

Trinity Lutheran Church

March, 2010

WELCOME + GROW + SERVE

Worship Schedule:

Pipe Organ at 8:30 a.m.
Praise Team at 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Lenten Worship:
7 p.m.

Church Office Hours :

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to
3 p.m.

Phone: 734-9895
FAX: 734-1863

Check for more activities and
time of events at Trinity on the
calendar inside!

March 3rd—24th: Soup Supper
at 6:15 p.m.

Please keep in your prayers:

Peggy Hoppe June Julius

Funeral

2/16 Iris Bockin

"We WELCOME all
people.

We GROW together
in a living faith.

We are sent to
SERVE with the love
of Christ."

Something New and Something Old

The prophet Isaiah speaks for God and announces that
God is on to something:

*"Do not remember the former things, or consider the
things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it
springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a
way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."* (Isaiah
43:18-19)

As the congregations of Grace and Trinity and Zion
Lutheran Church begin a new adventure together it is
easy to be confused and ask: "How is this going to
work?" And yet the prophet calls us to imagine
something new, something never before seen, some-
thing the whole world has no concept of: *"A way in
the wilderness and rivers in the desert."*

God will provide a way and we will be comforted, reassured,
encouraged. In the dry desert of our lives will be a river ...
splashing and cleansing and refreshing our bodies and souls.
That's the old, old, story we love to tell.

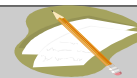
Friends, look ahead, imagine, and trust that God will
accomplish the new thing. Build with Christ a new
community of faith, a community that dares to dream
and risks living an Easter faith in a "Good Friday"
world.

Lenten Blessings!

Pastor Kurt Kovanen

Pastor Mary Beth Kovanen

Trinity Congregation Council Meeting “Highlights” -- February 16, 2010



In Attendance: Marilyn Schucknecht, Randy Schuelke, Jeff Dorow, Jean Haese, Jann Seidl, Pastor Mary Beth, Pastor Kurt, David Otts, Tom Scheuerman, Ruth Marquardt.

- Pastor Mary Beth opened the meeting with devotions.

Newly elected President Tom Scheuerman opened the meeting and welcomed our new council members Randy and Ruth.

Secretary's report: The January minutes were reviewed and approved.

Financial report: Income for the month is \$31,443, expenses of \$35,451 with a net loss of \$4,008 for the month. Lawrence Academy of Music's contract and use of building was discussed.

Special Congregational Meeting: Tom Scheuerman detailed the plan for the special congregational meeting to be held February 21, 2010.

1. Resolved: That Trinity Lutheran Church enter into the Grace, Trinity, Zion Covenant Agreement dated 1/25/2010 with Grace Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church.

If passed the following will be voted upon.

2. Resolved: That Trinity Lutheran Church adopt the 2010 GTZ Covenant Budget.
3. Resolved: That two year term calls be extended to Rev, Mary Beth Kovanen, Rev. Kurt Kovanen, and Rev. Judy Deckert to serve the Grace-Trinity-Zion Parish
4. Election to the GTZ Parish Advisory Council. Sandy LeMoine (*and any nominations from the floor*) to serve a two year term as member at large from Trinity Lutheran Church.

Other GTZ Items - Tom Scheuerman and Randy Schuelke (council representatives) have also agreed to be on the Parish Advisory Council. Important Dates were reviewed:

- 2/21/10 Covenant votes at all three churches
- 4/01/10 Official start date of the covenant
- 4/18/10 Celebration of shared ministry & new beginnings for Pastors Kovanen.
- 5/01/10 Official start date of the pastor's term calls
- 6/30/10 Formal Installation of pastors to the Grace, Trinity, Zion Parish Ministry.

New Business

- Plans were discussed concerning the use of Pastor Mary Beth's office space.
- Funds will needed for professional portraits of the pastors. A motion was approved.

Trinity Grants Committee

Jean Haese reported that the following grants were approved by the foundation.

