

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.

<p>Pastor Bill is not in the office on Fridays. The office is open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday</p>

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

William Mains, Pastor	262-681-3368
Becca Mains, Youth Director	
Thomas Reifenberg, Organist	303-3515
Tammy Woodbury, Saturday Keyboard	975-9609
Jana Larson, Music Director	
Sharon Piastowski, Secretary/Education Coordinator	764-4066
John Jones, Custodian	

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Contemporary Services: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month at 10:30
4th Sunday at 8:00

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

Marcy Ergen

Ron Henriksen

FUNERAL SERVICE

A funeral service was held at Molthen-Bell Funeral Home on January 8 for Nicholas Silkworth who died on January 4 at the age of 30.

BAPTISM

Nolan Robert Ugowski, son of Raymond and Erin (Becker) Ugowski, was baptized on January 15.

Lucas Michael Conway, son of Patrick and Rebecca (Nemke) Conway, was baptized on January 22.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Mike Zingsheim

Evelyn Lokken

Marion Hansen

Roger Malcolm

Pam Cooper

Dagne Domino

Margo Kullmann

Don Barbian, Jr.

Fern Christianson

Gina Lorentzen

Barb Meyer

Pastor Jim Niederloh

Bill Tillman

Ramona Stefanski

Ron Meyer

TRINITY EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

February 1	6:00 Property Ministry Team
February 2	1:30 Dorcas Circle at Kathryn's 6:30 Caring Ministry Team 6:30 Congregational Life Team at Chris's
February 4	5:00 Worship/Communion 6:30 Diner's Club Souper Bowl Event
February 5	Installation of Church Council 9:15 Youth Ministry Team Souper Bowl Sunday
February 5 & 19	SCRIP Orders Due
February 6	6:30 Stewardship Ministry Team 6:30 Finance Ministry Team 7:00 Education Team at Debbie's
February 7 & 21	9:00 Quilting
February 9	7:00 Church Council
February 10	6:30 Sisters in Spirit
February 12	10:30 Capra Baptism 1:00-3:00 Elementary Bowling Event
February 13	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
February 14	7:00 Sarah Circle at Alice Grant's
February 16	Noon Nifty Fifty Lunch 7:00 Healing Service of Prayer
February 18	9:00-Noon First Communion Class 1:00-3:00 Saturday Stitchers
February 19	9:15 Outreach Ministry Team 9:15 Blood Pressure Checks 10:30 Feldman Baptism 1-3:00 MS & HS Bowling
February 19 & 26	SCRIP Orders Delivered
February 22	ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30-6:30 Simple Supper 6:00 Carillon Ringer 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service
February 29	5:30-6:30 Simple Supper 7:00 Lenten Service

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks

This is my last column as the President of YOUR Congregation and I have some closing thoughts to share.

My first thought is that we have a great Church. I know everyone likes their Church otherwise why would you belong? I think we have a great Church for a number of reasons. The biggest reason is that we have many wonderful members who; share their amazing talents to make worship services happen, make the Sunday School run, keep the building in good condition, create, coordinate and run our outreach evangelism, sing and play bells in our Choirs and Soul Purpose Rock Band and put together special services, events and programs that show God's presence in the world. And we have a great Church because of our staff – Sharon, Becca, Jana, John, Tom, Amy and Pastor Bill all work very hard to make TLC great.

Second, I think we should recognize we are financially ok. We are able to fund our programs, pay our staff and give some money to the Greater Milwaukee Synod and the National ELCA to do God's work beyond our Church walls. Yes, it would be wonderful to have a bigger budget; that said, we are ok.

Third, TLC has been blessed with great leaders. We usually talk about TLC as a family in Christ, and we are, we are also a non-profit business organization. We have a long history of past Presidents, Council Members and Ministry Team Members who have worked to set up sound practices to keep us organizationally and financially strong. All those great leaders, our positive financial situation and our wonderful congregation members have made my role as President rather easy and helped the last two years fly by.

