

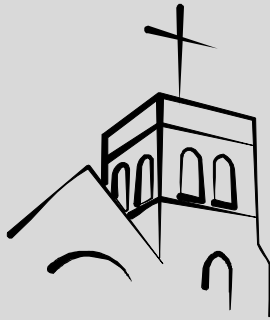
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## Pastor's Page

by Pastor Jeff Moore

### Expectations

Ever since reading Charles Dickens' "Great Expectations" as a teenager, I've noticed that our expectations often cause us trouble in our relationships. When I expect one thing, and my friend expects something different, one of us will be hurt.

Let's say you're coming home after a long, difficult day at work, expecting some much needed rest and relaxation. You walk in the door to be greeted by a spouse who reminds you of your promise to attend an event that requires you to hurriedly change, drive across town, and be sociable with people you don't know well. It's not that you never want to do something like this—in fact, when you said you'd go weeks ago it sounded like fun. But today it doesn't match your mood or expectations.

In almost thirty years as a pastor I've seen this at work within congregations, especially Trinity. As a pastor I expect certain things, members expect different things, and staff expect yet

others. Sometimes it gets pretty crazy!

The Elders and I are beginning work on a project to spell out expectations, and we'll be consulting you as we develop the list. We hope that this will help us all to understand each other better, and work together to accomplish what God is calling us to do here.

Here's a sample of the questions we'll be asking:

- What does Trinity expect of members in terms of financial support, volunteer activity, worship attendance, and communication with the leadership?
- What can a Trinity member expect of staff and leadership in times of illness, grief, natural disasters, loss of employment, aging, or marital difficulty?
- What can a visitor to Trinity expect?
- What can anyone expect of a worship service at Trinity?
- What does Trinity expect of staff, and what can staff count on from Trinity?
- What are the responsibilities

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of volunteer leaders of Trinity?

- In what ways will Trinity support the ministries of our school and CDC?
- What can a non-member school or CDC family expect of Trinity, and vice-versa?

As you can see, most of those questions have several layers to them, and there are other questions to be asked. If you'd like to share some thoughts with me now, even before the Elders and I solicit specific ideas, I'd love to have you email or call me.

Of course, all this is influenced by the biggest question, "What does Jesus expect of me?" Until a person answers that question with the Biblical answer, all the other questions will simply be matters of personal taste. And until a person understands that Jesus has given us absolutely his all, that person will have no foundation to build any answers on.

Let me jump start this discussion by pointing ahead to December 25<sup>th</sup>. I feel quite justified in expecting any member of Trinity to be regular in church attendance throughout the Advent season, and definitely in the pews of Trinity on Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day. If you're out of town, I expect you to bring me back the church bulletin from the place you

worship on Christmas. And if you're too ill to worship at Christmas, I expect you to let me know so we can bring Communion to your home or hospital bed. If you're a person who claims membership at Trinity, wouldn't that make you someone who loves Jesus, is thankful for his coming into the world, and needs to sing his praises on Christmas?

If you think that's asking too much, please let me know why. I honestly feel completely justified in this expectation!

As you get ready for Christmas in your home, examine your own expectations. Do you expect your grown children to be at your house on Christmas Day, even though they have in-laws asking the same thing? Do you expect a certain level of gift from your spouse, parent, or friend? Are you setting yourself up for disappointment, or even conflict? Please feel free to use this article as a discussion starter in your home. Maybe we can head off some trouble this year!

May God bless your relationships this Christmas!

Pastor Moore

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## It's Our Season To Share!

When host Jim Payne (WESH-Ch2) gives a big "shout out" to the neighborhood high-rise residents listening to our *Season of Gifts* stage production at Lake Eola, Friday, December 4, he'll be shouting for you and me! In what is

sure to become a tradition to start the Christmas season in downtown O'town, last year Jim pointed to those sitting on lighted balconies in the new condos that circle Lake Eola and wished them a Merry Christmas.

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## It's Our Season To Share!, continued from page 2

This year, we're all going to join him! Be there and share.

For you see, this is the Season of Jesus. This is "OUR" season. This is the time of year when people everywhere are in a joyful mood and recognize the celebration of Christendom's new King born on Christmas Eve. This is our Season to share with all who don't know our great God, and His only son, our Savior. This is the easiest time of the year to be a Christian and share that news. Because so many "skeptics" want us to be right! It's time to share.

This Trinity, Christmas is planned as a month-long Season that includes all kinds of public activities aimed at awaiting and welcoming the newborn King to our world.

There's literally something for everyone. From children's school musical productions to Trinity Shares Christmas for neighbors in need to Project IDignity and Compassion Corner that share special seasonal services.



And, of course, our worship services, from Sunday Christmas trees and song-fests to mid-week Advent Services that anticipate the birth of Jesus, will build throughout the month to Christmas Eve splendor and Joy to the World on Christmas Day itself.



Sprinkled in will be the annual raising of the lighted star over Historic Trinity Sanctuary as a sign to all in the Livingston neighborhood that Christmas is back, and parade floats, Christmas Season Breakfasts with Nativity

Scene "photo ops." And the exclamation point on January 6 will be the annual Epiphany Choral Cantata performed by our choirs and instrumentalists.

So, yes, when guest conductor Derric Jonson leads the citywide choir in *Silent Night* in German and when all our hospitality teams entertain Lake Eola Christmas families at our Traditional Family Festival by the lake December 4, we'll all start our Christmas *Season of Gifts* by meeting new neighbors, sharing greetings of joy and most importantly of all, sharing the blessing that is the birth of our blessed baby Jesus.

