



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, Youth Director	
Thomas Reifenberg, Organist	303-3515
Tammy Woodbury, Saturday Keyboard	483-2815
Sharon Piastowski, Secretary/Education Coordinator	764-4066
John Jones, Custodian	
Jana Larson, Music Director	

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED AND RECOVERING

Margo Kullmann	Barb Jones
Fern Christianson	Roger Malcolm
Don Barbian, Jr.	

FUNERAL

A funeral service was held on January 10 for Herbert Lambrecht who died on January 6 at the age of 93.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Mike Zingsheim	Evelyn Lokken
Marion Hansen	Roger Malcolm
Pam Cooper	Dagne Domino
Wanda Sjoblom	Margo Kullmann
Margaret Jones	Fern Christianson
Gina Lorentzen	Barb Meyer
Pastor Jim Niederloh	Bill Tillman
Barb Jones	Tom Immel
Lyle Hannemann	Greg Buck
Don Barbian, Jr.	June Kellogg

CULVERS OF OAK CREEK AND TRINITY FAMILY NIGHT

Monday, February 8, 2010

VOUCHER COUPON

[Please present this coupon at the time of purchase]

Church Name: TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Purchase Amount: _____

TRINITY EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 PM, Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Wednesday: 7:00 PM Lenten Service beginning February 17

Education Hour - Sunday: 9:15 AM

Contemporary Service the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month at 10:30

The 4th Sunday of the Month at 8:00 AM

February 1	6:00 Property Team
	6:30 Catechism Leader Huddle
February 4	10:30-11:30 Adult Bible Study
	1:30 Dorcas Circle at Phyllis Henriksen's
	6:30 Caring Ministry Team
	7:00 Worship/Music Ministry Team
February 5-7	Youth Quake at Wisconsin Dells
February 6-7	"Souper Bowl" of Caring
February 6	Guesthouse Breakfast
February 7	Council Installation
	6:30 First Communion Class
February 8	TRINITY DAY AT CULVER'S
	6:30-8:00 Catechism Class
	7:00 Stewardship/Finance Team
February 9	6:30 Congregational Life at Gina's
	7:00 Education Team at Church
	7:00 Sarah Circle at Bernie Klute's
February 11	7:00 Council Meeting
February 14	9:15 Blood Pressure Checks
	9:15 Youth Team
February 15	6:30-8:00 Catechism Service/Fellowship
	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
February 17	ASH WEDNESDAY
	5:30 Simple Supper
	6:00 Carillon Ringers
	7:00 Ash Wednesday Service/Communion
February 18	Noon Nifty Fifty Winter Potluck
February 20	1:00-3:00 Saturday Stitchers
February 21	9:15 Outreach Ministry Team
	1-3:00 All Youth Roller Skating Event
February 22	6:30-8:00 Catechism Class
February 24	5:30 Simple Supper Served by Youth Team
	7:00 Lenten Service

Dear Friends in Christ,

Ah, February! The month when the heart naturally turns to love. Well, OK, maybe not naturally, but Valentine's Day sure plays a major role in this month's thinking.

Speaking about love, I want to share something from an interesting book I read last month. It's called "Organic Outreach for Ordinary People" by Kevin Harney. No, it's not a book about organic food. It's actually about reaching out to others to share the Good News of Jesus.

What caught my attention in the very first chapter was the writer's emphasis on loving God and loving one's neighbor as the foundation for our outreach. The author writes: "*the starting point of effective outreach is not a system, a program, or a specific presentation. It is a heart deeply in love with God and with people. Without love, no outreach strategy will work. With God's love, we can change the world.*"

Do you remember being in love for the first time? If so, do you remember if it changed you any? I remember my world circled around this other person for a brief period of time, until we realized our schedules and interests weren't all that compatible.

Do you remember what it was like to find the love of your life? Did it change you in any way? I know I have been changed by the love of my wife and family that surrounds me. Can you say this love between you and this "significant other" motivated you, challenged you, blessed you, has been a reason to celebrate the people God has given as gifts in your life?

