

## **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
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John Jones, Custodian	
Jana Larson, Music Director	

## **RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED AND RECOVERING**

Barb Meyer

Dagne Domino

## **BAPTISM**

Alexis Ruth Hoefs, daughter of Robert and Jeana (Johnson) Hoefs, on January 31.



## **FUNERAL**

A funeral service was held on February 16 for Donald Felicki who died on February 10 at the age of 63.

## **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Mike Zingsheim  
Marion Hansen  
Pam Cooper  
Wanda Sjoblom  
Margaret Jones  
Gina Lorentzen  
Pastor Jim Niederloh  
Barb Jones  
Lyle Hannemann  
Don Barbian, Jr.

Evelyn Lokken  
Roger Malcolm  
Dagne Domino  
Margo Kullmann  
Fern Christianson  
Barb Meyer  
Bill Tillman  
Tom Immel  
Greg Buck  
June Kellogg

# **TRINITY EVENTS IN MARCH**

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

Wednesday: 7:00 PM Lenten Services

Education Hour - Sunday: 9:15 AM

Contemporary Service the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at 10:30

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month at 8:00 AM

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| March 1  | 6:00 Property Team<br>6:30 Catechism Leader Huddle  |
| March 2  | 6:30 Congregational Life at Gail English's<br>7:00 Education Team at Kari Bruins'   |
| March 3  | 5:30 Simple Supper by Catechism Classes   |
| March 4  | 1:30 Dorcas Circle at Kathryn Swanson's<br>6:30 Caring Ministry Team<br>7:00 Worship/Music Ministry Team  |
| March 7  | 9:15 Youth Team Meeting<br>1:00-3:00 Elementary Youth Service Project<br>3:00 Stewardship/Finance Team  |
| March 8  | 6:30-8:00 Catechism Class   |
| March 10 | 5:30 Simple Supper by Education Team  |
| March 11 | 7:00 Council Meeting  |
| March 13 | Congregational Leader Event   |
| March 14 | Daylight Saving Time Begins<br>9:15 Blood Pressure Checks<br>1:00-3:00 Middle & High School Service Event<br>Kringle/Cheesecake/Cookie Dough Orders Due |
| March 15 | 6:30 Catechism Service/Fellowship Event<br>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  |
| March 20 | 1:00-3:00 Saturday Stitchers  |
| March 21 | 9:15 Outreach Team<br>5:30 Diner's Club to Carleton Grange<br>EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE  |
| March 22 | 6:30-8:00 Catechism Class   |
| March 25 | 8:00 Executive Committee  |
| March 27 | 1:00-3:00 Palm Sunday Breakfast Preparation   |
| March 28 | PALM SUNDAY<br>9:15-10:30 BREAKFAST SERVED<br>Kringle/Cheesecake/Cookie Dough Delivery<br>Coffee Orders Due   |
| March 29 | 6:30 Catechism Leader Huddle  |
| March 31 | Women's Retreat Reservations Due  |

## **TRINITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2010**

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Dear Friends in Christ,

A journey of 40 days has begun this past month. Together, many Christians from mainline denominations have started the observation of Lent and its disciplines with the ashes of repentance and the forgiveness that is offered in the Lord's Supper.

By now, we are solidly on our way following the path of Lent's disciplines: worship, prayer, service, giving, fasting and study. The goal is not just to have a closer personal relationship with God in Jesus Christ although, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that is certainly one welcome outcome of this journey. The goal is to see people near and far, Creation itself, ourselves, and literally everything in our lives more like Jesus sees: through the eyes of God's deep and abiding love for all.

You are invited to be part of this journey. Our mid-week Lenten services are helping us see other Christians around the world through the eyes of Jesus. The Holden Evening Prayer is helping us worship Jesus. The Simple Suppers are helping us make connections in Christ's name with other members of TLC through times of fellowship. Our Bible studies are helping us learn who Jesus is. Our opportunities for giving of ourselves and our treasure are helping others along their journeys.

Come, journey with Jesus this Lent and learn to see through his eyes of love.

Yours in Christ's Service,  
Pastor Bill

## **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

All of our mid-week worship services begin at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings and follow the Holden Evening Prayer.

