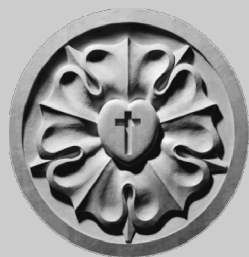


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## Pastor's Page

### **Giving up for Lent?**

For probably 20 years I've given up all sweets for Lent. Especially in the early years that was a very helpful spiritual discipline. Whenever I wanted something sweet, I would remember that I had given sweets up, which would cause me to think of all that Jesus had given up for me—turning a physical habit on its head so that it led me into devotion and prayer.

This spiritual discipline has served me well, but this Lent I'm trying something new. One reason for the change is that I've gotten so used to giving up the sweets that I don't notice it much any more, which means I'm not so often moved to remember to stop and be led into devotional thoughts.

But the main reason I'm changing is because I'm dissatisfied with a

pattern that's developed over the years. When I give up sweets I lose weight, feel better, and think that after Easter I'll start eating sweets more carefully, in moderation. But after Easter I seem to make up for lost time, lose control over the sweets, gain the weight back, and feel just as bad as when Lent began. I've come to think that what I'm doing is going to one extreme, eating no sweets whatever, going too far, doing something I can't sustain long-term. Then I swing to the other extreme, as though, having been "too healthy," now I'm going to be completely "bad."

So here's what I'm going to try this Lent—I'm going to pick one area of my life (this year, my eating habits), and try to plan out a sustainable program, and adopt it, with the idea that I'm not going to change at Easter. In other words,

by Pastor Jeff Moore

I'm planning to make a real change, a lasting change, rather than swinging from "good" during Lent to "bad" afterward. This is really a stewardship choice, remembering that my whole being belongs to Jesus, and I want to manage his property well.

Why am I telling you what I'm doing? Well, in part, because telling someone else usually raises one's level of commitment. Also, I'm hoping to encourage you to adopt some change in your life as Lent begins. I believe it's always good to try to use events to give a kick-start to motivate us to make changes.

More than that, though, I believe that making some commitment during Lent can be a useful discipline to help us focus on Christ. This 40 weekday plus 6 Sunday period has

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always been intended by the Church to draw us into the life of Jesus, especially His last days on earth. It's a good time to step back from the busyness of life, to find a way to not do our usual routine, replacing that time with devotion to Jesus. Although I'm not always very successful, I try during Holy Week to really "live" that week with Jesus, to think about what he was doing each day and to walk to the cross with him. Then, at Easter, I can turn loose with holy joy in his resurrection—and mine!

I'd really like to encourage you to take Lent seriously. Ash Wednesday is February 6th this year, the earliest it will fall in most of our lifetimes. Please find a way to attend our worship services each Wednesday, either at noon or 7:00, and please find some way to make some change that will help you think of Jesus more than usual. (And, perhaps, you'll decide not to just do that during Lent, but to make this new level of devotion permanent!!)

God bless your life with Christ!

## Trinity, Just Beyond the Horizon

by Wren Aber, Trinity Executive Director

The Visioning process is all about imagination. Like what's just beyond the Horizon. What's just around the river bend. And, of course, anticipating just how we can be prepared for whatever is coming.

The Envisioning Trinity process is a lot like that. We started with some forms to outline our visions at the December congregation meeting. And all our boards, committees and staff have been assembling their thoughts about the future since then.

Saturday, February 2, at 9:00am we'll hold a Congregation Workshop in the Fellowship Hall to discuss visions offered so far, and to prioritize just how those congregation visions can guide our road to the future of Trinity Downtown Church and School. In short, how can we prepare ourselves to maximize the impact of God's glory in Orlando and the surrounding area? What role will our church and its various ministries play in the big downtown growth picture?

The Envisioning Trinity planning forms have been trickling in since the December meeting, and some of the initial visions are pretty exciting pictures. Here are just a few:

- A family of believers committed to leading a

Christian life of example

- Hundreds more worshippers filling the pews every weekend
- More school and CDC classrooms filled with many more students
- Sunday School and Bible classes filled to the brim
- A downtown campus supported by suburban commuters to church and school
- Historical facilities driven by a contemporary infrastructure
- Creative ideas about energy conservation and "going green"
- A broadcast and community event outreach ministry to reach far beyond the neighborhood

Some of these visions can quickly become reality. Others will take 5 to 10 years. And still others will not stand the test of resource allocation. Most will be phased in a step at a time.

That's what February 2 is all about. It's the next stop on our planning trip. Collectively, we'll harness the visioning horsepower of our membership, convert these images to probabilities and prioritize the way forward. We'll look at past planning efforts for commonalities and trends. We'll ground our

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growth in the Word.

Then, we'll use these ideas to lay the groundwork for planning the resources, the personnel and the facilities needed to complete the Trinity Vision. Some will be new. Some will be updated. And some will be untouched.