A final thought. I went to high school with a classmate named Gene. In one of our classes we had a big, for HS, project where we had to write a 20 page paper. Gene liked doing his homework right before the deadline so he wrote his paper the night before it was due. Late at night, as he composed the final pages, Gene typed "I wonder if anyone really reads this" in one of his paragraphs. When Gene got his paper back from our teacher he found the

response “yes I do” written on that page. Sometimes I wondered if anyone read my column; occasionally I’d get a comment, usually from a family member. It may be a little uncomfortable for us Lutherans to clap along with a song, show some emotion during worship or give some feedback. Believe me when I tell you people like to hear how their doing, they like feedback on what is working well and they usually want to know (if done politely) how they can make things better.

We have many opportunities to grow Trinity Lutheran Church. I ask you to support Gail English as she take the President’s role, say yes when she asks for your help, support her with your feedback and keep her in your prayers.

Thank you for your support while I was YOUR Congregation President.

Peace Be With You
Steve



WORLD HUNGER EFFORT FOR 2012 *DONATE A DUCK*

Are you kidding me?!?! A duck? A duck can help with hunger issues around the world?

Yep! Did you know that the mere presence of a duck on a farm can help a family produce a more bountiful harvest than ever before. How? A duck is the best natural pesticide around! Its favorite foods include all of the bugs and weeds that harm a farmer’s crops while fertilizing the field at the same time. But that’s not all. Large, protein-rich duck eggs make great, nutritious meals.

This year’s World Hunger offering will focus on donating ducks to 3rd world farm families. Ducks cost about \$20 each, so \$5 a month in the jug will provide 3 ducks.

LENT AND SIMPLE SUPPER SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, February 22, begins our 2012 Lenten season. We will begin this season of reflection and penitence with a confession of sin and the offering of ashes as a sign of our repentance. We will also celebrate Holy Communion, through which we receive forgiveness, life and salvation.

Our midweek Lenten worship services will focus on the center of our Christian faith. We will walk the way of Lent by meditating on the basic teachings of the faith as Martin Luther expressed them in his classic, *Small Catechism*. Each Lenten service focuses on one of the six chief parts of our faith. The schedule for our midweek worship services is:

Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday - Proclaiming The Word Of God As Law And Gospel

Feb. 29 - Lent 1 - Law — The Ten Commandments

Mar. 07 - Lent 2 - Gospel — The Apostles' Creed

Mar. 14 - Lent 3 - The New Life: Prayer And The Lord's Prayer

Mar. 21 - Lent 4 - Baptism — Gift And Struggle

Mar. 28 - Lent 5 - Confession And Absolution — The Hidden Discipline

Apr. 05 - Maundy Thursday — The Meal Of Meeting

The Ministry Teams and other groups within the church have again volunteered to provide a Simple Supper before each of our Wednesday Lenten services. A free-will offering is taken at each Simple Supper.

Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday - Congregational Life Ministry Team - Chili (including both a meat and a vegetarian chili, plus chili toppings, desserts and drinks)

Feb. 29 - Youth Ministry Team - Spaghetti Supper (including choice of meat sauce or vegetarian sauce, bread, desserts and drinks)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY TEAM

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 4, 6:30 p.m. - Diner's Club at Saint Francis Brewery

Wednesday, February 22, 5:30 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Simple Supper

Diner's Club at Saint Francis Brewery

Saint Francis Brewery, located on Howard Ave. and Kinnickinnic Ave., is a brew pub which serves dinners and sandwiches, and offers prime rib on Saturday nights. It has a nice open dining room, good food and a variety of great beers, including homemade root beer. Check out their menu at www.stfrancisbrewery.com. Join your church friends for dinner at Saint Francis Brewery on Saturday, February 4th, at 6:30 PM. Remember this is open to all Trinity church members & their guests. Please sign up on the sheet in back of church, so we have an accurate count for the reservation.