It's a wonderful Season, this Christmas. **Share it** with everyone you love so it'll become their *Season of Gifts*, too!

Merry Christmas! Wren.

## A from Your Music Director

by Lisa Moore, Music Director

### Singing Schedule

Wed	Dec 2	7:00 p.m.	Lessons and Carols – Trinity brass and parish choir
Fri	Dec 4	7:00 p.m.	Lake Eola "The Gift" – Trinity handbells, parish choir and 3-5 <sup>th</sup> grade Children's choir, school band
Sun	Dec 6	11:00 a.m.	Parish choir and bells
Wed	Dec 9	12:10 p.m.	Kindergarten choir
		7:00 p.m.	Women's Choir
Thurs	Dec 10	7:00 p.m.	VPK's Christmas Program – "Celebrate the Gift of Jesus"
Sun	Dec 13	8:00 a.m.	Women's Choir
		11:00 a.m.	Men's Choir
Wed	Dec 16	7:00 p.m.	Parish choir – "The Quempas Carol"
Thurs	Dec 17	7:00 p.m..	School Lower Grades Christmas Musical – "Miracle on Bethlehem Street"
Sun	Dec 20	8:00 a.m.	Parish choir and bells
		9:30 a.m.	Women's Choir
NO ADVENT SERVICE WEDNESDAY, DEC 23			
Thurs	Dec 24	4:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Eve Service – Sunday School, Kindergarten, and Trinity Children's Choir
		6:00 p.m.	
		8:00 p.m.	Parish choir and bells
		11:00 p.m.	
Fri	Dec 25	10:00 a.m.	Parish choir and bells
Wed	Jan 6	7:00 p.m.	<i>Epiphany Cantata</i> – parish choir, bells, instrumentalists, Children's choir



Start your Christmas preparations off with an **Advent dinner on Wednesday, December 2**, hosted by our school's PTL, followed by "**Lessons and Carols**" at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a beautiful, historic service of readings and carols led by Trinity's parish choir and instrumentalists. Begin a new family tradition with this service and invite your friends and neighbors!

**You are Invited!** There's nothing like children telling the Christmas story with their happy faces and voices, so even if you don't have children in our school, you are invited to two special programs. On **Thursday, Dec 10, 7:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary our **VPK 4 year olds** will present their Christmas Program – "*Celebrate the Gift of Jesus*". On **Thursday, Dec 17, 7:00 p.m.** in the gymnasium, the **School Lower Grades** present their Christmas musical – "*Miracle on Bethlehem Street*", a comical, tender look at what happens to Innkeeper Benjamin who thinks he's going to make big bucks on this Roman census, and instead has Jesus, the Messiah, born in his stable!

The **Quempas Carol** goes 'round' – **Wednesday, Dec. 16, 7:00 p.m.** -- a worshipful and truly beautiful Christmas custom which dates back to the Middle Ages. Four groups of children will proceed to the four corners of the church to announce to us from north, south, east, and west that "Heaven's all-glorious King is here!"

## A Servant's Heart

by Deaconess Liz Borth

Quite often, I feel the magnitude of needs for mercy so overwhelming that I relapse and do nothing. Do you not share this feeling when you look at our weekly prayer list? Granted, my sense of helplessness sometimes follows when I "bite off more than I can chew." Why do we think we should care for every problem that comes into view? Of course it is our faith filled hearts, grateful for the mercy and grace God bestows, that compels us to share with others. However, God did not put billions of people on the earth so you or I can care for them all. He created each one of us to care for one other. (Genesis 1:27-30). So how can we not fall into the pit and do nothing because there is so much to do?

As you sit in the pew each Sunday, look to your left, then look to your right; lean forward and turn around. Learn about the persons you see.

Make those individuals your personal prayer partners for the week. Is someone missing from the pew in front or back or across the aisle? Call and say, I missed you. Don't ask: "What's wrong?" for then you might be accused of prying or being nosy. Ask "What can I do for you?" and show loving concern and willingness to truly help. The Bible shares with us the mindset of the early church family as an example to imitate. (Acts 4:32). Are there people sitting in your pew each week who don't have the essentials for living, someone with whom we can share? You won't know unless you build a relationship. So, look to your left, your right, lean forward, turn around. These four people you can get to know. These four people will become support and confidants in trouble, joy and praise. That's it. You only need to deeply care for four people. Now that is a bite I can swallow with ease.

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## A Bargain and a Blessing

by Deaconess Liz Borth

It is no secret that our weak economy is negatively affecting budgets. The ripple effect of job loss, stock market drop, and real estate slump can literally burn a hole in your stomach. Trinity's effort to reach into our community with intentional ministry stimulated the hearts of four of our brothers and sisters to share an opportunity that helps stretch limited food budgets without losing the quality of meals. We are currently working to add this program to our Trinity Outreach Ministries. So, to build your anticipation and whet your appetites, here is some information about Angel Food.