Wed., 3/3 - Palestine, Sisters in Christ Simple Supper serving 5:30 - 6:45 pm

Wed., 3/10 - Botswana, Education Ministry Team Simple Supper serving 5:30 - 6:45 pm

Wed., 3/17 - Chile, no supper scheduled yet

Wed., 3/24 - India, no supper scheduled yet

Thurs., 4/1 - Maundy Thursday with the Lord's Supper,  
Youth Group Seder Meal

Fri., 4/2 - Good Friday, services at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM

## **NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello, fellow members of Trinity Lutheran Church, this has been a challenging couple years for so many of us, hasn't it? The economy is down and members of our congregation, as well as friends and relatives, have lost jobs and are looking for work. The poor economy has had an impact on our church in that our financial pledges were slightly down which meant we had to adjust the church budget for 2010. We have also seen a decrease in pledges for service to the church, by that I mean pledges on the Time & Talent sheets. Just like we use financial pledges to build a budget, we use the Time and Talent sheets to plan how to actually run the church; scheduling ushers and readers for worship, teachers for Sunday School and helpers for the Meatball Supper to name a few examples. This year the service pledges on the Time & Talent sheets were down a lot. I'm not sure why this is, I would have thought that if financial pledges were down maybe, instead of money, people would volunteer for more service to the church but that doesn't seem to be the case.

Interestingly, we are very good at responding to *direct* requests for service from Pastor Bill. When Pastor stands in front of the congregation and asks for help taking down the Christmas tree or putting up risers for a Children's program we respond quickly and it gets done. Why are we good at responding to his request and not the request made through the Time & Talents sheet? Again, I'm not sure, perhaps it is easy to respond to Pastor's requests because those are often short, quick actions and don't require a big or long term commitment.

Commitment. Last month I asked you to think about what you are committed to. Now think about this; **God is committed to us, HOW are we committed to God?** Yes, we live in a busy world with commitments to work and organizations and children and *their* commitments and school activities. Those many demands have an influence on HOW we are committed to God. I'll admit because of other demands there have been times when I have said no to someone's request to help at church. Yep, most of us have been there and done that, or are still there and doing that. Being busy doesn't change the question, **God is committed to us, HOW are we committed to God?** When we look at our commitments, do we start with God first then work our busy schedules around our commitment to Him? Or is God second, or third, or lower on the list and our

commitment to Him is something we do if it fits into an open gap in our schedule? Interesting question isn't it?

We already know the answer to that question, we start with God first. We have heard that answer in Pastor's sermons, in the lessons from the Bible, in Sunday School, Confirmation class, Adult Bible Study and in every church activity. Our commitment to God must be more than just attending worship service once in a while, more than just giving money in the offering on Christmas and more than helping with the risers for the Children's program. It may make us uncomfortable to think about how we'll fit this commitment into our busy lives. We should probably rethink *that* thought and instead *start with how we'll fit the things in our lives around our commitment to God.* Think about that.

Steve Mueller

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

There are two different Bible Studies for adults available during March. The Thursday morning Adult Bible Study centers on the upcoming Gospel of the week:

- 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

The Sunday morning Adult Class will be working their way through a study of Proverbs called "*God's Standard or Gold Standard?*" The Proverbs study is part of our "Opening the Book of Faith" series. Optional learner resources are available for \$5.

Sunday, March 7 - Proverbs 22 - What Is Our Standard of Living?

Sunday, March 14 - Proverbs 1 - Are We Singing the Standards of Wisdom?

Sunday, March 21 - Proverbs 31 - Are We Raising God's Standard?

Sunday, March 28 - OFF - Palm Sunday Breakfast served by TLC Youth

Sunday, April 4 - OFF - Easter

## **NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE TEAM**

### **Upcoming Events**

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

March 28 - Fair Trade orders due

April 4 - Dead Sea Scrolls reservations due

April 28 - 12:00 p.m. lunch & bus trip to Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit

### **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, which is located at 3807 S. Packard Avenue in St. Francis. The Carleton Grange Pub and Restaurant takes its name from an international student hostel located in Islington, England, a northern borough of London. In the spirit of a traditional English Pub, Carleton Grange offers quality imported and domestic beverages, as well as a full menu of European influenced food. Join us at this interesting pub! Please sign up on the sheet in back of church.

### **Fair Trade Sale**

This year's first fair trade sale is underway, with orders due March 28. There is an order form in this copy of the Tidings as well more forms 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.