Ash Wednesday Simple Supper

We will be providing our annual chili simple supper on Ash Wednesday, February 22 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the church hall, which will be followed by the Ash Wednesday service. This gives you a great opportunity to stay out of the kitchen and enjoy a tasty dinner with your family before attending church. Once again, we are asking that you sign up so we can prepare the right amount of food. Our menu will include both meat chili & veggie chili, cornbread, dessert, and a variety of chili toppings including noodles & cheese. The price is free, although we will be putting any donations into Trinity's latest world hunger effort, "Donate a Duck." Did you know that the mere presence of a duck on a farm can help a family produce a more bountiful harvest than ever before? We hope to see you at the Ash Wednesday Simple Supper.



Are you in NEED of prayer?

Are you or someone you know hurting?

**Come join us at
Trinity Lutheran Church
for our**

PRAYER SERVICE FOR HEALING!

All are welcome.

**2507 5th Avenue
South Milwaukee, WI
February 16th at 7pm**

NOTE FROM PASTOR BILL

Dear Friends in Christ,

At our Thursday morning Bible study, we read the words of Jesus in Mark 4. He tells the parable of the sower and the seed, then finishes with an invitation: “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

The progress of the discussion about that verse was interesting. At first, we realized almost all of us have physical ears, meaning we can hear, but that doesn’t necessarily mean we’re actually listening. We talked a little about “selective hearing,” how our kids can tune us out when they don’t want to hear what we’re saying (or how we tune our kids out when we don’t want to hear what they’re saying).

But then the conversation turned to worship. Most of us confessed to having “selective hearing” during worship. Others of us admitted to not being ‘ready’ to listen. The conversation moved to asking how we could prepare ourselves so that we were actively listening. We discovered that getting ourselves ready to listen can be improved by trying something new one step at a time. Here’s what we came up with:

1. Try starting early in the week by reading through the coming weekend’s lessons. The idea is to be familiar with the texts we’re going to be hearing so they don’t come as a surprise. This will probably take less than 10 minutes out of the whole week.

2. After you’ve gotten used to reading the coming lessons through the week, try writing down a few questions that you have about any or all of the readings. See if those questions are answered during the worship service, either through the reading of the lessons again, or through the sermon, or even through the Prayer of the Day or the hymns we sing. This might take 15 minutes or less out of the entire week.

3. After you’ve gotten used to reading the coming lessons and asking questions, you could take the next step by picking up one of the daily devotionals we offer. We have several that work their way through the coming lessons on a weekly basis. They offer brief explanations or stories that help to illuminate the lessons we’re going to hear the upcoming weekend. They also offer a brief prayer that sometimes summarizes the message of the Scripture. Reading through these daily devotionals would probably take about 5 minutes a day.

4. When you’re ready to get further into the coming lessons, you might consider attending a Bible study. The Bible study on Thursday

morning exists to focus on the upcoming lessons in rotation, so one week we're looking at the Gospel, the next the First Lesson, and so on. If you're not available on Thursday mornings but you'd still like to study the lessons, let me know. We can always create a new Bible study group that would meet at another time of the week.

It's always a good time to move from merely hearing to actively listening to God. Faith comes through hearing the Word, and faith grows through hearing the Word. Worship will become much more meaningful, as will prayer, devotions, and making choices based on our faith in Jesus Christ.

That sounds like a win-win situation to me!

Yours in Christ's Service,
Pastor Bill



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS FOR 5TH GRADERS

Saturday, February 18, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, is the date and time for this year's First Communion Class. All 5th graders, as well as students older than 5th grade who haven't taken the First Communion Class, are invited to this event. If you have children who are younger than 5th grade and whom you believe to be ready to receive Communion, please contact the pastor to discuss the possibility of them being part of this year's class.

This class requires that a parent or other direct relative attend with each child. Please mark your calendars now so you're able to keep that date and time open.

CARING MINISTRY TEAM

Calling all Trinity Lutheran Church Members!

If you are looking to give of yourself this Season of Lent, please consider the Caring Ministry Team's donation drive - "40 in 40". The Caring Ministry Team is trying to gather 40 pairs of shoes in 40 days during this year's Lent. New or gently used Men's, Women's or Children's shoes can be donated. The wooden box will be placed in the narthex for this drive, starting Ash Wednesday on 02/22/12. Men's shoes will be given to the Guest House homeless shelter, Women's shoes will be given to the Sojourner's Peace Center (Women's shelter), and Children's shoes will be given to the LaCausa Crisis Center.