For preparation, I urge you to revisit the book of Acts to remind yourself how God began spreading the Gospel just after Christ's ascension into heaven. What His plan was to accomplish the Great Commission remains our underlying mission.

In that much simpler time, the early Christians dedicated their lives to living, preaching and teaching the Christian life. Their work was God's work. Saving others was their achievement. They worked hard and used their products to fund God's work and to help one another. They funded missionaries to spread the Gospel to those who hadn't heard. They established the foundation of the Christian life.

Fast forward those “acts” into today's society right here in Orlando in the 21st century, and the opportunities are everywhere. Even

though today's “first fruits” for the church are more likely to depend on a computer transaction than a goat or a bushel of grain, and many of our missions involve a plane ticket to some far field.

Then imagine how quickly we could spread the Word in our time if we applied all the technologies and the resources our great God has showered upon us since the days of the Apostles. Preaching from a big rock as in the days of Acts reached thousands; today's mass media can reach millions on a moment.

In short, applying all the resources God gave Trinity may be the most accurate application of the concept of Stewardship we'll ever encounter. Making our God-given resources work to accomplish God's will! Envisioning and applying those resources for their maximum impact isn't a choice. It's an assignment.

Come to the Workshop February 2. Email me with your visions anytime. Help us make Trinity a high-profile Orlando Lutheran campus where the blessings of salvation are shared every day with folks of all walks.

It's time for us to commit some serious acts of evangelism! May God encourage your personal study and preparation...and yes, evangelism! waber315@aol.com.

## **A** **from Your Music Director**

by Lisa Moore, Music Director

**American Boychoir Concert – February 4th – 7:00 p.m. !!**

2/24 8:00 Parish choir and bells

*Rehearsal times move on Wednesday, February 6th.*

Bells - 6:00 p.m., Choir 7:45 p.m.

### **February Singing Schedule**

- 2/3 8:00 Cherub Choir
- 11:00 Parish choir and bells
- 2/6 7:00 Parish choir and bells
- 2/10 8:00 Women's Choir
- 11:00 Men's Choir
- 2/17 8:00 Kinderchoir
- 11:00 Parish choir and bells
- 2/20 7:00 Carol Choir

### **Youth Poll Results**

A poll taken every three years at the National LCMS Youth Gatherings, and taken at last summer's 07 gathering cited the following interesting results regarding worship.

48.7 % said their congregations are using the

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## A from Your Music Director, continued from page 3 by Lisa Moore, Music Director

new LSB hymnal

23 % didn't know there was a new hymnal  
19.1 % said they prefer totally traditional liturgical worship

27 % said they prefer contemporary or praise worship

42 % prefer a blend of traditional and contemporary

39.9 % said they can recite the words to the Common Doxology

*(This has consistently come down over the last 10 years from*

*42.6 % in 2004 and 48.7 % in 1998.)*

24.8 % said they couldn't recite the words

32.2 % checked, "What's the Common Doxology"?

70.7 % of adults could recite the Doxology.

### Lent - the Season of the Cross

The first reference to a cross is found in Deuteronomy 21:22-23, the regulation that the corpse of an executed criminal be displayed to the community by being impaled on a tree. Such a display of the corpse was God's ultimate curse and an Israelite's deepest horror. In the Greco-Roman world, crucifixion was used as an instrument of torture and execution for the lowest criminals. Often victims were defeated enemies or internal threats. The mad emperor Caligula crucified Jews in the amphitheater as entertainment, although most crucifixions were mounted

alongside major roadways to terrorize the population. In the Roman Empire, crucifixion was used especially to punish slave rebellions (in 71 B.C.E. 6000 slaves were crucified along the Appian Way.) Crucifixion was generally judged too horrible to inflict on any Roman citizen. Understanding these ancient interpretations – that God stipulated hanging on a tree as the worst possible punishment and governments generally agreed with Him - helps us to fathom the shock and shame of the witnesses and disciples at the foot of Jesus' cross. Even in the second century, non-Christians considered Christians insane for worshiping a crucified man. Over the centuries, the cross has become for us, not just a symbol of a horrible death, but of love, life, and forgiveness. "In the cross of Christ I glory!" It will be good for us though, for six weeks, to contemplate the true horror of Jesus' suffering on this instrument of death, to realize the deep, deep love He has for us.