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization home based in Monroe, Georgia. It is a national organization with a singular purpose to help feed families who are struggling financially. However, everyone is encouraged to participate. There are no qualifications, minimums, income restrictions, or applications. After learning about the program and experiencing the joy of helping neighbors in need, some participants

have even chosen to apply the money they saved to help others in need! Because Angel Food buys from first rate suppliers at a volume discount, food can be purchased at approximately ½ the retail cost. At an average cost of \$30.00, one box can feed a family of four for one week or a senior citizen for one month. The food is top quality; no seconds, no damaged or outdated items, no dented or unlabeled cans, nothing too ripe. Orders and distribution are handled by church host sites. Currently, there are over 5200 host sites nationwide. Trinity's original desire was to be one of these host sites. However, the national office feels our immediate area is "saturated" with host sites and we do not currently qualify. At the deadline time for this newsletter, Deaconess Liz and Pastor Moore are working with those members whose hearts were moved to introduce the possibility of Trinity becoming an Angel Food Ministries host site and a different approach to show our faith in action with this ministry is in the works. Within the next month, watch our weekly Triune and the Trinity website for final details as this exciting ministry unfolds.

## A Comforting Christmas Celebration

by Deaconess Liz Borth

While the holidays are depicted as a time of family cheer, parties, and gift giving, there are many of us who would rather not participate in anything joyful, or be surrounded by jovial crowds. Whether we have lost a loved one, suffered an economic loss, or are living alone with no family to enjoy, we do not consider this time of year particularly happy or merry. Especially when the natural rotation of the earth around the sun causes a period of time when there is more darkness than light. This longest night usually occurs in December. During the long hours of the night, depression, grief, and other anxieties loom large and seem impossibly difficult to overcome. This is also a time of vulnerability. If you find yourself or someone you know in this situation, rest in the hope the angels proclaimed. Find your strength in the assurance of your Heavenly Father's pure love and trust the plan He has for you. The true reason for the season compels us to rejoice! That is the message of God's mercy and love for all mankind; the gift of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, Savior and Reconciler.

Trinity will celebrate Christmas love with those who struggle during a special holiday service on Monday, December 21, 2009 at 7 p.m. At this Service of the Longest Night, you will sing familiar holiday songs and hymns, hear God's Words of assurance, whisper prayers, and meditate in candlelight. Come and worship the King and give Him your pain so He may give you His joy.

The Season of Gifts, Trinity's Christmas gift to downtown Orlando, provides festive entertainment for everyone. But, it is the designated offering that gives the longest impact on the community. IDignity, is an Orlando community project providing state identification cards to the poor and homeless. In 2007, after a series of telephone calls and small group meetings, representatives from the

five downtown Christian churches formally organized into an active leadership team. After months of hard work and God's blessings, the first IDignity event helped 250 people feel like real people. Today, IDignity has franchised into Sanford and expanded into the Orange County jail system. In the past 19 months close to 4000 people have received free Florida state identification cards, birth certificates, and social security cards. An I.D. is essential for employment, social aid and assistance, home loans, rental contracts, and travel. The \$25.00 fee that many of our city's poor find prohibitive comes from private donations and offerings such as that collected at Trinity's Season of Gifts. Each month, IDignity also gives over 100 people an opportunity to show Christian love in action. Many of our Trinity members selfishly give 6-8 hours each month serving the Lord's poor and helpless ones. The leadership of IDignity has asked all the churches to help defray the financial cost of the event by sponsoring one month each year. It is unreasonable to expect any one church to fully cover the more than \$7000 monthly cost, but it is very reasonable for any group to promise volunteers for that day; to provide the cost of the volunteer's lunch; to encourage support and promote the project to church family and friends. Trinity Lutheran Church and School are proud to participate as sponsors of the February 18, 2010 IDignity event. Begin now to prayerfully consider spending two to six hours of your time on that day. Perhaps your schedule or physical health restricts your presence, so make a special monetary offering, or donate water bottles, coffee, or Coca-Cola for the volunteer's lunch. If you have any fears or questions about what is involved as a volunteer, please talk to Lo Phillips, Glenda Frazier, Paul Soost, Omar and Gladys Dittmer, Chris Lerner, Trey Poole, Janine Delehunt, and Deaconess Liz.

## School News

Melissa Wittcop, Principal, Trinity Lutheran School

Our students and teachers have made it through the First Quarter! Report cards were sent home and followed with Parent Teacher Conferences. Our Veteran's Day Program was a great success! We had a great crowd of school parents, church members, and Veterans in attendance. The students did an amazing job performing a military salute through song. The students were joined by our Advanced Band and solos performed by Mr. Mike Davis, our band director, and Mr. Matthew Bergholt, our 6th grade teacher. We also enjoyed a whistle solo performed by Trinity alumnus, Mr. Tim Eggert. The highlight of the program however, was our guest speaker, 2nd Lieutenant John Lowe Delcamp. He shared his story as a POW during World War II.

On November 12th, all 132 students of our grade school attended a field trip to hear the Orlando Philharmonic. This field trip has become a tradition at Trinity that includes walking to and from the Bob Carr theatre. The students' walk was escorted by four Orlando police officers. This is always part of the excitement for our students!

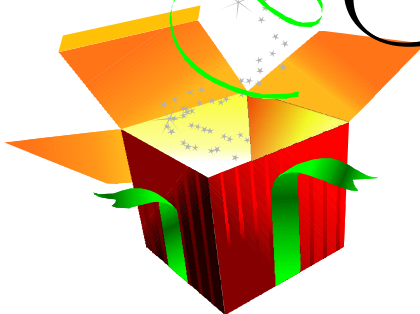
The 2nd Annual Pastor Hoard Memorial Golf Tournament took place on Saturday, November 14th. The day included a game of golf, prizes, and lunch. Money raised from this event went to our Athletic Booster Club to help support our sports program.