Please consider a donation to help us achieve "40 in 40!"

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

The Thursday morning Adult Bible Study will continue to look at the lessons for the upcoming weekend. We rotate through the lessons, looking at a different lesson each week. The schedule for January and February includes:

Thursday, Feb. 02 - Gospel - Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, Feb. 09 - First Lesson - 2 Kings 5:1-14

Thursday, Feb. 16 - Psalm - Psalm 50:1-6

Thursday, Feb. 23 - Second Lesson - 1 Peter 3:18-22

Thursday, Mar. 01 - Gospel - Mark 8:31-38

Thursday, Mar. 08 - First Lesson - Exodus 20:1-17

Thursday, Mar. 15 - Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Thursday, Mar. 22 - Second Lesson - Hebrews 5:5-10

Thursday, Mar. 29 - Gospel - Mark 14:1-15:47

The Sunday morning Adult Forum has been focusing on biblical history and comparative religions. We spent December working through the middle portion of Genesis and will probably be working through the last 20 chapters of Genesis during February. The Adult Forum meets in Rooms 109-110 at 9:15 am.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

A class for anyone interested in joining Trinity is scheduled for Sunday, March 4, from 3 - 5 pm. At this class we will discuss the historical background of our congregation, our current structure for accomplishing mission and ministry, introduce some of the leaders of our congregation, and share some of the many opportunities people can use to become more a part of the congregation through volunteering, fellowship events, and more. A letter will be sent in mid-February to people the office is aware of who are interested in joining the congregation. If you are interested in joining, please contact the church office (762-6626) to reserve a place. Childcare will be provided if people let us know it is wanted.

FEBRUARY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Feb 4/5 - Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Feb 11/12 - 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

Feb 18/19 - 2 Kings 2:1-12; Palm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Feb 25/26 - Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Mar 4/5 - Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38



COOKIES NEEDED

We continue to offer cookies, coffee, and fellowship between services. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex to bring cookies to share.

14 READINGS

It's easy to get overwhelmed if you're trying to read the Bible on a daily basis. People often complain that they don't know what to read, don't remember to do it on a regular basis, or don't understand what they're reading.

Here's a resolution for 2012 that might be easy to keep. How about resolving to read the Bible 14 times every month? You won't have to worry if you've missed a day. You'll know what to read and you'll have a pretty good idea what it's about.

Here's February's *14 Readings* on the Old Testament:

1. Genesis 1: the story of creation
2. Genesis 3: the origin of sin
3. Genesis 22: Abraham and Isaac
4. Exodus 3: Moses' encounter with God
5. Exodus 20: The gift of the Ten Commandments
6. 1 Samuel 17: David and Goliath
7. 2 Samuel 11: David and Bathsheba
8. 2 Samuel 12: Nathan's rebuke of David
9. 1 Kings 18: Elijah and the prophets of Baal
10. Job 38: God's answer to Job
11. Psalm 51: a classic confession
12. Isaiah 40: words of comfort from God
13. Daniel 6: Daniel and the lion's den
14. Amos 4: a prophet's stern warning

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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Financial Report

Operating Budget Summation

	Month of December 2011	Total for Year
Income	32,214.88	307,660.53
Expenses	31,974.45	307,016.84
Net Income	240.43	643.69

Your generosity in 2011 allowed us to give salaried staff a raise and increase our benevolence giving.

December Project Uplift Reserve Fund

\$13,021.89	Month's beginning balance
3,206.66	Month's contributions
19,503.00	Month's roof payment
<u>(3,274.45)</u>	Ending balance



Reroofing Sanctuary and flat roof Summary

Pro Seal Roofing Invoice	56,007.00
Rewiring Sanctuary lighting	6,837.90
Benevolence (10% of project)	6,284.00
Payments made through 12/31	(62,844.90)
Balance due as of 12/31	<u>(6,284.00)</u>

All roofing expenses have been paid, except the 10% benevolence. The total amount still needed to fund the project is \$ 9,558 (6,284 plus the 3,274 shortfall in the Project Uplift reserve fund.)