1. \$3,000 for potential expenses for the start-up expenses of the GTZ partnership.
2. \$500 for Mary Fritz's Thrivent sponsored trip to El Salvador Habitat for Humanity.
3. \$1,500 to the ELCA International Church 'Pastors' without Borders' in Romania.
4. \$1,500 for Crossways Lutheran Camping Ministries to hold its first camp program designed for families with children on the Autism spectrum.
5. \$500 to help cover the costs of the GTZ Strategic Planning Consultants.
6. \$500 to assist Evangelical Lutheran Church of Congo to develop a health care program.

Other Business

- Tom Scheuerman discussed the need for organizing ministry teams/committees in 2010 to focus on where Trinity needs to put its emphasis on.
 - Pastor Kurt reported with regret that Richard & Louise Hansen and Grace Martin have resigned from Trinity.
 - Marilyn Schucknecht read a thank you note from Harbor House thanking Trinity for it's involvement in the Christmas dinner event that raised \$1,016.
 - Pastor Kurt closed the meeting with Prayer concerns and followed with the Lord's Prayer.
- The meeting was adjourned by Tom Scheuerman.

Respectfully submitted,
Jann Seidl, Secretary

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

On Sunday, February 21, 2010, Grace, Trinity and Zion all voted to approve the Covenant. This is wonderful news and truly a significant step for our congregation at Trinity.

Why is this wonderful news? It is wonderful because we have been given the opportunity to partner with other members of our downtown Lutheran churches to share pastoral resources, to grow and expand our relationships and to seek over the next 18 months, a common vision to serve our God in downtown Appleton. This enthusiasm is equally shared among the members of Grace and Zion.

Today’s world constantly changes and growing a vibrant ministry presents churches significant challenges in our society. What a wonderful opportunity it is to share and meet these challenges with other members of congregations when together we are stronger.

There are some important dates to remember for the Covenant:

April 1, 2010 – Official start date of the Covenant

April 18, 2010 (Sunday) – Special celebration for Pastor Kurt and Pastor Mary Beth to mark a new beginning

May 1, 2010 – Official start date for the pastors at their primary churches

June 30, 2010 (Wednesday) – Installation of the Covenant Pastors

Thanks be to God for leading our congregation to this opportunity. Let us move forward with confidence and conviction that God will provide us the vision to grow his ministry and serve him in downtown Appleton and the World.

Yours in Christ,

Tom Scheuerman, Council President

BIBLE STUDIES

The Journey with Job Continues . . .

Our group is growing....you can still join us anytime...

		<u>Selections from</u>
March 1	When Rebuke and Resistance Collide	Job 11-14
March 8	Graceless Words for a Grieving Man	Job 15-17
March 15	Reassuring Hope for the Assaulted and Abused	Job 18-19
March 22	Responding Wisely When Falsely Accused	Job 20-21
March 29	How to Handle Criticism with Class	Job 22 – 24

JOIN US.....LISTEN.....DISCUSS.....LEARN.....Call Mary Fritz at 731-8955.

Evening and Morning Bible Studies

- Monday, March 7, 7 p.m., in the Fireside Room
- Wednesday, March 17, 9:30 a.m. (new time), in the Fireside Room

Everyone is welcome to attend either one of these studies.

Volunteer Worship Schedule for March 2010

If you can't serve when scheduled, please find a substitute. And notify the church office of the change (734--9895)

8:30 am Pipe Organ Service

Ushers (Captains in bold, underlined type)

James Rasmussen, Gary Bayer, **Need Volunteer**

Mar 7 & 14 Jim Hemmen, Mar 21 & 28 Maxine Zuelzke

Readers

Mar 7	Joyce Schoepel	Liz Lokensgard & Lois Small
Mar 14	Sharon Helms	Ron Williams
Mar 21	Debbie Breen	Nita Williams
Mar 28	Phil Johnson	Kay Odegaard

Altar Care

10:30 am Praise Team Service

Ushers (Captains in bold, underlined type)

Steve Krueger, Tom & Nancy Scheuerman,
Judy Natz

Readers

Mar 7	Craig Christensen	Dorothy Deeg
Mar 14	Karen Kapocius	Judy Natz
Mar 21	Mary Robertson	Marita Wagner
Mar 28	Jean Haese	Need Volunteer