We have just a few short weeks until Christmas break, but they are filled with special activities and events. Our 3rd-5th Grade students and band members will be participating in the Lake Eola Christmas Event on Friday, December 4th. The following week, Thursday, December 17th, our 1st-5th Grade students will be performing their Christmas Program. We hope to see you at both events!

God's Blessings to you this Holiday Season!

*Melissa Wittcop*

# THE SEASON OF Gifts



*A special musical presentation  
for the whole family  
to benefit project*

*Dignity*  
providing identification  
for the Poor

Friday, December 4, 2009  
Festival begins at 5 pm  
Stage Production at 7:30 pm  
Walt Disney Amphitheater, Lake Eola

FEATURING

*Jim Payne, WESH Ch 2 News, Guest Narrator  
Combined Choir of Area Christian Churches,  
Derric Johnson, Composer/Conductor*

**Free Admission**

**407-488-1919  
TheSeasonofGifts.com**

## Stephen Ministry - CHRIST caring for people through people



*"It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." Eph.4:11-12 and "If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:11b*

A new class will begin in January 2010! **Will your New Year's resolution be to grow as a caring person?** Stephen Ministers go through 50 hours of training in Christian care-giving, including general topics such as listening, feelings, boundaries, assertiveness and using Christian resources. In addition, their training covers specialized topics such as ministering to the divorced, hospitalized, bereaved and aging. **Can YOU see yourself in this 'serving picture'?** If you feel the LORD has blessed you with the gift of care and compassion, the desire to grow in the knowledge and skill of Christian care-giving, and, are willing to commit to using His gifts to YOU in this way: **please PRAY that He would guide you to know His will regarding becoming a Stephen Minister.** He will help you see opportunities to care in your life's journey of

faith. Watch for more information in the Triune and future Newsletter articles. OR, speak with Deaconess Liz. She – or any Stephen Minister – is ready to answer any questions you may have regarding Stephen Ministry.

If you or someone you know (please have their permission) could benefit by having a Stephen Minister please call Pastor or Deaconess Liz at 407-422-5704, ext. 127. Stephen Ministers are ready to serve as Care Givers.

**Stephen Ministers meet for Ongoing Education Thursday, Nov. 5 and 19 at 7PM in the downstairs conference room of the Ministry Center.** Our discussion topic will be on **PRAYER** – using thoughts from Billy Graham's book **The Journey** and its study series "Learning to Pray". Previously serving Stephen Ministers and interested members are welcome to attend/participate.

**Prayer:** *Holy Spirit, you give us the will and the energy to pray. Motivate each of us to pray for a vision of ministry, a vision that will unite us and guide us as a congregation to reach those among who hurt and those in our world who have not yet heard Your call to faith, give us a vision of hope and direction as we serve You by serving Your people. We ask in the name of Jesus, who is the center and core of Your vision for ministry. Amen.*

### "Over 55" (Owls)

Christmas Lunch at  
Pat Cording's home  
3301 W. St. Brides Cir.,  
Orlando, 32813.  
Thursday, Dec. 17, 11:30 a.m.



What to bring:

A dish to share.  
A gift for Compassion Corner  
(small toiletry item... deodorant,  
shampoo, soap, socks, etc.)

And a White Elephant  
gift for a fun gift  
exchange.

RSVP Bonnie  
(407-895-1545,  
bjroby@aol.com).



## The e-LWML Has a New Structure

by Deaconess Liz Borth

Beginning this month, every woman in the congregation with an email account on record, will receive a monthly devotion, listing of service projects, social activities, and events designed specifically for the women of Trinity and our community. This e-news is your way to stay connected to Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod whose purpose is to affirm each woman's relationship with Christ, and to equip and encourage women for actively living Christian lives.

The formation of Trinity's "bathrobe bunch", as it has been dubbed by the National LWML, was to permit participation by the women of our congregation regardless of their personal time schedules. We commend and give thanks for the dedicated leadership of Doris Engstrom, Donna Wegner, Glenda Frazier, Mary Beth Brink, and Jan Eggert, for keeping us all connected. These women recognized God's call to leadership and answered "Here am I, send me!" Although we begin a new format for the LWML e-news, the most important component of spiritual encouragement will not change. Elizabeth Cohen will continue lifting your spirit with a monthly meditation as Donna Wegner and Lisa Moore have done. Be in the Word on a regular basis, and you will be changed! Keep collecting your mites. The mighty mite has funded mission projects throughout the world. This year's LWML goal

is \$1,825,000.00. The coins you find in the washing machine and couch cushions, and the change from your fast food drive thru, is used to teach in prisons, Africa, Kyrgyzstan, Dominican Republic; fund human care and relief in Peru, India, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Ohio, Latvia, and Lithuania; and gives support to both Concordia Seminaries. Mite offerings can be placed in the giant mite box located in the east wing of the narthex anytime. Please give your thank you to Amy Dittmer for faithfully and willingly counting hundreds of thousands of coins and keeping the financial records up-to-date.

A portion of our e-LWML dues paid for a subscription to the LWML informative and well written quarterly magazine. Since our new structure does not require the optional \$10.00 dues, only a limited number of copies of this magazine will be available in the east narthex. Although this means first-come, first-served, you could read and return or pass it on and practice good stewardship! Women of Trinity, this new way to keep connected as sisters does not change our ability to serve Jesus and His church. If you enjoy meeting face-to-face with women for Bible study, special interest presentations, mission project planning, mite collections and fellowship, remember there is a group of LWML women who meet every quarter in the Magnolia Ministry Center.

