christmas Program totaled \$241.30. These will be combined with collection from the Sunday School children's Advent Boxes, which are still coming in and will be given to the Ronald McDonald House and the Second Harvest of Wisconsin. Thank you to all who donated.

## Hat, Sock, and Mitten Tree

The Hat, Sock, and Mitten Tree collection effort concluded January 8th with our final delivery to Human Concerns made that day. Your generous support, especially during this cold and snowy winter was most appreciated.

## New Education Members

We are pleased to welcome Cindy Felicki to our Education Ministry Team and Leah Hubbard as a new team teacher for the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade. Cindy has helped us before, especially during Vacation Bible School, and Leah was previously a substitute teacher. We thank them for their continuing service.

## Sunday School Resumes

Sunday School resumed on January 4<sup>th</sup> but attendance was quite low. Please be mindful that Sunday School will meet every Sunday through May 17<sup>th</sup> with a two week break at Easter on April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Lent and Ash Wednesday

Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Lenten Services will continue each Wednesday through April 1<sup>st</sup>. We encourage all Sunday School students to attend these weekly services in addition to our normal Sunday School and Worship service schedule.

## Vacation Bible School

For those of you who like to plan ahead and mark your calendars, the Education Team has marked its calendar for Vacation Bible School the week of August 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be attending a VBS fair at Elmbrook Church on January 31<sup>st</sup> to begin our planning for this event. If any of you would be interested in joining us to go to the fair, please contact the Church office at 762-6626.

Ray Bergwin and Sharon Piastowski

## **New Reviews from your Trinity Library:**

While we're inside a lot during the winter, here are some ideas for both adults & children:

### **VeggieTales: Lessons from the Sock Drawer**

Starring VeggieTales , Big Idea Studio, DVD, 79 minutes

Join all the VeggieTales friends for Lessons From the Sock Drawer: A Collection of Veggie Shorts and Briefs - a special collection of 18 of the most entertaining and zany lesson-based shorts from everyone's favorite Veggies! When Bob and Larry get a letter from a little boy who has lost his hamster, they must find a way to cheer him up! Thankfully, Larry keeps "The Veggie Vault" in his sock drawer, so there's always a funny story close at hand. Co-hosted by the vault keeper Lutfi the sock puppet (who first appeared in VeggieTales Sumo of the Opera), Lessons From the Sock Drawer is filled with hilarity, music and over 70 minutes of silliness and will surely tickle everyone's funny bone while teaching a few lessons along the way.

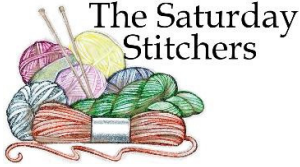
### **Feeling Good: The New Mood Therapy**

by David D. Burns M.D., Collins Living Publisher, paperback, 736 pages

Feeling Good Feels Wonderful. The good news is that anxiety, guilt, pessimism, procrastination, low self-esteem, and other "black holes" of depression can be cured without drugs! In Feeling Good, eminent psychiatrist, David D. Burns, M.D., outlines the remarkable, scientifically proven techniques that will immediately lift your spirits and help you develop a positive outlook on life: recognize what causes your mood swings; nip negative feelings in the bud; deal with guilt; handle hostility and criticism; overcome addiction to love and approval; beat "do-nothingism"; avoid the painful downward spiral of depression; and build self-esteem. This book was recommended to the library by Pastor Bill.

Author Dr. David Burns is currently Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at his alma mater, the Stanford University School of Medicine, where he is actively involved in research and teaching. Dr. Burns is certified by the National Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

## **THE SATURDAY STITCHERS**



### The Saturday Stitchers

The Saturday Stitchers, will get together again on Saturday, February 14, from 1:00-3:00. Bring your latest project and a friend. New Stitchers are always welcome.

## **TRINITY SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

In order to continually promote the Scholarship Program we wish to promote the guidance for awarding Church Scholarships:

1. Applicants are active in the life of the congregation through worship, receiving the sacraments, continuing education (Sunday School, Bible Study, Campus Ministry programs), youth events, and volunteer work.
2. Applicants are accepted or enrolled as a full time student to attend classes on a campus of a Lutheran seminary, Lutheran college, or other accredited colleges and universities.
3. Applicants are seeking a degree at one of the following levels:
  - Associate Degree
  - Bachelor Degree
  - Master Degree
  - Ph D
4. Applicants may receive one scholarship from Trinity Lutheran church for each degree he/she is pursuing. If an applicant is not successful in receiving a scholarship in a given year, he/she may apply the following year.