Altar Care

Communion Assistants

Mar 7 Lou & Joyce Schoepel & **Need Volunteer**
 Mar 14 John & Carol Palmquist
 Mar 21 Kris & Annelise Jensen
 Mar 28 Phil Johnson & Kay Odegaard

Communion Assistants

Mar 7 Dorothy Deeg
 Mar 14 Karen & Kyle Kapocius
 Mar 21 Marita Wagner & Randy Schuelke
 Mar 28 Jean Haese & **Need Volunteer**

Greeters

West Entrance

Mar 7	Ron & Kay Schulze	Erick Jensen
Mar 14	Marilyn Kersten & Dorothy Warren	Nance Bayer
Mar 21	Tom & Debbie Breen	Lois Small
Mar 28	Terry & Gloria Howe	Dorice Feltheim

East Entrance

Greeters

West Entrance

Mar 7	Dan & Glennis Schuelke	Lisa Dorn
Mar 14	Peter & Jeanne Beckley	Kay Kempainen
Mar 21	Gerald/Sandy LeMoine	Chuck Pasch
Mar 28	Mike & Gail Romanesko	Shirley Jooss

East Entrance

Fellowship Hour (Between Services)

Mar 7 Rosemary Schuelke
 Mar 14 Shirley Hoogacker
 Mar 21 Kay Schulze
 Mar 28 Karen Kapocius

Pew Racks

Feb 28 & Mar 7 Melva Miller
 Mar 14 & 21 Maxine Zuelzke
 Mar 28 & Apr 4 Kay Schulze

Acolytes

Mar 7 **Need Volunteer**
 Mar 14 **Need Volunteer**
 Mar 21 **Need Volunteer**
 Mar 28 Samantha Wojnowski

Acolytes

Mar 7 Hannah Arntsen
 Mar 14 Morgan Still
 Mar 21 Shelby Jansen
 Mar 28 Shelby Jansen

Send acolyte reminder cards Lee Ann Still

Prayerwriters Erick & MaryJo Jensen

Nursery The Nursery is not staffed, but the room will be open for parents who wish to use it.

Volunteer Worship Schedule for April 2010

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute. Also notify the church office of this change. (734-9895)

8:30 am Pipe Organ Service

Ushers (Captains in bold, underlined type)

Apr. 4 **Kris Jensen**, Clarence Kersten, Carla Fulcer,
Need Vol.

Apr. 4- 25 **Gene Britton**, Mitzi Britton, Clarence Kersten,
Maxine Zuelzke

Good Friday Apr 2 7 pm **Need Volunteers**

Readers

Apr 2 7 pm Ron Williams

Apr 4 Erick Jensen Lorna Dorn & Lois Small

Apr 11 Peter Beckley Carolyn Jones

Apr 18 Judy Boncher Millie Mohr

Apr 25 Mary Poulson Liz Lokensgard

Altar Care

10:30 am Praise Team Service

Ushers (Captains in bold, underlined type)

Jim Kister, Jeff Dorow, Nathan Kister,
Lisa Christensen

Readers

Apr 4 Nancy Scheuerman

Apr 11 Steve Krueger

Apr 18 Jean Haese

Apr 25 Mary Robertson

Altar Care

Judy Natz

Marita Wagner

Kay Odegaard

Need Volunteer

Communion Assistants

Apr 4 Erick Jensen, Gerald & Sandy LeMoine

Apr 11 Linda White & Sharon Helms

Apr 18 Millie Mohr & Judy Natz

Apr 25 Jerry Lokensgard & Bruce Kovanen

Communion Assistants

Apr 4 Tom Scheuerman

Apr 11 Steve Krueger & Marita Wagner

Apr 18 Jean Haese & Larry Vaubel

Apr 25 Brian & Lee Ann Still

Greeters

West Entrance

Apr 4 Phil Johnson & Judy Van Elzen

Apr 11 Gary & Nance Bayer

Apr 18 Jim & Janet Hemmen

Apr 25 Ron & Kay Schulze

East Entrance

Kay

Odegaard

Need Volunteer

Lila Pohlman

Kathy Kuck

Greeters

West Entrance

Apr 4 Tom/Nancy Scheuerman

Apr 11 Steve Krueger &
Randy Schuelke

Apr 18 Peter/Jeanne Beckley

Apr 25 Ron/Mary Robertson

East Entrance

Lisa Dorn

Kay Kemppainen

Shirley Jooss

Marita Wagner

Fellowship Hour (Between Services)