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## Wasmund Family

Matthew, Rebecca (Dee Dee), and their daughters, Lily and Olivia, Wasmund currently live in Taiwan where Matthew serves as Strategic Volunteer Coordinator—East Asia. Their work mainly involves overseeing support and programmatic needs for the long-term missionaries in Taiwan at the Concordia School System – Taiwan. The work is also expanding to include a greater role in supporting the long-term missionaries in Japan of the Volunteer Youth Ministry program. They live in Chia Yi, Taiwan, and attend Salvation Lutheran Church.

Born in Ocala, Fla., Matthew graduated from Clemson University, Clemson, S.C. Dee Dee was born

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in Athens, Tenn., and graduated from Florida State University, Tallahassee. They consider both Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Loudon, Tenn., and Faith Lutheran Church in Eustis, Fla., as their home congregations.



Please lift up the Wasmund family in prayer as they serve abroad in East Asia. Pray that Matthew would be protected as he travels throughout East Asia in visiting the various sites and missionaries he oversees. The Wasmunds ask for your prayers as they strive to be faithful stewards of their time, energy, and gifts. Pray also that God would bless their relationships and opportunities to be bold witnesses of His mercy and love.



## Alpha

What's the point of life? Why should Christianity be of any interest to me? Is forgiveness possible? What historical evidence is there for the existence of Jesus? How can we begin a relationship with God and how can we know we have eternal life? What's so special about the Bible? How can this ancient book be relevant to my life today? These are some of the questions answered during the Alpha course. The Alpha course meets every week for ten weeks beginning Tuesday, January 12, 2010. Alpha is for anyone. Everyone is welcome and people attend for a variety of reasons. Some want to investigate whether God really exists and if there is any point to life; others are concerned about what happens after death. Still others may have attended church most of their lives but never really understood the basics of Christian faith. This is an opportunity to invite friends

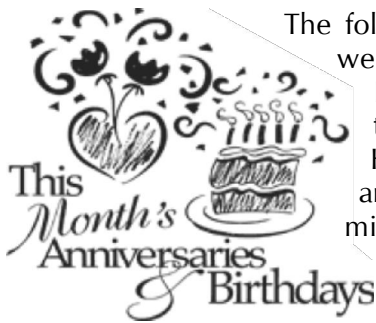
who don't know about Jesus yet. This is an opportunity to renew or revitalize your relationship with the LORD. Alpha typically begins with a light meal, followed by the topic for the evening – usually a video presentation. Then, we have coffee and dessert followed by small group discussion. Watch for future bulletin inserts, brochures, or for more information contact:

Marty Lasater at 407-898-4192  
or, mlasater@pfginc.com

If you would like to attend the next Alpha Course – beginning January 12, 2010 –please complete the Registration Form and return it to:  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
427 N. Magnolia Ave.  
Orlando, FL 32801  
or  
e-mail: tlc@trinitydowntown.org  
Thank you for helping us plan!

<b>REGISTRATION FORM for ALPHA</b>
NAME _____
_____
ADDRESS _____
_____
_____
Phone _____
E-Mail _____

## Anniversaries & Birthdays



The following people who were born or married in December. We thank the Lord for His great gifts of life and love! If there is a mistake or we have missed you, please let us know so we can update our records.