### **Lunch & Bus Trip to Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit**

We are offering a trip to the Milwaukee Public Museum to see the new Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit, on Wednesday, April 28. *Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible: Ancient Artifacts, Timeless Treasures* brings together archaeological objects and manuscripts to tell a story 2,000 years in the making. View actual Dead Sea Scrolls and other early biblical artifacts to learn how transmission of these early writings has shaped the beliefs of Judaism and

Christianity and influenced aspects of Islam. The largest temporary exhibit ever produced by the Milwaukee Public Museum, *Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible* explores the archaeological history of the Holy Land during the period the scrolls were written, from the third century B.C. through the first century A.D. The exhibit also tracks the discovery of the first scrolls and subsequent realization of their extraordinary significance.

We will meet at church at 12:00 p.m., eat lunch, then go to the museum by bus and return around 5:30 p.m. Total cost including lunch, bus ride & museum entrance fees will be \$23 for adults, and \$21 for seniors age 60 and better. Envelopes are available in back of church for reservations and payment, which are due Easter Sunday, April 4th. Please join us for this opportunity to see these wonderful ancient artifacts and timeless treasures.

## **PASTOR'S WISH LIST**

Time once again for the irregular column of Pastor's Wish List. When it appears, it's a list of things/volunteers/opportunities/and other needs that would help the church's mission and ministry run more smoothly. This month, Pastor Bill is wishing for:

- more people to turn in their Time and Talent Forms
- at least 6 more people to help with the Altar Guild setting up Communion, etc.
- at least 4 people to volunteer to take blood pressures on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month
- two teams of 4-8 people to provide Simple Suppers for the last two Wednesdays of Lent
- 1 more person willing to serve as a Communion Deacon to the home-bound

Be sure to check out Trinity's website at [www.tlcm.org](http://www.tlcm.org)



MARCH 14

Set your clocks one hour AHEAD  
before going to bed on March 13.

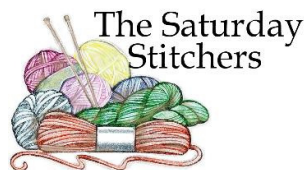
## **LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION**

Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) is hosting a Region 5 Gathering in Brookfield, WI beginning Friday evening, April 16 through Saturday, April 17th. LMM is an independent organization closely affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA.

This event will be held at St. John's Lutheran, 20275 Davidson Rd, Brookfield WI 53045. Region 5 includes IL, IA, WI & the UP. The Gathering Poster and Information/Registration brochure in pdf format are on-line at [www.lutheranmen.org](http://www.lutheranmen.org) in the Regional Gatherings page of the Events tab. There are registration options for Friday Only, Saturday Only or Both. Friday night will feature Bob Colquhoun and Ralph Mierow. Pastor Larry Clark will be Saturday's main speaker, along with Doug Haugen. Saturday will also include a variety of break-out sessions with topics of inspiration and idea sharing, including Building Men for Christ, Habitat for Humanity/Thrivent Build and Water for Your Soul. These sessions are designed to help men have a closer relationship with Jesus Christ through an effective men's ministry. Watch for Gathering and Breakout Session updates on the website

## **THE SATURDAY STITCHERS**

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



**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, March 4, at 1:30 PM at the home of Kathryn Swanson

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00 PM at the home of Carolyn Onsager.

**Stewardship/Finance**  
**January, 2010 Ministry Team Report**

*Project Uplift:*

*Reserve funds account*  
\$ 16,814.34 Month's beginning balance  
595.00 Contributions for month  
583.00 Month's payments  
\$ 16,826.34 Ending balance



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

Operating Budget Summation		
	For the month of JANUARY 2010	Year-to-date
Income	\$29,313.03	\$29,313.03
Expenses	<u>\$28,900.50</u>	<u>\$28,900.50</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$412.53</u>	<u>\$412.53</u>

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sign Up For the Sisters-In-Christ Women's Retreat  
**NOW!**

**All Christian women, of all ages, are invited to come for a faith filled, fun filled weekend at Lutherdale bible camp. September 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>** is the date for this year's *Sisters-In-Christ Women's Retreat*. We have some great things planned... a pontoon ride around Silver lake to take in the beautiful fall colors, shared meals, laughter and prayer including a bible study about Advent and how to prepare for Christ's birth. The exchanging of *Prayer Pockets* is included as one of the favorite weekend activities and will be provided for you. Morning walks and talks start your Saturday while a craft project and lots of free time make for a relaxing afternoon. The evening includes worship, holy communion, a healing service and is capped off with an inviting evening campfire filled with joyful singing.