Apr 4 **Need Volunteer**

Apr 11 Millie Mohr

Apr 18 Sue Dorow

Apr 25 Lila Pohlman

Pew Racks

Mar 28 & Apr 4 Kay Schulze

Apr 11 & 18 Carolyn Jones

Apr 25 & May 2 Terry Howe

Acolytes

Apr 4 **Need Volunteer**

Apr 11 **Need Volunteer**

Apr 18 Dustin Wilson

Apr 25 **Need Volunteer**

Acolytes

Apr 4 Shelby Jansen

Apr 11 Shelby Jansen

Apr 18 Morgan Still

Apr 25 Samantha Wojnowski

Send acolyte reminder cards Lee Ann Still

Prayerwriter Nancy Scheuerman

Nursery The Nursery is not staffed, but the room will be open for parents who wish to use it.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Statement of Income and Expense — Through January 31, 2010
Year-To-Date
Actual

Income Accounts

General Offerings	20,778
Other Income	10,665
Total Income	<u>31,443</u>

Expense Accounts

Human Resources	14,592
Mission Outreach	111
Office Administration	1,061
Property & Maintenance	12,703
Worship & Music	723
Children's Ministries	-
Adult Ministries	-
Youth Ministries	5,685
Membership	156
Evangelism	420
Social Ministry	-
Stewardship/Finance	-
Mutual Ministry	-
Total Ex-	<u>35,451</u>
penses	<u>(4,008)</u>

Net loss for the current year

(4,008)

Our Equity Level (available cash) is \$(22,684)
 Actual cash balance is \$85,321

Summary of Activity for Debt Retirement—Through January 31, 2010

	Year-To-Date Receipts	Expenses	Current Balance
Dedicated Account			
Mortgage Funding	2,783	1,578	64,557
(Interest rate is 5.75%)		Remaining Mortgage Balance:	105,521

The Youth Page

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Confirmation - Wednesdays - 6:00-7:30pm
 Sunday School - Sundays - 9:35-10:25am
 Youth Choir/Bells - Wednesdays - 7:30-8:30pm
 BLAST! - March 5-7
 Bowling - March 7 - 3:00-6:00pm
 REMEDY DRIVE - March 7 - 7:00pm
 ZONE - March 19-21
 Global Village Camp - July 7-10
 Lifest - July 7-11

CONFIRMATION

Wednesdays + 6:00-7:30pm. All 6th-7th-8th-9th graders are welcome. Invite a friend!

March 3 - "The Passion & Resurrection"

Al's group serves soup

March 10 - "The Great Commission"

Grace's group serves soup

March 17 - "The Holy Spirit Comes"

Deb's group & Julie's group serve soup

March 24 - "Peter and the Early Church"

Diane's group serves soup

Questions? Contact Pastor Mary Beth or your small group guide.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

During Sunday School in March we're going to learn about "The Parable of the Sower". Invite a friend!
See you there!

BOWLING

Bowling at the 10th Frame on Wisconsin Ave. Sunday, March 7 - 3:00-6:00pm. You have 2 options:
 \$6.00 - all you can bowl - or -

\$8.00 - 2 games, soda & pizza.

Sign-up at church! Questions? Talk to Amy Kopischke or Pastor Mary Beth.

REMEDY DRIVE

In concert at Trinity - Sunday, March 7 -7:00pm. It's FREE! We'll be collecting personal care items for the "Help For the Homeless" campaign. Invite a friend!