Dec 1	Alderman, Andrea	Birthday	Dec 10	Ramirez, Nayeli	Birthday
Dec 1	Blackwood, Robert	Birthday	Dec 11	Crowell, Neal	Birthday
Dec 1	Bourgeois, Joy	Birthday	Dec 11	Lerner, Janette	Birthday
Dec 1	Butterfield, Charles	Birthday	Dec 12	Butterfield, Chuck	Birthday
Dec 1	Gipson, Cameron	Birthday	Dec 12	Christiansen, Arnold	Birthday
Dec 1	Hagerman, Angela	Birthday	Dec 12	Hagerman, Connie	Birthday
Dec 2	Gawron, Eleanore	Birthday	Dec 12	Lee, David	Birthday
Dec 2	Kasper, Cody	Birthday	Dec 12	Mielke, Carol	Birthday
Dec 2	Rodriguez, Makenzie	Birthday	Dec 12	Smalley, Marcy	Birthday
Dec 2	Lane, Aeron & Kelley	Anniversary	Dec 12	Wegner, Donna	Birthday
Dec 2	Beasom, Jeffery C. & Diane	Anniversary	Dec 13	Hahn, Anna	Birthday
Dec 3	Giroux, Suzanne	Birthday	Dec 13	Reeves, Valerie	Birthday
Dec 3	Knapp, Wilma	Birthday	Dec 15	Arnett, Kamryn	Birthday
Dec 3	Youngless, Helga	Birthday	Dec 15	Blakeley, Lindsey	Birthday
Dec 4	Brice, Francine	Birthday	Dec 15	Clausen, Donald	Birthday
Dec 4	Schimmelpfennig, Clifford & Janyce	Anniversary	Dec 15	Johantgen, Ken	Birthday
Dec 5	Fisher, Kellie	Birthday	Dec 15	Lemcke, Dylan	Birthday
Dec 5	Koch, Robert	Birthday	Dec 15	Pfantz, Martha & Earl	Anniversary
Dec 5	Meyer, Robert	Birthday	Dec 15	Schwichtenberg, Linda & William Staiger	Anniversary
Dec 5	O'Brien, Brendan	Birthday	Dec 16	Arnett, Charles	Birthday
Dec 5	Yeager, Maurice	Birthday	Dec 16	Dees, Bryce	Birthday
Dec 5	Finger, Thomas & Terri	Anniversary	Dec 16	Devis, Brandon	Birthday
Dec 6	Bruno, Derek	Birthday	Dec 16	Koivu, Jean	Birthday
Dec 6	Hopf, Kim	Birthday	Dec 16	Lerner, Chris & Helen	Anniversary
Dec 6	Jennings, Evelyn	Birthday	Dec 17	Barnes, Avery	Birthday
Dec 6	O'Rourke, Stacey	Birthday	Dec 17	Eckoff, Harvey	Birthday
Dec 6	Trover, Susan	Birthday	Dec 17	Emling, Katie	Birthday
Dec 7	Hamer, Stephanie	Birthday	Dec 17	O'Rourke, Zack	Birthday
Dec 7	Lubold, Morgan	Birthday	Dec 17	Rodriguez, Marino	Birthday
Dec 7	Simmons, Catherine	Birthday	Dec 17	Young, Art & Lisa	Anniversary
Dec 7	Wallace, Heather	Birthday	Dec 18	Brath, Betty	Birthday
Dec 8	Critcher, V, Murry	Birthday	Dec 18	Rawlings, Lucas	Birthday
Dec 8	Frazier, Glenda	Birthday	Dec 18	Scaletta, Emily	Birthday
Dec 8	Hoctor, James L.	Birthday	Dec 19	Cobb, Jackson	Birthday
Dec 8	Knoblauch, Gretchen	Birthday	Dec 19	Dittmer, David	Birthday
Dec 9	Gardner, Jessica	Birthday	Dec 19	Nicholson, Heather	Birthday
			Dec 19	Oakley, John	Birthday
			Dec 19	Schimmelpfennig, Janyce	Birthday
			Dec 19	Rhoads, Myrtle & Glenn	Anniversary
			Dec 19	Shively, Dan & Marcia	Anniversary
			Dec 20	Oesterle, Steve	Birthday
			Dec 21	Finnell, Cristian	Birthday
			Dec 21	Hamidi, Hedy	Birthday
			Dec 21	koller, Rick & Joni Emling	Anniversary
			Dec 22	Barrett, Michael K.	Birthday
			Dec 22	Becker, Jason	Birthday
			Dec 22	Harris, Lisa	Birthday

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Dec 22	Kunze, Christopher	Birthday	Dec 28	McCaleb, Steve	Birthday
Dec 22	Pilkinton, Chris	Birthday	Dec 28	Van Deest, Nora	Birthday
Dec 23	Mayer, Patricia	Birthday	Dec 29	Arnold, Todd	Birthday
Dec 23	Rummells, Melissa	Birthday	Dec 29	Gatti, Pat Jr.	Birthday
Dec 23	Smothers, Kayley	Birthday	Dec 29	Hohman, Mary	Birthday
Dec 23	Zara, IV, Catherine	Birthday	Dec 29	Horton, Kris	Birthday
Dec 24	Earle, Katherine	Birthday	Dec 29	Sarubbi, Jonathan	Birthday
Dec 24	Holshek, Shirley	Birthday	Dec 29	Thomas, Megan	Birthday
Dec 24	Schoembs, Michelle	Birthday	Dec 29	Wiley, Dianne	Birthday
Dec 24	Walberg, Jane	Birthday	Dec 29	Dobson, Diane & Gary	Anniversary
Dec 25	Jezek, Holly	Birthday	Dec 29	Sanborn, Raquel & Charles	Anniversary
Dec 25	Keene, Jim	Birthday	Dec 30	Graft, Sherry	Birthday
Dec 25	Merrick, Carolyn	Birthday	Dec 30	Haney, Michelle	Birthday
Dec 25	Mills, Judy	Birthday	Dec 30	Munoz, Daniel	Birthday
Dec 25	Wilde, Holly	Birthday	Dec 30	Reyes, Victoria	Birthday
Dec 25	Yawman, Hannah	Birthday	Dec 30	Ricker, Sara	Birthday
Dec 26	Boggs, Heather	Birthday	Dec 30	Shultz, Samuel	Birthday
Dec 26	Brink, Mark & Mary Beth	Anniversary	Dec 30	Lange, Ted & Mary	Anniversary
Dec 26	White, Tom & Roseann	Anniversary	Dec 30	Lyerly, Robert & Sandra	Anniversary
Dec 27	Morris, Linda	Birthday	Dec 30	Rawlings, Ed & Patti	Anniversary
Dec 27	Stark, Cindy	Birthday	Dec 31	Barfield, Sara	Birthday
Dec 27	Yeager, Cole	Birthday	Dec 31	Horton, Dale	Birthday
Dec 27	Hagerman, Bob & Connie	Anniversary	Dec 31	Regan, Eileen	Birthday
Dec 27	Simonson, Shane & Marlene	Anniversary	Dec 31	Yawman, Jonathan	Birthday
Dec 28	Alvarado, Shyanne	Birthday	Dec 31	Mayer, Jeremy & Nicole	Anniversary
Dec 28	Clark, Ian	Birthday	Dec 31	Norris, Tim & Deana	Anniversary
Dec 28	Green, Clayton	Birthday	Dec 31	Ricker, Sara & Jim	Anniversary