The cost of \$120 includes 2 nights lodging (3 single beds per room. Bedding, towels and washcloths are provided), 4 meals, bible study materials and a **FREE** craft project for those who register with a non-refundable deposit of \$40 by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Retreat flyers and registration slips are available in the narthex. Please take a moment to fill out your registration slip and include a check made out to Debra Moss today! (Registrations and checks can be left with Sharon in the office.) You will be contacted when the time comes about car pooling and what to bring etc.

We are hosting one of the Simple Suppers at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Lenten service so come join us and meet some of the women who attend the retreats. If you have any questions and you can't make the Simple Supper, you may contact Lori at 414-423-8329 or email at [lamsews@wi.rr.com](mailto:lamsews@wi.rr.com). Space is limited to 22 women so don't lose out on this opportunity! I look forward to hearing from you.

Your Sister In Christ,  
Lori Mijokovic



## MARCH YOUTH NEWS

Greetings,

The youth groups had a great time in February! During the first weekend in February, eight middle school youth and two high school youth went to Wisconsin Dells to participate in the Youth Encounter Quake. It was a great experience. We were able to listen to a wonderful speaker by the name of Josh Brecht who inspired all of us. The event also had some great bands and we quickly became fans of the Christian Alternative band known as HELLOFOREVER. The theme for the weekend was from Micah 6:8 which states that we should Do Justly, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly with God.

The end of the month will bring all of the youth together again. An all youth roller skating event at Rollaero is occurring on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-3. The cost is \$6 which includes the skate rental. Please come and join us and we do some rocking and rolling!

The youth groups are also selling Kringles during the month of March. The cost of a Kringle is \$8. They will be available for pickup on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8-11. The proceeds from this event will go to the next National Youth Gathering.

Becca

### Upcoming Events

February:

21<sup>st</sup>- All Youth Event Roller Skating, 1-3

March:

7<sup>th</sup>-Elementary Servant Event, 1-3, Easter Baskets

14<sup>th</sup>- MS & HS Servant Event, 1-3, Easter Baskets

27<sup>th</sup>- Preparation for Palm Sunday Breakfast, 1-3

28<sup>th</sup>- Palm Sunday Breakfast, 9:15-10:30

April:

1<sup>st</sup>- Seder Meal, 6pm

11<sup>th</sup>- Elementary Event, Bowling, 1-3

18<sup>th</sup>- MS & HS Event, Bowling, 1-3



### Lent and Ash Wednesday

The Lenten season begins Ash Wednesday, February 17th and services continue each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM through March 24th. We encourage all Sunday School students to attend these weekly services in addition to our normal Sunday School and Worship service schedule. We also hope you can join us for a Spaghetti Simple Supper before the March 10th Lenten service.

### Vacation Bible School

We hope to announce the dates for our 2010 Vacation Bible School soon. It is expected to be in a week during August, but we are still waiting for word on the local summer school dates before announcing ours. As always, we encourage your support by volunteering as a teacher, helper, or center leader and/or walking in the South Milwaukee Heritage Days parade.

### Scholarship Applications

Please note that Scholarship Applications will be available beginning Monday, March 15th and must be returned by May 1st to receive consideration. The Scholarship Awards decision and notification is expected to be made by Monday, May 10th. The 2009 Annual Report indicated there was \$1,348.00 in the Scholarship fund. Donations to this fund are always appreciated.

### High Interest Sunday

Shortly after Easter Sunday, April 4th, we hope to initiate another High Interest Sunday for various groups of our Sunday school kids. We always solicit your ideas for meaningful programs to incorporate on this Sunday. Please contact Ray Bergwin 764-1765 or Sharon at 762-6626 with your input.

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.

The Scholarship criteria will be published in the Tidings each year until this year's awards are made. Scholarship applications will be available **March 15, 2010** 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.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY/Thrivent Builds**

Have you marked your calendars yet? Have you worked out your schedules? We going on our 5<sup>th</sup> local Mission Trip to Milwaukee for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity Build Week.