SATURDAY STITCHERS

The Saturday Stitches group will meet Saturday, February 18, from 1:00-3:00. All are welcome!



Dorcas Circle meets at 1:30 on Thursday, February 2, at the home of Kathryn Swanson.

Sarah Circle meets at 7:00 on Tuesday, February 14, at the home of Alice Grant.

Sisters in Spirit Circle meets Friday, February 10, at 6:30 at church.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Trinity Lutheran Church is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

TLC will be friendly, if I am friendly.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

TLC will go great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

TLC will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit,

if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

A NOTE FROM CARE FOR CREATION

We all know that fresh and unprocessed fruits and vegetables are good for us. They contain a variety of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants which our body needs to function normally and to slow cell deterioration. But it's hard to find these items in Wisconsin during the winter months.

You can still find these items in produce stores from countries such as Chile and Mexico, but the pesticide and chemical laws in these countries are much weaker than here in the U.S. If you purchase these items from outside the U.S.; it is extra important that you wash these prior to consumption. There are still a few fruits available from States such as California and Florida, and switching to fruits such as apples are still possible due their longer storage capacity.

Remember to buy fresh/unprocessed fruits and vegetables as locally as possible, since less fuel is required for long distance shipping, the pesticide/chemical regulations are more stringent here, and this provides jobs for people here in the U.S."



Happy New Year!

The past year was quite an adventure and very busy. The youth groups ran fundraisers, got the new program Scrip up and running, installed a new soda machine downstairs, went on fun events and gave back on a mission trip to New York where many memories were made. It was such a great year, but we know that 2012 will be just as amazing. In July, eight high school youth will be heading to New Orleans for the ELCA National Youth Gathering. They will have the opportunity to worship with 30,000 other high school youth and experience a culture that they have never seen before. The Youth Ministry Team has created many events for the upcoming year that we hope will encourage the youth in our congregation to continue building their relationship with God and will also allow them to do work that gives back to the South Milwaukee community.

The new verse that the ministry team and I will be focusing on this year comes from the third book of John 1:4 “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” We intend to work this verse into every event and activity that we plan for 2012 and hopefully teach the youth that walking with Jesus is one of the most important things they can do.

Peace,

Becca

Upcoming events:

January

8th- Elementary @ the Movies, 1

15th- MS & HS @the Movies, 1

February

12th- Elementary Event, Bowling, 1-3

19th- MS & HS Event, Bowling, 1-3

29th- Youth Ministry Team Simple Supper- Spaghetti

March

4th- Elementary Event, Roller Skating, 1-3

11th- MS & HS Event, Roller Skating, 1-3

31st- Palm Sunday Breakfast Prep, 1-3

Kringle Sale

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Hat, Sock, and Mitten Tree

The Hat, Sock, and Mitten Tree collection effort concluded January 5th with our final delivery of a large box of winter warmth delivered to Human Concerns. Your generous support was most appreciated.

Christmas Offerings

The offerings received from the Sunday School Christmas Program totaled \$386.50 and the children's Advent Box collections total over \$116.33 so far. When all of the collections from the Advent Boxes are in, they will be split between to Human Concerns and our Good Samaritan Fund.

Sunday School Resumes

Sunday School resumed January 8th after a two week break over the Christmas weekend. Our attendance of 81 wasn't as low as in past years after the holidays but please remember we meet every Sunday from now until Easter which is April 8th this year. If you have a friend or classmate that has missed one or more Sundays, please encourage them to return and let them know they were missed when absent.

Lent Begins

The Lenten season begins this year with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd and continues each Wednesday evening with services at 7:00 PM through March 28th. We encourage all Sunday School students to attend these weekly services in addition to our normal Sunday School and Worship service schedule. The Education Ministry team will again be hosting a Simple Supper with a date to be announced prior to one of the Lenten services.

Vacation Bible School

We are already thinking about Vacation Bible School, but it is still too early to announce specific dates. When we hear from the local school systems about their plans for summer school, we can finalize our dates. More details should be available in next month's Tidings.