Do you remember when you first realized the depth and wonder of God's love for you in Jesus Christ? Did that change who you were or how you lived your life? I know my life would have been very different if I had gone in other directions. Experiencing God's love for me in Jesus Christ has been a life-enhancing event.

Do you really love your neighbor? Remember Jesus' description of the greatest commandments: to love God with all our being and to love our neighbors as ourselves? If we have experienced God's life-blessing love, and if we actually do love our neighbor, why is it we can talk to our neighbors and strangers for hours about our favorite restaurant or our new car or the movie we raved about, but can't seem to get the words out about God's life-changing love for us in Jesus Christ?

The good news is that, by the grace of God, there are things we can do to share God's love for us in Jesus with others. It's true that people need to hear about Jesus, but first they need to see him. As the Body of Christ in this time and place, we can start by showing those around us the reflection of God's love for us. We can be the hands and heart of Jesus in this world. As we live out that life-changing love, God will open doors to share what has gotten into us so that others may hear the good news and come to that life-changing, saving faith.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Pastor Bill

PASTOR'S PAGE FOR JANUARY

Yep, you caught it! Last month's "Pastor's Page" was the same as December's. All I can say is, "Oops!" Somehow, we simply didn't catch it in the rough drafts, so you got December's twice. To make up for it, here's January's actual "Pastor's Page" for your leisure reading. Tests on this material will be handed out next month.

Dear Friends in Christ,

We know that, at the end of a year and the beginning of a new year, we often spend a lot of time looking back and looking forward, trying to understand the year past while making resolutions for the year to come. This has become a tradition in our society that people follow just because it's a tradition.

But what if we have what might be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something that would affect us and our loved ones and our communities and our nation and even our world this new year? Would you be willing to try it?

I came across a book entitled "Rediscovering Values" by Jim Wallis. In it, Wallis is proposing that this might be the time for us to truly take a deep and penetrating look at our moral values to see if we need to make more than a New Year's Resolution, but instead make a complete sea-change in our lives. The "Great Recession" (as he calls it) has forced a lot of change on our entire world and has caused a great deal of suffering among people

everywhere, especially among the poor. He asks a painful question: how have we contributed to the cause of the problem? Where we find the answer is where we are in need of more than a new resolution. We need a moral change.

Here's a description of the book:

“The book suggests we have been asking the wrong question: "When will this crisis end?" It seeks to replace that with the right question: "How will this crisis change us?" The book is about the moral recovery which must accompany the economic recovery, and suggests that we must not go back to business as usual; rather, we need a new normal. The new book is about the values questions that are at the heart of how we got into this crisis, and are critical to getting us out of it. It describes the maxims that overtook us -- Greed is Good, It's All About Me, and I Want it Now -- values that wreck economies, cultures, families, and even our souls. Instead it calls for a return to new/old virtues like Enough is Enough, We're In It Together, and evaluating our decisions by their impact on the Seventh Generation out.”

As I prepared for worship during Advent and Christmas, and as I prepare for the upcoming seasons of Epiphany and Lent, I've been reading through the Gospel of Luke. Our Lord is extremely concerned about the poor and disadvantaged throughout the Gospel of Luke. He is extremely concerned with the way people of faith live their lives and the effect of that way of life on those in the larger community. Jesus called for a total revamping of the religious system that centered on one's own self to a system that centered on a relationship with God in himself and a relationship with others based on God's love in Jesus Christ.

This is a radical call to faithfulness and love that Jesus issues. His call to faith and life seems to be echoed in Jim Wallis' book. I hope to read it and read it again as I read through Luke's Gospel to hear where Jesus is leading. Only then will our morals be in sync with our God and we will live with a renewed sense of peace, joy and hope.

Yours in Christ's Service
Pastor Bill

NOTES FROM 2010 PRESIDENT-NOMINEE

Thanks, Thanks and Thoughts.

Hello, I'm Steve Mueller, the new President of YOUR Church Council, and this is my first Tidings Column.