The dates have been set for the week of May 10-14. The location will be in the Harambee neighborhood of Milwaukee again.

Trinity has been involved in all five “Build Weeks” in Milwaukee. As in years past, we will need at least 15 volunteers from the congregation to be assigned our own house. The sign-up sheets are out on the tables in the narthex. Habitat asks that people volunteer for at least two of the five days. Please sign-up as early as you can so we can start making plans. Ride-sharing will be worked out the week before the Build Week.

Volunteers who have never done this before as well as experienced are welcome. It’s a great time to do “hands-on” ministry for people in need, as well as enjoy the company of other TLC members.

### **EMAIL ADDRESSES**

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## NEW REVIEWS FROM YOUR TRINITY LIBRARY

### **Rediscovering Values: On Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street**

by Jim Wallis, Howard Books publisher, hardcover, 272 pages

When we start with the wrong question, no matter how good an answer we get, it won't give us the results we want. Rather than joining the throngs who are asking, "When will this economic crisis be over?" Jim Wallis says the right question to ask is "How will this crisis change us?" The worst thing we can do now, Wallis tells us, is to go back to normal. Normal is what got us into this situation. We need a new normal, and this economic crisis is an invitation to discover what that means. Some of the principles Wallis unpacks for our new normal are . . . It's time to stop keeping up with the Joneses and start making sure the Joneses are okay. A healthy society is a balanced society in which markets, the government, and our communities all play a role; and the operating principle of God's economy says that there is enough if we share it.

Jim Wallis is a bestselling author, public theologian, speaker, preacher, and international commentator on religion, public life, faith, and politics. He is president and CEO of Sojourners, where he is editor-in-chief of Sojourners magazine.

### **Were You There? Finding Ourselves at the Foot of the Cross**

by Erik Kolbell, Westminster John Knox Press publisher, hardcover, 176 pages

"In the Passion of Jesus we hear the story of one person but the echoes of many," writes Erik Kolbell, "for although we read it to find out who Jesus was, it is in the reading of those other characters that we find out who we are." Perfect for the Lenten season or throughout the year, "Were You There?" provides thoughtful meditations about Peter, the slave whose ear is severed, Judas, the woman who anointed Jesus, Pilate, Herod, Simon of Cyrene, the centurion at the cross, Joseph of Arimathea, Mary, and many others.

Erik Kolbell is a writer, psychotherapist, and former Minister of Social Justice at Riverside Church in New York. He is the author of "What Jesus Meant: The Beatitudes and a Meaningful Life".

### **Lenten Prayers for Busy People: A Forty-Day Retreat Wherever You Happen to Be**

by William J. O'Malley, Orbis Books publisher, paperback, 287 pages

A delightful collection of prayers and readings for the Lenten season, and wonderful spiritual reading for all year round. In addition to psalmists and evangelists, inspiring passages come from writers, poets, and lyricists including C. S. Lewis, Alice Walker, John Donne, Thomas Merton and Bob Dylan.

William J. O'Malley, S.J. has published more than 30 books and 100 articles on spirituality and Christian living. A beloved teacher for more than 40 years, most recently at Fordham Prep in New York City, Fr. O'Malley has directed nearly 100 plays and musicals.

# **BAN THE BAG, SAVE THE TURTLES!**

(and, oh yeah, the earth)

Some habits die hard, which is why a lot of people still don't use those canvas reusable grocery bags you get at the supermarket.

But they have really transformed my life! I used to have a kitchen drawer full of those filmy plastic disposable bags. Every shopping trip I'd have to stuff a few more into the drawer. No more!

But the change wasn't exactly the one I expected. I'll clue you in, but first, some background on me, and the ban-the-disposable-bag movement.

As much as I can without slipping into eco-kooky land, I'm pretty much a me-first environmentalist. It's personal -- saving the planet, cleaning up the landscape and conserving non-renewable resources. When I was a kid I picked up litter on the road.

I still don't mind doing my part, even knowing full well now that my efforts are more than canceled out by the loud down the road who drives a Hummer and illuminates the outside of his house with enough incandescent candlepower to energize the stadium on Super Bowl Sunday.