Ray Bergwin and Sharon Piastowski



SUNDAY SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS IN **FEBRUARY**

February 7	Robbie English
February 10	Donald Fritz
February 11	Jakob Schultz
February 14	Kendall Cole
February 14	Clare Johnson
February 23	Victoria Fischer
February 23	Christian Moore

TRINITY SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

As we enter another year of providing Church Scholarships to worthy individuals, we again promote the guidance for awarding them:

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.

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.

Applicants are seeking a degree at one of the following levels:

Associate Degree

Bachelor Degree

Master Degree

Ph D

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.

NEW REVIEWS FROM YOUR TRINITY LIBRARY

Outlive Your Life -- You Were Made to Make a Difference

Max Lucado, Thomas Nelson publisher, hardcover, 240 pages

Did you ever think you would like to "outlive" your life? Did you ever think, that in your last days, you would like to know that somewhere, there were people who were better off because you had lived? And in those last days, did you ever hope that you would have satisfaction about how you had lived your life? Max Lucado explains in this book that we each have been given our one life, in these particular times, and we can use that life to make a difference.

These are difficult days in our world's history. 1.75 billion people are desperately poor, natural disasters are gouging entire nations, and economic uncertainty still reigns across the globe. But we have been given this one opportunity to make a big difference. What if we did? What if we rocked the world with hope? Infiltrated all corners with God's love and life? We are created by a great God to do great works. He invites us to outlive our lives, not just in heaven, but here on earth. Let's live our lives in such a way that the world will be glad we did. Read this book & you will be given a guide and see examples of how to do it.

Max Lucado is a Minister of Preaching at Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, where he has served since 1988. Max Lucado loves words – written, spoken – it does not matter.

He loves to craft sentences that are memorable, inspiring and hopefully life-changing. In almost 25 years of writing, more than 80 million books filled with his words have been sold.

Simple Prayers for Complicated Lives

Jennifer M. Phillips, Seabury Books, paperback, 114 pages

Simple prayers often elude us as we try to pray in and through the joys, anxieties, and complications of our lives. While traditional prayers are available for waking, table graces, and preparing for sleep, this collection goes much further -- from booting up the computer and driving the car to pregnancy, childbirth, and sending out a child in shared custody. Phillips is equally at home with both lament and thanksgiving: prayers for a stillborn infant or recovery from a robbery or divorce mingle with thanks for healing, for the peace of a home, for the ordinary ticking of a clock. These are prayers to be taped on the bathroom mirror or the dashboard, tucked behind the salt shaker, or slid under the computer.

Jennifer M. Phillips is an Episcopal priest, published poet, liturgist, and hospital chaplain. She is the vicar of St. Augustine's Church on the University of Rhode Island campus in Kingston, and the author of two books and a column for Episcopal Life. Her prayers appear in supplemental liturgical materials for the Episcopal Church.

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. The emphasis for February is canned or boxed dinners, fruit juice, toiletries, or any other items you can provide.

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.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Feb. 4	5:00 PM	Mark Draeger
Feb. 5	8:00 AM	Gary and Ann Zander
	10:30 AM	Bill Elmore, Jerome Zylka
Feb. 18	5:00 PM	LaVerne Vad
Feb. 19	8:00 AM	Jay Kullmann, Steve Mueller
	10:30 AM	Ed & Barb Magnuson, Nate Keller
Feb. 22	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday–Volunteers Needed
Feb. 25	5:00 PM	Diane Banach
Feb. 26	8:00 AM	Linn Walloch, Sue Zylka
	10:30 AM	Cindy Felicki, Kristi Jagler, Chris Haeger

ALTAR GUILD

February Jean Belter, Alice Grant

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

February 19 Toby Carlson

COMMUNION GLASS WASHERS

February 1-15 Bob & Nancy Kilby
February 16-29 Mike & Amy Radtke

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

February 5	*
February 12	S. Piastowski/Don & Nancy Barbian
February 19	Keith & Jean Belter/ *
February 26	Gayle Barbian/Betsy Baranek

The Floral Chart for 2012 is posted next to the office door.
Bouquets are \$20.00 each.