First: I'd like to say thank you to Sandy and all the previous Council Presidents. It is a commitment to be on the Council and work as part of the team that makes the church "go", and there are a lot of things that go on at church. That said, the work may not be as hard as you might think. There are many, many people involved in the Ministry Teams and Sunday School and Confirmation and Music and the worship service (ushers and Altar Guild) and the staff and keeping the building running and, well you get the picture; there are a lot of people involved in making things "go" at church. The Presidents role that I will soon hold, is easier because of all the people involved at Trinity and easier because of all the Presidents who came before me and helped build Trinity up to the wonderful church we have now. So thank you past Presidents: Sandy, Jeff, Margie, Mark, Sue, David, and Kathryn and all you other Presidents from before I was a member. Thank you for your commitment to Trinity.

Second; I'd like to thank Sandy for the wonderful "Tidings" columns you wrote over the last two years. Those columns were always entertaining, I always laughed or smiled when I read them, sometimes I learned something new about my family like that you have an Aunt Gertrude, and you always left me thinking. I know many others felt the same way. I aspire to leave a similar legacy. Thank you.

Third, Thoughts: One of the perks of the President's role is this column. Oh, I admit everyone is welcome (very welcome) to put articles in the "Tidings" but the President gets a column with a title. As I previously noted, after I read Sandy's column I was always left thinking, sometimes about my relationship with God, sometimes about my relationships with others and sometimes just about life. That is my intention for this column in the future, to write something that will leave you thinking.

So until next month, Thank You to everyone who is committed and involved in making things "go" at Trinity. Please pray for YOUR Church Council to make decisions to help grow God's church. And think about commitment, what are you committed to?

NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE TEAM

Upcoming Events

February 17 - 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Simple Supper at church

March 21 - 5:30 p.m. Diner's Club at Carleton Grange Pub

March 28 - Fair Trade orders due

Fair Trade Sale

Our next fair trade sale will begin in February, with orders due March 28. There will be order forms in the March Tidings as well as in back of church. Remember that we participate in fair trade sales because it helps farmers and artisans use their skills and expertise to break out of the cycle of poverty. Turning a simple exchange of goods into a human connection that benefits all participants, Fair Trade values the livelihoods of artisans and small-scale farmers. In particular, Fair Trade increases children's access to education. We hope you enjoy the fair trade coffees & teas we offer through Lutheran World Relief.

Ash Wednesday Simple Supper

We offered a simple supper one Wednesday in Lent last year and it was a great success! This year we will offer a chili dinner in the church hall on February 17th starting at 5:30 p.m. before the Ash Wednesday service. This gives you a nice opportunity to stay out of the kitchen and enjoy a tasty dinner with your family before attending church. We'll offer two types of chili, vegetarian & meat, as well as noodles, corn bread, and dessert. If you think you'd like to come, please sign up on the sheet in back of church so we know how much food to prepare.

Diner's Club at Carleton Grange Pub

Our first Diner's Club of 2010 will be on Sunday, March 21st, at 5:30 p.m. at Carleton Grange Pub, 3807 South Packard Ave. in St Francis. Don't forget to mark your calendar & watch for a signup sheet in February.

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP **TOGETHER IN MISSION**

Ash Wednesday's worship service at 7:00 PM begins our observance of Lent. The Ash Wednesday service will offer ashes as a sign of repentance as well as Holy Communion for the forgiveness of our sin.

The theme for our Lenten mid-week worship services will be "Together in Mission." Each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM through Lent, we will be discovering the presence of Jesus Christ in other places, including Japan, Palestine, Botswana, Chile and India. Our worship and meditations will reflect some of the values, food and experiences of Christians in these countries.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

TLC's Thursday morning Adult Bible Study continues to look at the upcoming Gospel lesson for the following Sunday. We're in the year of Luke, and are learning some of the things that Luke emphasizes about Jesus aren't quite the same as what Matthew and Mark emphasize. You are welcome to be part of the hour long discussion that starts at 10:30 most Thursdays. Here's the schedule for the next several weeks:

- Thursday, Feb 04 - Luke 5:1-11
- Thursday, Feb 11 - Luke 9:28-43
- Thursday, Feb 18 - Luke 4:1-13
- Thursday, Feb 25 - Luke 13:31-35
- Thursday, Mar 4 - Luke 13:1-9
- Thursday, Mar 11 - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
- Thursday, Mar 18 - John 12:1-8
- Thursday, Mar 25 - Luke 22:14 - 23:56
- Thursday, Apr 01 - OFF - Holy Week
- Thursday, Apr 08 - OFF - Easter Break

GIFTS THAT GROW

The donations have been counted and a total of \$1,823.36 was collected and sent to the ELCA headquarters to be distributed.