The Scholarship criteria will be published in the Tidings each year until next year's awards are made. Scholarship applications will be available March 15, 2009 with a deadline for submission on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The decision on Scholarship Awards will be made May 10<sup>th</sup>.

We appreciate the generosity of all those who have given to the Scholarship Program and ask for your continued support. Donations to the Scholarship program should be made using the blue designated fund envelopes or a plain envelope. Please indicate Scholarship fund on either envelope.

## **THE LAW'S TITHING VERSUS** **THE GOSPEL'S FREE GENEROSITY**

Next time you're at a church social function, go up to people who seem to be having fun and start talking about tithing. Most will run for cover faster than vampires at dawn. But the ones who remain may have an interesting story to share.

That's because a wide majority believes that giving a tenth of their gross income is utterly impossible and totally unrealistic. For instance, if a family makes \$52,000, that would be a donation of \$100 a week. If they're typical "2 percenters," they put a \$20 bill in the weekly offering envelope and be satisfied. It's truly a real stretch to ask them to put in the other \$80 for a tithe.

Some churchgoers criticize tithing as too rigid and legalistic -- more the province of Pharisees and scribes than of Christians, who, after all, have been freed by Jesus from the law. Yes, it's true, we are free from the law, but as Martin Luther points out, the law does serve God's purpose in the lives of faithful people.

First, the law helps keep order in our world by shaping our outward behavior. If people are giving financially to the work of God because they feel compelled to do so, they are still contributing financially to the work of God.

But the second use of the law is more to the point. The daunting requirements of the law can lead us to despair and guilt and awareness of our selfish, sinful nature. That in turn causes us to turn to the Gospel for its message of freedom and joy. And in response to God's love, we gladly give more, and more and more.

That's the story you may hear from the people still talking to you at the church function. Most people who have taken the plunge of tithing have found it surprisingly rewarding. (Read the story of one such tither.) The satisfaction they get from giving money away leads many to offer well above the 10 percent level.

It's counterintuitive to think that giving away more money will actually make you feel richer, happier and more fulfilled, but that's a very common experience of tithers. By walking on the path of the law of tithing, they have actually found themselves in a place where they can enjoy the Gospel's freedom for generosity. They have learned the truth of Jesus' observation of Matthew 6:21: "Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be also."

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## **SOUTH MILWAUKEE/OAK CREEK INTERFAITH**

Is looking for volunteers to drive and to help older adults in our community. Even if you can spare as little as 1 hour per month, we could use your help. A great opportunity for retired people to help in our community! Please Call: **762-1998**.

## **HUMAN CONCERNS**

The first weekend of each month is designated as Human Concerns Day. Please bring some non-perishable food items to place in the bin under the coat rack. The emphasis for February is packaged dinners, fruit juice, coffee and tea, and any other non-perishable food items you could donate.

## **HOSPITAL STAYS**

Federal law greatly restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals. As a result, the pastor and church office may not know that a church member has been admitted to the hospital. If you are hospitalized and would like to notify the pastor, it is important that you (or a family member) inform the church office as soon as possible. Call us at 762-6626. Remember, hospitals can no longer provide this information for us.

## **PICK 'N SAVE "WE CARE" PROGRAM**

Trinity is still part of Pick 'n Save's "We Care Program". If you have Trinity's account number **838900** listed on your Advantage Plus Savers Club card, we will automatically be credited with purchases from any Pick 'n Save store included. Proceeds are used to help fund our Youth Group.

## **STEWARDSHIP: SM RECYCLING/YOUTH FUND**

South Milwaukee Recycling, 1200 Minnesota Ave. (762-1700) will take your aluminum cans and other metal and send a check to our Youth Fund. All you need do is tell the worker that you would like your "earnings" to be donated to the Trinity Lutheran Youth Fund and they will do the rest.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

February 07     Robbie English  
February 11     Jakob Schultz  
February 14     Kendall Cole  
February 23     Victoria Fischer  
February 28     Emily Baranek



## COFFEE MAKERS

February 1                     Karl Weinberg  
February 8                     Sharon Piastowski  
February 15                    Phyllis Henriksen  
February 22                    Les Touve

## ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE

February 01     Denise Herr, \*  
February 08     Donna & Clare Huck, Aaron & Patty Johnson  
February 15     Joyce Warwick, Jeffrey & Sharon Piastowski  
February 22     Keith & Jean Belter, \*  
March 01        Betsy Baranek, Jim & Sandi Rogosienski

## ALTAR GUILD

February        Eunice Draeger and Doris Mueller  
March           Carolyn Onsager, Bernie Klute, Dan Soddy