30 HOUR FAMINE

It was an AWESOME faith-filled hunger experience as 24 youth from Grace, Trinity and Zion fasted and raised funds to feed the hungry. \$784 was raised... the youth also did grocery gleaning at Cops on Ballard and Sav-A-Lot in Little Chute to collect canned goods to donate to St. Joe's Food Pantry. We "broke the fast" with Holy Communion followed by a potluck supper! Special thanks to Kay Kemppainen (Trinity) and Deb Robinson (Zion) for their leadership! Thanks to all the parents who brought food for our "feast". Thanks to all those who offered pledges, canned goods, or prayers to support those who are hungry!

!BLAST!

Grades 3-5 + March 5-7 at Pine Lake Camp

Grades 6-8 + March 5-7 at Pine Lake Camp

Enjoy camp during the summer? Can't wait to come back? We have the retreat for you! Join new friends and summer counselors for a weekend full of fun, games, worship, good food, and awesome Bible Studies. Check-in is at 7:00pm Friday and the retreat ends on Sunday at 11:00am. Cost is only \$50. Carpooling may be available! Talk to Pastor Mary Beth if you're interested in going to Pine Lake Camp!

SUMMER CAMP IS NEAR!

Pick up a brochure or go online to learn more about summer camping programs available for ALL ages at the Camps of Crossways: Imago Dei Village, Pine Lake Camp, and Waypost Camp. Visit www.CrosswaysCamps.org or call 882-0023 for more information. HURRY! Early Registration deadline for summer camps is **March 15th!**

Chicago ZONE

The Senior High Youth Group is going to the ZONE (in Naperville) March 19-21. Sign-up at church!

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

MARCH 2010

Sundays: 9:35 a.m.:
 • Sunday School
 • Adult Education
 • Youth Group

Mondays:
 3:30 p.m.
 Loaves & Fishes

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays:
 12:00 p.m. NoonHour
 Philosophers
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
at Trinity
 6:30 p.m. Bells
 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 GTZ Youth **at Trinity**
 7:30 p.m. AA
 7:30 p.m. Liturgical
 Choir Practice
 7:30 p.m. Sr. High
 Youth Time **at Zion**

Thursdays:
 Noon & 7:30 p.m. AA

Fridays:
 10:00 a.m. Staff
 meeting
 7:00 p.m.
 FVCCC Bible Study

LAM
 Monday-Friday
 8:30 a.m.—11:30 p.m.
 Mon.: 1 p.m. to 8:30
 p.m.
 Tues.: 3:30 p.m. to
 9:15 p.m.
 Thurs.: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 p.m. Bible Study	2	3 9:30 a.m. Joint Care Meeting at Zion; 11:30 Wor- ship & Soup Lunch at Zion ; 6:15 p.m. Soup Supper at Trin- ity; 7 p.m. Worship at Trinity	4 7 p.m. Visioning Team	5	6 9 a.m. Quilters
7 3 p.m. Bowling at 10th frame, 7 Remedy Drive Con- cert →	8	9 6:00 p.m. GTZ-SPT mtg. at Zion; 6:30 p.m. AA Treatment Steering Cmte; 7 p.m. Exec. Cmte.	10 11:30 Worship & Soup Lunch at Zion ; 6:15 p.m. Soup Supper at Trin- ity; 7 p.m. Worship at Trinity	11 7 p.m. Worship & Cele- bration	12	13
14	15 Tidings Dead- line	16 7 p.m. Council	17 9:30 a.m. Bible Study; 11:30 Wor- ship & Soup Lunch at Zion ; 6:15 p.m. Soup Supper at Trinity; 7 p.m. Worship at Trinity	18	19	20
21 1 p.m. Horizon's Band Concert	22 6 p.m. GTZ-SPT Meeting at Grace	23	24 11:30 Worship & Soup Lunch at Zion ; 6:15 p.m. Soup Supper at Trin- ity; 7 p.m. Worship at Trinity	25 8 a.m. Collate Tid- ings; 11:30 Friends of Trinity at RedOx; 6:30 p.m. Prop. Cmte.	26	27
28	29	30	31 No GTZ Youth Choir & Confirma- tion			

WELCOME + GROW + SERVE



LOAVES & FISHES

- Mar. 1** Tracy Wojnowski
- Mar. 8** Covenant Christian Church
- Mar. 15** Covenant Christian Church
- Mar. 22** Covenant Christian Church
- Mar. 29** Covenant Christian Church

Please call Lisa Christensen, 749-1795, if you can help. The number of people Loaves & Fishes serves has been steadily increasing. We would appreciate it if the volunteers would make enough dessert to serve 120. Thank you!