TLCW (TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN) CIRCLES

Trinity currently has two active circles that meet monthly, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. All women of Trinity are invited to be a part of one of them.

Dorcas Circle will meet on Thursday, February 4, at 1:30 PM at the home of Phyllis Henriksen.

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, February 9, at 7:00 PM at the home of Bernie Klute.



NOTE FROM THE CARING MINISTRY TEAM

The Caring Ministry Team and Trinity volunteers will again be serving breakfast to the 80 men of the Guest House homeless shelter in Milwaukee on February 6, 2010. We would like to provide hot scrambled eggs and ham along with fruit, juice and a baked good. Please sign up in the narthex to help with food or time donations. We need a few early risers to come and cook the breakfast at Trinity between 5-6:30AM and a few more to transport and serve the food from 6:30 to 10:30AM. Let's work together to help feed a hungry neighbor!

Be sure to check out Trinity's website at www.tlcs.org

THE SATURDAY STITCHERS

The Saturday Stitchers, will get together again on Saturday, February 20, from 1:00-3:00. Bring your latest project and a friend. New Stitchers are always welcome.



Stewardship/Finance
December 2009 Ministry Team Report



Project Uplift:

Reserve funds account

\$ 15,197.70 Month's beginning balance
 1,715.00 Contributions for month
 98.36 Month's payments
\$ 16,814.34 Ending balance
 (Includes \$429.64 for front access ramp)

Thank you to everyone who continues to generously support our properties ministry.

Operating Budget Summation		
	For the month of DECEMBER 2009	Year-to-date
Income	\$31,333.00	\$305,069.74
Expenses	\$33,386.17	\$304,385.22
Net Income (Loss)	(\$2,053.17)	\$684.52

INTERFAITH SNOWBALL GALA

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual ***SMOC Interfaith Snowball Gala!*** Back by popular demand, this fundraising event will be held on **Friday, February 12th from 6-10pm at the Oak Creek Community Center**. The Gala will once again feature dinner, refreshments, entertainment, door prizes, a silent auction and a raffle.

Tickets are 2 for \$25.00 for the first 20 tickets and \$25.00 each when those have been sold. Tickets are available in the church office.

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE IN HAITI

On January 12 at 4:53 PM, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake rocked the island country of Haiti, primarily impacting its capital of Port-au-Prince and its nearly two million residents.

The ELCA, through the Lutheran World Federation, is already responding to the critical needs of survivors in Haiti. Thankfully, the LWF offices and staff on the island were spared in the earthquake, making it possible for work to begin immediately. Staff there will focus their immediate efforts on issues of water safety and sanitation, assisting with medical triage, and providing emergency sheltering for the many who are now homeless. The ELCA has long-standing relationships in Haiti through several organizations and the Lutheran Church in Haiti.

In anticipation of your generous gifts, ELCA Disaster Response has authorized \$250,000 for immediate relief assistance in Haiti, with the possibility for an additional \$500,000 as the full scope of this disaster continues to become clear. Your gifts are needed now to make this type of rapid response possible.

While volunteers, especially skilled workers, will likely be needed in the coming months, the situation on the ground is still far too chaotic – no water, no power, few roads, and very limited communication – to support volunteers traveling to the area in the immediate days.

What you can do:

Pray: Please hold the people of Haiti in your prayers.

Study and Share: Watch for the newsletter inserts

Give: Gifts to ELCA International Disaster Response help us to provide immediate and effective support to communities which are in need. Please consider giving to support the needs of this response and others like it. Information on giving is provided in the box on the right “How You Can Help.” 100% of your gift will be used in full to bring life sustaining support to this crisis. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



FEBRUARY YOUTH NEWS

Happy February!