**Readings for December**

**December 6**    **First Lesson:** Mal. 3:1-7b  
**Second Lesson:** Phil. 1:2-11  
**Gospel:** Luke 3:1-14 (15-20)

**December 13**    **First Lesson:** Zeph. 3:14-20  
**Second Lesson:** Phil. 4:4-7  
**Gospel:** Luke 7:18-28 (29-35)

**December 20**    **First Lesson:** Micah 5:2-5a  
**Second Lesson:** Heb. 10:5-10  
**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-56

**December 24**    **First Lesson:** Isaiah 7:10-14  
**Christmas Eve**    **Second Lesson:** First John 4:7-16  
**Gospel:** *Matthew 1:18-25*

**December 25**    **First Lesson:** Is. 52:7-10  
**Christmas Day**    **Second Lesson:** Heb. 1:1-6 (7-12)  
**Gospel:** John 1:1-14 (15-18)

**December 27**    **First Lesson:** Ex. 13:1-3a, 11-15  
**Second Lesson:** Col. 3:12-17  
**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

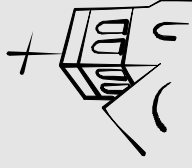
**December 31**    **First Lesson:** Isaiah 30:8-17  
**News Years Eve**    **Second Lesson:** Romans 8: 31b-39  
**Gospel:** Luke 12:35-40

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday		December 1	2	3	4	5
8:00am Worship - Traditional		8:20am Tea & Coffee Bible Study 8:20-9:20 (M)	7:00am Free Coffee 11:30am Noon Brown Bag 5:30pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Youth Ministry 6:00pm Advent Dinner 6:00pm Bells Practice More Items...	6:15am Men's Prayer Breakfast (City) 8:30am Moms in Touch Prayer Group (s) 9:00am LWML Quilters (M201) 7:00pm Stephen Ministry	9:00am LWML Quilters Christmas Party 5:00pm The Season of Gifts--Festival 5:30pm Ultimate Frisbee (Field) 7:30pm The Season of	9:00am Altar Guild Communion 9:00am Winter Park Parade 9:00am Saturday Bible Study 4:50 (S1) 6:00pm Saturday
9:30am Worship - Folk		6:00pm The Season of Gifts (M115)				
9:30am Sunday School		7:00pm Women's Bible Study" (Moore's				
11:00am 11am Worship		8:20am Tea & Coffee Bible Study 8:20-9:20 (M115)				
12:00pm Lunch and		7:00pm Women's Bible Study" (Moore's home)				
7:00pm Haitian		8:20am School Board Meeting (S101b) 8:00pm Men's Night Out (The Clubhouse-Magnit and Pine)				
CHILDRENS CHURCH during	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:00am Worship - Traditional		8:20am PTL Board Meeting (S110) 7:00pm Elders Meeting (M201) 8:00pm Men's Night Out (The Clubhouse-Magnit	7:00am Free Coffee 11:30am Noon Brown Bag 5:30pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Youth Ministry 6:00pm Advent Dinner More Items...	Christmas Shop by FHF 6:15am Men's Prayer Breakfast (City) 8:30am Moms in Touch Prayer Group (s) 6:30pm All Ladies Bunco 6:30pm Discipleship	5:30pm Ultimate Frisbee (Field)	9:00am Altar Guild Communion 11:00am Trinity Shares Christmas (S1) 5:00pm Saturday Bible Study 4:50 (S1) 6:00pm Saturday
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9:30am Worship - Praise		8:20am Tea & Coffee Bible Study 8:20-9:20 (M115)				
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CHILDRENS Church during 8 and	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:00am Worship - Traditional		8:20am Tea & Coffee Bible Study 8:20-9:20 (M115)	Christmas Break- School Closed Extended Care On Campus 8:20am Tea & Coffee Bible Study 8:20-9:20 (M115)	Christmas Break- School Closed Extended Care On Campus Hanging of the greens (S200) 7:00am Free Coffee 11:30am Noon Brown Bag 5:30pm Children's Choir 5:30pm Advent Dinner More Items...	Christmas Break- School Closed Church, School & CDC office 4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship--Childre 6:00pm Christmas Eve 8:00pm Christmas Eve 11:00pm Christmas Eve	Christmas Break- School Closed Church, School & CDC office 10:00am Christmas Day Worship (s100a)
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Date	Time	Elders	Ushers	Readers	Acolytes	Greeters	PPT	Sound	Nursery
12/5	6:00 PM	1 needed	Dick Eggert, Dean Picard	Carole Stevens	Anna Fabry, Diana Bronson	Darlene & Ed Sabin	Stephanie Hohman	Mary Hohman	
12/6	8:00 AM	Gary Schumacher Mike Hofmann, Jeff Alexander	Ric Adkins, Rodney Brown, Eric Oelschlagler Lance Bell, Chuck Butterfield, Richard Ebert, Jeff Alexander, Cathy Heaton-Alexander	Kristine Zook Ron Logan	Matthew Hey, Tyler Beasom Liz Schmidt, Alyssa Foschini	Dennis & Stephanie Landis Shelly & Shyanne Alvarado	David Wilkosz Kim Hofmann	David Blackwood 1 needed	9:30 Mary Hohman
11:00 AM			Mike Trapp, Brendan O'Brien, Greg Ackerman, Frank Knoblauch	Carolyn Merrick	Morgan Salerno, Devin Moran	Jay Barfield & Mary Gene Carr	Parker Lange	Bob Blackwood, Sr.	11am Kerri Barnes
12/12	6:00 PM	Dick Eggert	Lori Stanley, Mike Schneider, John Michael Bell, James Bell	Tom Thomas	Tyler Beasom, Renick Slasinski	2-Jan	John Michael Bell	Josh Friedel	
12/13	8:00 AM	Omar Dittmer	Glen Schumacher, Gary Schumacher, Carl Schroeder, Jim Jones, Aeron Lane	Kelley Lane	Matthew Schroeder, Cooper Tesch	Glen & Beth Schumacher	Eric Oelschlagler	David Blackwood	
9:30 AM		Lance Bell, Mike Kunze	Michael Kunze, Shane Kunze, Patricia Kunze, Chris Gerou	Greg Ackerman	Nick Johantgen, Gio Zepeda	Doris Holman & DeWayne Booker	Cheryl Oakley	Bill Woodall	9:30 Devon Moran
11:00 AM		Gregg Yawman	Tony Ramiz, Martin Ramiz	Gretchen Knoblauch	Jacob Paule, Reid Beier	Javier & Jennifer Rossy	Sarah Dittmer	Meg Bader	11am Angie Friedel
12/19	6:00 PM		Charles & Lenore Hammack	Mary Hohman	Anna Fabry, Diana Bronson	Jean-Elizabeth Hamilton and Cynthia Vachon	1 needed	1 needed	
12/20	8:00 AM	Gary Schumacher	Vernon Retzlaff, Felix Hamilton, Marcus Hamilton	Traci Brown	Matthew Hey, Tyler Beasom	Gail Wilkosz & Clay Bourgeois	Eric Oelschlagler	David Blackwood	
9:30 AM		Mike Hofmann, Jeff Alexander	Bert Foschini, Wynona Boast, Lynn Wacker, Alan Smith	Lynn Wacker	Bradley Horton, Garrett Levine	Bruce & Bonnie Hahn	Kim Hofmann	Bob Blackwood	9:30 Lynn Hogan
11:00 AM		Leo Nagy	Charles Goodman, Don Merrick, Sr., Ted Lange, Don Behrman	Brendan O'Brien	Christian Bentley, Taylor Bentley	Martha Pfantz & Diana Wallace	Parker Lange	Bob Blackwood, Sr.	11am Frank & Gretchen Knoblauch
12/26	6:00 PM		David Fritz	Wayne Schwanke	Tyler Beasom, Renick Slasinski	Greeter needed	Lori Stanley	John Michael Bell	
12/27	8:00 AM	Omar Dittmer	Lorenzo Phillips, Joyce Phillips, Wendy Churchville, Tommie Smothers, Gary Oakley	Vernon Retzlaff	Matthew Schroeder, Cooper Tesch	Kathy & Jessie Schumacher	David Blackwood		
9:30 AM		Lance Bell, Mike Kunze	Brent Killingger, Tyler Killingger, Yesenia Witherspoon, Shane Strausbaugh	Rob Stuenkel	Chase Harris, Erich Killingger	Lisa Harris, Patty Kunze	Cheryl Oakley Bill Woodall	Bill Woodall	9:30 Tony Ackerman
11:00 AM		Gregg Yawman	Bob Short, Richard Berkley, Betty Berkley, Marc Collier, William Leverage	Jay Barfield	Olivia Shultz, Hannah Yawman	John Strandquest, Jim Congrove, Jane Congrove	Martin Ramiz	Bob Blackwood, Sr.	9:30 Tony Ackerman