Plastic bags are bad for a lot of reasons - they don't decay, they use non-renewable fuel to produce, they add to the waste stream, etc. -- but what got to me was the sea turtles. Mistaking the bags dumped at sea for tasty floating jellyfish, the turtles choke to death on them.

Americans use billions of the bags every year, just for the single purpose of carrying everyday purchases from store to home. What a waste! And they pollute!

Concerned about the Anacostia River, which was choking with plastic shopping bags, this year the District of Columbia became the first city in the country to impose a 5-cent charge on each supermarket bag. Sure, consumers fuss and fume, but the Washington Post reports that already use of disposable bags has been about cut in half. And the money raised will clean up the Anacostia and other areas.

Even Walmart has jumped on the ban-the-bag bandwagon. The world's biggest chain wants to reduce its plastic-bag waste by one third by 2013. Just for Walmart, a reduction of one third would reap these benefits: keep 9 billion bags out of the waste stream; save 290,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions, save the equivalent of 678,000 barrels of oil.

As for me, I switched two years ago, when the supermarkets started selling them for 99 cents on the racks right next to the cash register. They're nice! Big! Durable! Handy for other things! And my local grocer offered a 5 cent discount on groceries every time I used one! I got in the habit of buying reusable bags whenever I shopped. They're great!

Problem is, I never seem to be able to remember to take them with me when I shop. So I no longer have a drawer full of plastic disposable bags, but I have a drawer full of reusable bags! I guess that's progress. Some habits die hard!

## **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 March is canned fruit and vegetables, boxed dinners, toiletries, 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

### MARCH

March 03	Natalia Flores	March 07	Fred Keating
March 08	Joshua Janusiak	March 17	Natalie Lawien
March 19	Brianna Gaidosh	March 24	Gary Krenzer
March 27	Rose Bowe	March 28	Lucia Flores
March 29	Stephanie Ploch	March 30	Hannah Fischer
March 30	Braydon Ulezelski		

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE MAKERS

March 07	Sharon Piastowski
March 14	Kathryn Swanson
March 21	Paula Tarnowski
March 28	Jerome Zylka
April 04 (Easter)	Phyllis Henriksen

## TAKING BLOOD PRESSURE

March 14	Betsy Baranek
April 11	Liz Keller

## ALTAR GUILD

March	Jean Belter and *
April	Doris Mueller and Eunice Draeger
May	Bernie Klute and Carolyn Onsager
	* Additional Help is Needed

## ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE

March 07	Jerome & Sue Zylka/Jon & Ann Good
March 14	Chris & Lelia Haeger/*
March 21	Jerome & Sue Zylka/Lori Mijokovic
March 28	Lori Fassbender/*
April 04	Easter Flowers

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

## ACOLYTES

March 06	5:00 PM	Hannah Fischer
March 13	5:00 PM	Victoria Fischer
March 20	5:00 PM	Josh Janusiak
March 21	8:00 AM	Amy Hanson, *
March 27	5:00 PM	Josh Janusiak

\*ALL OTHER SERVICES ARE IN NEED OF ACOLYTES

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

March 06	5:00 PM	Diane Banach
March 07	8:00 AM	Gary & Ann Zander, Becca Mains
	10:30 AM	Christina Crogan, David Hahn Dan Carrion
March 13	5:00 PM	Ann Buck
March 14	8:00 AM	Brian Zysk, Margie Fischer, *
	10:30 AM	Cindy Felicki, Betsy Baranek Sue Zylka
March 20	5:00 PM	Karen Claffey
March 21	8:00 AM	Amy Pinkos, Aly Pinkos, *
	10:30 AM	Nate Keller, Sandy Mueller Steve Krueger
March 27	5:00 PM	Gina Dathe
March 28	8:00 AM	Esther Immel, Margie Fischer, *
	10:30 AM	Ben & Darleen Owen, Steve Mueller

## SCHEDULED READERS

March 06	5:00 PM	Stephanie Truckenmiller
March 07	8:00 AM	Lori Mijokovic
	10:30 AM	Betsy Baranek
March 13	5:00 PM	Jacob Anderson
March 14	8:00 AM	Becca Mains
	10:30 AM	Donna Leu
March 20	5:00 PM	Karen Claffey
March 21	8:00 AM	Aly Pinkos
	10:30 AM	Debra Moss
March 27	5:00 PM	Phyllis Bruneau
March 28	8:00 AM	Walt Reichelt
	10:30 AM	Sarah Brooks