The youth groups are up and running after a nice break. January was a movie month for the youth. The elementary kids went to see Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel. We even had some middle school and high school youth show up to help “chaperone”! It was a lot of fun. The middle school and high school youth got into an investigative mood and went and saw Sherlock Holmes. The movies were a fun, lazy activity, but February’s activity will get us up and moving. All of the youth are invited to go roller skating on February 21st from 1-3pm. The cost of skating is \$6, which includes the skate rental.

February is also a big month for the confirmation youth because Youth Encounter is holding their Youth Quake the weekend of February 5-7. Six middle school youth and two high school youth will be going to Wisconsin Dells to worship God and to meet other Christian teens. They are really looking forward to going and having a great time. The Sunday after they get back they will be doing a small presentation in church to let everyone know what they learned.

Finally, February brings back Souper Bowl Sunday. This is an event that the youth do every year. The youth charge admission into church on February 7th. The cost of admission is either two cans of soup or \$2. All of the proceeds that are raised during this event will be going to Human Concerns. So be prepared!

Becca

Upcoming Events:

February:

- 5th-7th- Youth Encounter Quake
- 7th- Souper Bowl Sunday
- 8th-Culver’s Day
- 21st- All Youth Event Roller Skating, 1-3

March:

- 7th-Elementary Servant Event, 1-3, Easter Baskets
- 14th- MS & HS Servant Event, 1-3, Easter Baskets
- 27th- Preparation for Palm Sunday Breakfast, 1-4
- 28th- Palm Sunday Breakfast, 9:15-10:30

April:

- 1st- Seder Meal, 6pm
- 11th- Elementary Event, Bowling, 1-3
- 18th- MS & HS Event, Bowling, 1-3



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Hat, Sock, and Mitten Tree

It seems like the gifts of warmth keep coming and coming to the Hat, Sock, and Mitten Tree in the Narthex. We appreciate your generous support. However, we will soon have to make another delivery to Human Concerns. If you missed out or have any other Human Concerns donations, you can make your donations directly to them. Their hours of operation at 1029 Milwaukee Avenue are shown below:

Monday 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 -11:00 AM
Wednesday 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 -11:00 AM and 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Friday 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Last Saturday of each month
10:00 AM - 12 noon

Deliveries should be made through the rear door just off the 11th Avenue alley at the back of the building.

Christmas Offerings

The offerings received from the Sunday School Christmas Program totaled \$322.02 and when combined with the children's Advent Box collections total over \$400 so far. When all of the collections are in, they will be split between to Human Concerns and Feeding America Southeastern Wisconsin.

Lent and Ash Wednesday

The Lenten season begins this year with Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Lenten Services will continue each Wednesday through March 24th. We encourage all Sunday School students to attend these weekly services at 7:00 PM in addition to our normal Sunday School and Worship service schedule. The Education Ministry team will also be serving a Spaghetti Simple Pre-Lenten supper before the March 10th service. We hope you can join us.

Vacation Bible School

No it is not too early to think about Vacation Bible School. We are waiting for word from the local school systems on their plans for summer school before we can finalize a date. More details should be available in next month's Tidings.

Ray Bergwin and Sharon Piastowski

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.

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.

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CHORAL STARS
Discover. Grow. Shine

The *Choral Stars* will hold auditions for the second semester on Tuesday, January 26th. Please contact Julie Maurer for more information and to schedule your audition at (414) 571-7005 or maurerjulie@att.net.

Winter/Spring Semester: Tuesday evenings at Trinity Lutheran Church. Rehearsals start on February 2nd and continue through April 27th. Exception – April 6th – Easter Break.

Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday, April 27th

Concert: Friday, April 30th, 7:00 PM

There may be more performance opportunities for the spring semester. We will schedule them based on availability and will keep them optional.

Rehearsal Times:

Twinkling Stars – Treble Choir for Grades 3-7: 6:00-7:00 PM

Shooting Stars – Advanced Treble Choir for Grades 8-12*

7:15-8:45 PM

*Vocally mature 7th Graders are also eligible for this choir.

Tuition per Semester: *Twinkling Stars* - \$110.00

Shooting Stars - \$140.00

\$20 – Registration Fee, covers both semesters

Join with a friend or family member and save \$25 off each tuition.

Trinity members receive a 30% discount.