December Altar Guild: Joan Chavez, Joy Burns, Patti Rawlings, Janet Drake, Kathy Schumaker

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## Advent and Christmas

Date	Time	Elders	Ushers	Readers	Acolytes	Greeters	PPT	Sound	Nursery
12/2	12:10	Jeff Alexander 1 needed	Yesenia Witherspoon	1 needed	none	2 needed	1 needed	1 needed	
	7pm		Joyce Phillips	1 needed	2 needed	2 needed	1 needed	1 needed	
12/9	Advent 12:10	Jeff Alexander 1 needed	Bob Short	1 needed	none	2 needed	1 needed	1 needed	
	Advent 7:00		Joyce Phillips, Yesenia Witherspoon	1 needed	2 needed	2 needed	1 needed	1 needed	
12/16	Advent 12:10	1 needed	Bob Short	1 needed	none	2 needed	1 needed	1 needed	
	Advent 7:00		Shane Strausbaugh, Joyce Phillips	1 needed	2 needed	2 needed	1 needed	1 needed	
12/24	4pm	3 needed	12 needed, Shane Strausbaugh	N/A	none	4 needed	1 needed	1 needed	
	6pm	3 needed	12 needed, Richard Berkley, Betty Berkley	1 needed	2 needed	4 needed	1 needed	1 needed	
	8pm	4 needed	16 needed	1 needed	2 needed	4 needed	1 needed	1 needed	
	11pm	2 needed	8 needed	1 needed	2 needed	4 needed	1 needed	1 needed	
12/25	10am	3 needed Jeff Alexander	12 needed Shane Strausbaugh	1 needed	2 needed	2 needed	1 needed	1 needed	
12/31	7pm	1 needed	2 needed	1 needed	2 needed	2 needed	1 needed	1 needed	

"The holiday season is here with our numerous special worship services. In the past, those who serve have asked to sign up for the services of their choice rather than being assigned a service. To choose the service times in which you will serve, please review the December schedule here and then contact Chanda in the church office to put your name on the schedule ([tlc@TrinityDowntown.org](mailto:tlc@TrinityDowntown.org) or 407-488-1919 x100). PLEASE sign up ASAP so that there is plenty of advance notice of gaps in coverage. Thank you."



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