COFFEE MAKING

February 5	Ray Bergwin
February 12	Amy Fritz
February 19	Debi Paget
February 26	Sharon Piastowski

ACOLYTES

February 4	5:00 PM	Jordan Janusiak
February 5	8:00 AM	Rease Thoreson, Tanner Hennemann
	10:30 AM	Sam Nunez, Robbie English
February 11	5:00 PM	Micheal Garlie
February 12	8:00 AM	Rease Thoreson, Tanner Hennemann
	10:30 AM	Emily Ploch, Alexis Cuda
February 18	5:00 PM	Micheal Garlie
February 19	8:00 AM	Madeline Cieczka, Brandon Peterson
	10:30 AM	Emily Ploch, *
February 22	7:00 PM	Eric Wendt, Jordan Janusiak
February 25	5:00 PM	Olivia Fischer
February 26	8:00 AM	Rease Thoreson, *
	10:30 AM	Robbie English, *
February 29	7:00 PM	Eric Wendt, Jordan Janusiak

SCHEDULED READERS

February 4	5:00 PM	Diane Banach
February 5	8:00 AM	Jana Larson
	10:30 AM	Mike Danes
February 11	5:00 PM	Ann Buck
February 12	8:00 AM	Lori Mijokovic
	10:30 AM	Sarah Brooks
February 18	5:00 PM	Kevin Dathe
February 19	8:00 AM	Ed Mueller
	10:30 AM	Steve Jagler
February 25	5:00 PM	Mark Draeger
February 26	8:00 AM	Kathryn Swanson
	10:30 AM	Becca Mains

SNOW SHOVELING



January 23-February 5	Ed & Doris Mueller, Wally Cieczka LaVerne Vad, Nate Keller
February 6-February 19	Chris Haeger, Walt Reichelt, Scott Kubasa, Matt McDaniel
February 20-March 4	Bob Olson, Al Czysh, Tim Talaska Perry Peterson

GREETERS

February 4	5:00 PM	Diane Banach, Nicole Lentz
February 5	8:00 AM	Al & Shirley Czysh
	10:30 AM	Jeff & Cristina Crogan
February 11	5:00 PM	Greg Buck, Nancy Barbian
February 12	8:00 AM	*Volunteers Needed
	10:30 AM	Geri Harris, Bill Elmore
February 18	5:00 PM	Richard & Alice Demlow
February 19	8:00 AM	Ed & Doris Mueller
	10:30 AM	Jim & Sandi Rogosienski
February 25	5:00 PM	Terry Draeger, Susan Davis
February 26	8:00 AM	Craig & Stacy Thoreson
	10:30 AM	Fred & Sharon Schraith

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL SERVICES

February 4	5:00 PM	Janine Kaczmarowski
February 5	8:00 AM	Holli Cieczka
	10:30 AM	Liz Keller
February 11	5:00 PM	*
February 12	8:00 AM	Ann Janz
	10:30 Am	Genavieve Danes
February 18	5:00 PM	*
February 19	8:00 AM	Ramona Peterson
	10:30 AM	Maddie & Megan Baranek
February 25	5:00 PM	*
February 26	8:00 AM	*
	10:30 AM	Amy Radtke

USHERS

February 4	5:00 PM	Diane Banach, Greg Buck
February 5	8:00 AM	John Wawrzyniak, Dick Schaefer Al Czysh
	10:30 AM	Mike Danes, Betsy & Maddie Baranek
February 11	5:00 PM	Kevin Dathe, Linda Iversen
February 12	8:00 AM	Jeff, Joe, and Jenna Jagler
	10:30 AM	Steve Jagler, Bill Elmore, Paul Graeven
February 18	5:00 PM	Mark & Terry Draeger
February 19	8:00 AM	Greg Crump, Wally & Holli Cieczka
	10:30 AM	Bob Olson, Bob Tice, Debra Moss
February 25	5:00 PM	Jay Kullmann, Lynne Mick
February 26	8:00 AM	Ed Mueller, Gary Mueller, Craig Thoreson
	10:30 AM	Jim & Sandi Rogosienski, Mike Radtke