CHORAL STARS



Discover, Grow, Shine

NEW REVIEWS FROM YOUR TRINITY LIBRARY

The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible

by A. J. Jacobs, Simon & Schuster
publisher, hardcover, 400 pages

When Amazon.com chose this book as its Best of the Month, in September 2007, their reviewer Dave Callanan said: Make no mistake: A.J. Jacobs is not a religious man. He describes himself as Jewish "in the same way the Olive Garden is an Italian restaurant." Yet his latest work, *The Year of Living Biblically*, is an insightful and hilarious journey for readers of all faiths.

Jacobs, a New York Jewish agnostic, decides to follow the laws and rules of the Bible, beginning with the Old Testament, for one year. He starts by growing a beard and we are with him through every itchy moment. He enlists the aid of counselors along the way; Jewish rabbis, Christians of every stripe, friends and neighbors. In an open-minded way he also visits with atheists, Evangelicals Concerned (a gay group), Jerry Falwell, snake handlers, Red Letter Christians--those who adhere to the red letters in the Bible, those words spoken by Jesus Himself, and even takes a trip to Israel and meets Samaritans. Through it all, he keeps a healthy skepticism, but continues to pray and is open to the flowering of real faith.

A.J. Jacobs is the editor of *What It Feels Like* and the senior editor of *Esquire* and has written

for *The New York Times*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Glamour*, *New York* magazine, *New York Observer*, and other publications.

Make it Simple: A Congregational Stewardship Resource for Stewardship Education

by ELCA, Augsburg Fortress
publisher, DVD

Is the current economic situation moving you to look more closely at simplicity and generosity? Are you looking for ways to teach children, youth and young adults about being good stewards? Did the financial response method you used last year yield diminishing returns? If so, this new resource is designed for you. This creative and practical resource begins by looking at God's abundant blessings, faces the truth that simplicity and generosity are not easy, invites each person to look beyond oneself to make a difference in the world, and helps one determine how to care for God's gift of enough.

From congregational, small group and household learning events to children's and youth activities, *Make It Simple* provides tools to engage all age groups. A series of nine compelling video segments reveal the personal witness of Christians trying to live simply, be generous and serve God. These are based on Bible Studies and conversations about real life situations.

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, paper goods, 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.

This
Month's
Birthdays



SUNDAY SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS **IN FEBRUARY**

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

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE MAKERS

February 07	Dan Soddy
February 14	Amy Pinkos
February 21	Les Touve
February 28	Phyllis Henriksen

ACOLYTES

February 06	5:00 PM	Hannah Fischer
February 07	8:00 AM	*
	10:30 AM	Paul Graeven, *
February 13	5:00 PM	Victoria Fischer
February 14	8:00 AM	*
	10:30 AM	*
February 17	7:00 PM	Emily Anderson, *
(Ash Wednesday)		
February 20	5:00 PM	Victoria Fischer
February 21	8:00 AM	*
	10:30 AM	*
February 24	7:00 PM	*
(Lenten Service)		
February 27	5:00 PM	Josh Janusiak
February 28	8:00 AM	*
	10:30 AM	*

TAKING BLOOD PRESSURE

February 14

Jeff Crogan

ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE

February 07	Mark & Karen Sostarich/Robert & Jeana Hoefs
February 14	Aaron & Patty Johnson/ Jeffrey & Sharon Piastowski
February 21	C.J. & Ann Janz/Keith & Jean Belter
February 28	Betsy Baranek/Sisters in Christ

THE 2010 FLORAL CHART CAN BE FOUND NEXT TO THE OFFICE. FLOWERS ARE \$15.50 PER BOUQUET.