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

March 06	5:00 PM	Janine Kaczmarowski
March 07	8:00 AM	Lori Fassbender
	10:30 AM	Julie Johnson
March 13	5:00 PM	Donna Huck
March 14	8:00 AM	Lelia Haeger
	10:30 AM	Elisabeth Carrion
March 20	5:00 PM	Janna Dalecky
March 21	8:00 AM	Ann Janz
	10:30 AM	Jenna Jagler
March 27	5:00 PM	Clare Huck
March 28	8:00 AM	Amanda Thiel
	10:30 AM	Emily Baranek

## GREETERS

March 06	5:00 PM	Nancy Barbian & Jay Kullmann
March 07	8:00 AM	Keith & Jean Belter
	10:30 AM	Patrick & Rebecca Conway
March 13	5:00 PM	Greg & Ann Buck
March 14	8:00 AM	Al & Shirley Czysh
	10:30 AM	Dorothy Engelbart & Colette Feldman
March 20	5:00 PM	Ray & Alice Grant
March 21	8:00 AM	Eunice Draeger & Debra Grahovac
	10:30 AM	Shirley Jagler & Julie Johnson
March 27	5:00 PM	El & Shirley Hubbard
March 28	8:00 AM	Stan & Nancy Druckrey
	10:30 AM	Bill House & Nicole Lentz

## USHERS

March 07	8:00 AM	*Russ Bruneau, Greg Buck Tom & Gayle Barbian
	10:30 AM	*Ken Peterson, Debra Moss Jim & Sandi Rogosienski
March 14	8:00 AM	*Ray Bergwin, Debra Grahovac Julie Thiel, Bill Elmore
	10:30 AM	*Bob Olson, Mike Radtke Jerome Zylka, Tim Fountain
March 21	8:00 AM	*Ed Mueller, Les Touve Gary Mueller, Devin Dathe
	10:30 AM	*David Hahn, Ben & Darleen Owen
March 28	8:00 AM	*Bruce Warwick, Stan Druckrey Lori Fassbender, Jake Pinkos
	10:30 AM	*Dan Carrion, Elisabeth Carrion Fred & Sharon Schraith

## Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Fair Trade Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

		Country of Origin	Type	Size	Price	Number of Bags of Coffee		Total Price
						Drip Grind	Whole Bean	
Conventional Coffees	Café Salvador	El Salvador	Full City	12 oz.	\$6		not available	
	Bright Day Brew	Colombia & Tanzanic	Medium	12 oz.	\$6		not available	
	Tanzanian Jubilee	Tanzania	Full City	12 oz.	\$6		not available	
Organic Coffees	Breakfast Blend	Nicaragua & Peru	Medium/French	12 oz.	\$6			
	Sister's Blend	Nicaragua & Peru	Full City	16 oz.	\$6		not available	
	Love Buzz	Latin America	Full City/French	12 oz.	\$6			
	French Roast	Latin America	French	10 oz.	\$6			
	Mind, Body & Soul	Mexico	Medium/Vienna	12 oz.	\$6			
	Ethiopian	Ethiopia	Full City	12 oz.	\$6			
	Colombian	Colombia	Full City	12 oz.	\$6			
Flavored Coffees	Hazelnut Crème	El Salvador	Medium	12 oz.	\$7		not available	
	French Vanilla	El Salvador	Medium	12 oz.	\$7		not available	
	Toffee Caramel	El Salvador	Medium	12 oz.	\$7		not available	
Decaffeinated Coffees	Colombian	Colombia	Full City	12 oz.	\$7		not available	
	Organic	Latin America	Full City	12 oz.	\$7			
	Hazelnut Crème	El Salvador	Medium	12 oz.	\$8		not available	
	Mount Meru	Tanzania	Full City	12 oz.	\$10			
						Number of Boxes of Tea		
Organic Teas	Rooibos Tea	South Africa	Caffeine Free	25 bags	\$3			
	Earl Grey Tea	Darjeeling, India	Darjeeling	25 bags	\$3			
	English Breakfast	India	Assam, Darjeeling	25 bags	\$3			

Orders must be submitted with payment by Sunday, March 28. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Total due:

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