## TAKING BLOOD PRESSURE

February 8                     Kris Mecha  
March 8                         Liz Keller  
(ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED)

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

January 31	5:00 PM	David Page
February 01	8:00 AM	Ann Buck, Jerome & Sue Zylka
	10:30 AM	Bob Olson, Steve & Adrienne Mueller
February 14	5:00 PM	Terry Draeger
	8:00 AM	Karen Crump, Margie Fischer, Lori Mijokovic
	10:30 AM	Dianne Guckenberger, Amy Endlich David Hahn
February 25 Ash Wednesday	7:00 PM	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
February 28	5:00 PM	Jay Kullmann

## SCHEDULED READERS

January 31	5:00 PM	Mark Draeger
February 01	8:00 AM	Rick Cole
	10:30 AM	Becca Mains
February 07	5:00 PM	Sharon Piastowski
February 08	8:00 AM	Janine Kaczmarowski
	10:30 AM	Hillerina Olivier
February 14	5:00 PM	Terry Draeger
February 15	8:00 AM	Lori Mijokovic
	10:30 AM	Patty Rosek-Johnson
February 21	5:00 PM	Tammy Woodbury
February 22	8:00 AM	Jill Wilcheck
	10:30 AM	Jim Rogosienski
February 28	5:00 PM	Kevin Dathe

## **NURSERY SCHEDULE**

January 31	5:00 PM	*
February 01	8:00 AM	Ann Janz
	10:30 AM	Erin Ulezelski, Elisabeth Carrion
February 07	5:00 PM	Donna Huck
February 08	8:00 AM	Erin Wait
	10:30 AM	Emily & Maddie Baranek
February 14	5:00 PM	Ramona Peterson
February 15	8:00 AM	*
	10:30 AM	Jenna & Kayla Jagler
February 21	5:00 PM	Janna Dalecky
February 22	8:00 AM	Janine & Carly Kaczmarowski
	10:30 AM	Amy Radtke
February 28	5:00 PM	Clare Huck

## **GREETERS**

January 31	5:00 PM	Joe & Mary Ann Kindrai
February 01	8:00 AM	Ed & Doris Mueller
	10:30 AM	Betsy, Emily & Maddie Baranek
February 07	5:00 PM	Esther Immel & Peter Bartosiak
February 08	8:00 AM	Amy & Aly Pinkos
	10:30 AM	Nicole Lentz, Matt McDaniel
February 14	5:00 PM	Carolyn Marks, Grace Proft
February 15	8:00 AM	Marlene Schneider, Bill Elmore
	10:30 AM	Jim & Ashley Onsager
February 21	5:00 PM	Karen Peterson, Larry Sagan
February 22	8:00 AM	Ron & Shirly Smith
	10:30 AM	Patty Johnson, Stephanie Gensler
February 28	5:00 PM	Gerry & Cynthia Wegner

## USHERS

### February 01

8:00 \*Bruce Warwick, Stan Druckrey, Ron Smith

10:30 \*Bob Olson, Mike Radtke, Bonnie Aron, Ken Ahler

### February 08

8:00 \*John Wawrzyniak, Dick Schaefer, Greg & Karen Crump

10:30 \*Jerome Zylka, Bob Engelbart, Fred & Sharon Schraith

### February 15

8:00 \*Russ Bruneau, Greg Buck, Tom & Gayle Barbian

10:30 \*Jeff Jagler, Cindy Felicki, Josh Jagler, Joe Jagler, Sean Sieg

### February 22

8:00 \*Ron Smith, Lori Fassbender, Al Czysh, Amy & Jake Pinkos

10:30 \*George Krenzer, Adam Malcolm, Dan Soddy,  
Betsy & Emily Baranek

## ACOLYTES

January 31	5:00 PM	Emily Anderson
February 01	8:00 AM	Josh Janusiak, *
	10:30 AM	Maddie Baranek, Stephanie Ploch
February 07	5:00 PM	Emily Wendt
February 08	8:00 AM	Amy Hanson, Caylin Doescher
	10:30 AM	Gary Krenzer, *
February 14	5:00 PM	Valerie Fischer
February 15	8:00 AM	Ryan Rebernick, *
	10:30 AM	*
February 21	5:00 PM	Victoria Fischer
February 22	8:00 AM	Paul Graeven, Josh Janusiak
	10:30 AM	Abby Mains, *
February 28	5:00 PM	Nash Dathe
March 01	8:00 AM	Ryan Rebernick, *
	10:30 AM	Stephanie Ploch, *