ALTAR GUILD

February

Bernie Klute and Carolyn Onsager

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

February 06	5:00 PM	Jay Kullmann
February 07	8:00 AM	Gary & Ann Zander, Margie Fischer
	10:30 AM	Steve Mueller, Adrienne Mueller Bob Olson
February 17 (Ash Wednesday)	7:00 PM	Volunteers Needed
February 20	5:00 PM	Nancy Barbian
February 21	8:00 AM	Lori Mijokovic, Amy Pinkos Karen Crump
	10:30 AM	Jim & Sandi Rogosienski, Jeff Jagler
February 27	5:00 PM	Donna Immel
February 28	8:00 AM	Esther Immel, Jill Wilcheck Brian Zysk
	10:30 AM	Ed & Barb Magnuson Elisabeth Carrion

SCHEDULED READERS

February 06	5:00 PM	Sharon Piastowski
February 07	8:00 AM	Phyllis Henriksen
	10:30 AM	Dan Soddy
February 13	5:00 PM	Julie Kubasa
February 14	8:00 AM	Ed Mueller
	10:30 AM	Sue Zylka
February 20	5:00 PM	Ann Buck
February 21	8:00 AM	Kathryn Swanson
	10:30 AM	Rebecca Mains
February 27	5:00 PM	Diane Banach
February 28	8:00 AM	Richard Cole
	10:30 AM	Brian Zysk

NURSERY SCHEDULE

February 06	5:00 PM	Donna Huck
February 07	8:00 AM	Erin Wait
	10:30 AM	Erin Ulezelski
February 13	5:00 PM	Janna Dalecky
February 14	8:00 AM	Lori Fassbender
	10:30 AM	Liz Keller
February 20	5:00 PM	Clare Huck
February 21	8:00 AM	Lelia Haeger
	10:30 AM	Adrienne Mueller
February 27	5:00 PM	Ramona Peterson
February 28	8:00 AM	Ann Janz
	10:30 AM	Amy Radtke

GREETERS

February 06	5:00 PM	Dave & Judy Page
February 07	8:00 AM	Gary & Ann Zander
	10:30 AM	Ben & Darleen Owen
February 13	5:00 PM	Ray & Betsy Berg
February 14	8:00 AM	Mary Pulkownik, John Wawrzyniak
	10:30 AM	Jim & Sandi Rogosienski
February 20	5:00 PM	Kevin & Gina Dathe
February 21	8:00 AM	Bruce & Joyce Warwick
	10:30 AM	Stephanie Truckenmiller, Anne Zysk
February 27	5:00 PM	Joan Dorcey, Bob Hanson
February 28	8:00 AM	Carolyn Onsager, Marlene Schneider
	10:30 AM	Jon & Ann Good

USHERS

February 07	8:00 AM	*Ray Bergwin, Debra Grahovac Julie Thiel, Bill Elmore
	10:30 AM	*Jerome Zylka, Bob Engelbart Fred & Sharon Schraith
February 14	8:00 AM	*Ed Mueller, Les Touve Linn Walloch, Kevin Dathe
	10:30 AM	*Jeff Jagler, Cindy Felicki Josh Jagler, Joe Jagler
February 21	8:00 AM	*Bruce Warwick, Stan Druckrey Lori Fassbender, Jake Pinos
	10:30 AM	*George Krezner, Adam Malcolm. Betsy Baranek, Emily Baranek
February 28	8:00 AM	*John Wawrzyniak, Dick Schaefer Greg Crump, Al Czysh
	10:30 AM	*Steve Jagler, Steve Krueger Justin Jagler, James Jagler

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

JANUARY 2010

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On Tuesday, January 12, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake rocked the island country of Haiti, primarily impacting the capital, Port-au-Prince.

Offices, hotels, houses and shops have collapsed. The presidential palace is in ruins and many churches have been destroyed. Hospitals are overflowing and the search for survivors is intense.

The streets of Haiti are filled with people in shock and searching for loved ones among the rubble.

Your help is needed today to bring immediate relief and continued hope for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. About 3 million lives, one-third of Haiti's population, are affected by this earthquake.

Already one of the poorest countries in the world (70 percent of Haiti's population lives in extreme poverty), this catastrophe will exacerbate the suffering felt by many already living with hunger and poverty.

ELCA Disaster Response is already working through long-standing partnerships on the ground to provide emergency food, water, shelter and medical supplies.

Financial gifts are urgently needed. **Your gifts to ELCA International Disaster Response, designated for Haiti Earthquake Relief, will be used entirely—100 percent—for immediate relief and ongoing recovery in Haiti.** Your prayers and generous gifts will make a life-saving difference. Please give today.

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