CORRECTION TO THE FEBRUARY TIDINGS ...

The 2009 Women’s Brunch – Joy to Your World raised \$816 from the Harbor House Basket Auction; and the Thrivent Southeast Chapter supplemented the amount raised with \$200.....for a total of \$1,016.

The February Tidings inadvertently the total check as \$1,816.....instead of the actual \$1,016. Sorry for the confusion. *Mary Fritz*

6TH ANNUAL TRINITY GOLF OUTING ON SUNDAY, JULY 25TH

Let’s make the 6th bigger and better than last year. If any questions, contact Jean Haese at 722-4423 or Sandy LeMoine at 729-9641.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CROP WALK REPORT TO TRINITY

A very warm thank you to Trinity from the FOX VALLEY CROP WALK committee for participating in the October, 2009, walk. Trinity contributed \$1267 toward the \$27,000 raised among the 29 congregations and organizations involved. 25% of that total (or close to \$7000) is given to local food pantries. A special thank you to your recruiter, **Marilyn Schucknecht**, for her diligent efforts.

Much of the CROP WALK contributions are being directed to Haiti. May God continue to bless our ecumenical efforts in behalf of people all over the USA and the world.

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 14th



Remember to set your clock ahead by one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night.

Until March 21 Toiletry Collection Campaign for Area Shelters

Trinity in conjunction with Family Christian Radio will be collecting personal hygiene products for the homeless

Among the most requested items are laundry/ hand/dish soap, trash bags, bathroom tissue and diapers, feminine needs, hair and dental care, deodorant, lotions, lip balm, etc. Anything you need to start your day, they do too! There is a collection box available in the west entry is available for your donations. Thank you!

HEADS UP!! — GTZ HAITI BENEFIT

- DATE:** April 18, 2010
- WHERE:** Trinity
- WHAT:** 4:30 p.m. Spaghetti dinner in the Lower Auditorium
- 7 p.m. a musical event in the Sanctuary



DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR NUMBERS ARE?

Blood Pressure Screenings are held on the first and third Sunday



The deadline for articles for the April Tidings is Mon., March 15th. It would be greatly appreciated if you would submit articles on disk or via e-mail as a WORD attachment. It saves time from not having to type them. Thanks!

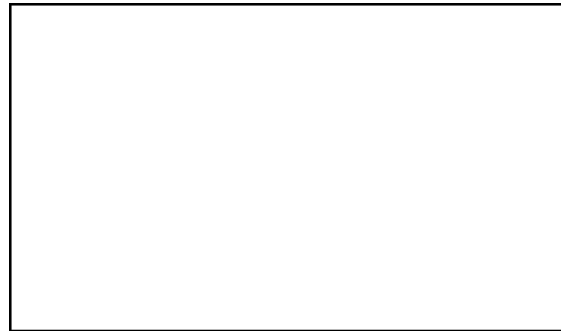
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WORD FOR THE WEEK

March 7: Third Sunday in Lent– Luke 13:1-9

What is Jesus telling us about forgiveness, patience, and second chances?

March 14: Fourth Sunday in Lent – Luke 15:1-3a, 11-32

Reckless Love means total forgiveness.

March 21: Fifth Sunday in Lent – Luke John 12:1-8

If the poor are always among us, in what ways are we poor?

March 28: Passion and Palm Sunday — Luke 13:31-35

Our sacrifices of time, energy, money, and other resources, given in love...pale in comparison to what Jesus sacrificed.

Trinity's Congregational Council

Tom Scheuerman,	
President	731-9847
David Otts, VP.	832-3968
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Feel free to contact any of these individuals with your thoughts, needs, or concerns for Trinity.