*"Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great*

*Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.*

*Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;*

*'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God."*

*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

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### A Servant's Heart

Are you absolutely certain of your salvation? My very confessional Christian grandmother asked if her salvation was certain when she felt near to death. A dear friend who recently had joined a Christian church through baptism asked me on her deathbed if she was good enough for eternal life. The question does rise from Christian lips. There is an evangelism movement using this very question as a means to engage door-to-door witnessing, for it is an important one.

by Liz Borth, Deaconess

I spent a couple of evenings during my Christmas break working at Universal Studios in the costume department. A young man who has been working there for the last 6 months asked about my full time position. This glamorous position is washing, drying and hanging stinky costumes, so we had plenty of undistracted time to talk. He confessed that he stopped going to church because he was learning too much about

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salvation. Can you imagine that! He said he just could not accept that he would be saved and live in eternal joy and his dear mother would not. The young man was very concerned about eternity for those he loved, and his concern was based on the thought he could do nothing to guarantee it for them. After more discussion and some faith sharing, he told me my belief was too simple. (Acts 16:30 & 31) There must be more to do to ensure a place in heaven. His fear was his mother would not be able to do enough to guarantee eternal life. His newborn baby faith was stuck in proving his worth, and he struggles to understand that this free gift is for all people.

by Liz Borth, Deaconess

Lent begins this month with Ash Wednesday on February 1. In this church season, we ponder our unworthiness and the great love shown to us while we were yet sinners. It is beyond our human comprehension to understand (much less explain) why such contaminated humans can be of value to a perfect and almighty God; that He would give freely and fully, His greatest treasure for our benefit. But, in and through faith alone this gift of life is our very own, because Jesus Christ restored the broken relationship between God and Man. This treasure requires no measure of worth or proof. May each of us let our light shine on those who are struggling to see clearly in this dark world, and offer them assurance of the gift of life and joy.

## Special Worship Opportunity for Children

by Liz Borth, Deaconess

On the first and third Sundays of the month, Deaconess Liz will escort children ages 4 through third grade out of the Sanctuary for their own message during Pastor's sermon. Families are encouraged and expected to worship together and this special time for young children during the sermon still allows them to share in the liturgy, songs, and prayers. Families can worship together, but on the first Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and

on the third Sunday at 11:00 a.m. young children will hear the Gospel message in a format especially for their developing minds and short attention span. In addition to a special message, children will learn more about the physical space in the church, some of the symbolism in the architecture, and learn answers for the "why" questions of our liturgical format.

## Remember The Sabbath Day, To Keep It Holy

God commands us to withdraw from work for a day of rest and refreshment, and on this day we take the opportunity to come together to hear and work with the Word of God and to praise God by song and prayer. For the young people, the ministry of the Word should be the special concern of this day.

During the Month of December, the following children had perfect attendance:

Angelina Blackwood	Cooper Tesch
Sara Barfield	Sarah Dittmer
Ian Spirduso	Faith Finger
Zachary Sutrich	Alesia Cantrell
Katherine Spirduso	Matthew Hey
Spenser Tesch	

### PORTALS OF PRAYER

*Portals of Prayer*, daily devotional booklets, are available in the back of the church. Please take one. A limited number of large print editions are also available in the church office.

## Stewardship

by Tony Ramiz

By the time this letter reaches you, the year 2008 is well underway and so is the TLS 2008 Stewardship Drive. A new year offers a new start for many of us. Like Paul, we "[forget] what is behind and [strain] toward what is ahead" (Philippians 3:13). Through Christ, who has paid the penalty for our sins, the slate is clean; we can forget about the past. We are new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), ready to go forward in His strength to serve Him with the gifts He has given us.

The stewardship drive offers us the opportunity to assess those gifts that God has given us and see how we can use them for God's glory and the good of His people. The motivation to do this comes from the same One Who gave the gifts! Just as He was motivated by love for us to give us His greatest gift, His Son, so we are motivated by love for Him to serve those He calls us to serve.

## TRINITY ABLAZE: Small Group Ministry at Trinity



*"This was the best Bible Study session I have ever attended," commented Mary Gene Carr after a recent session of the Sunday morning study "St. Paul Writes to the Church in Orlando". That's quite a statement coming from a long term Bible student like Mary Gene.*

During that session the group divided into seven small groups for discussion, sharing and actually writing a possible letter from St. Paul. The excitement and power of a small group to effectively involve and bring people together was evident during this session. It is our hope and belief that this can be repeated with all of the people of Trinity. Therefore, an effort is underway to build on and expand the small group ministry that started with the "Ablaze" study groups last year.

On Saturday, January 19th a planning session led by Pete Krzyzak was held. It brought together a number of people committed to

helping Trinity grow through small group ministry. They experienced the effectiveness of a small group to build and mutually support each other in their Christian life. During the next weeks members of this group will take a leadership role in the formation of a number of new small groups among the members and friends of Trinity.

There is considerable flexibility in this program that makes it possible for each small group to adapt to the needs and interests of the people involved. There is also a unity of purpose and enough organization to make it a powerful tool for the growth of Trinity congregation.

To everyone who receives an invitation to join a Trinity Ablaze group we say, " TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT! If you haven't received an invitation when reading this, don't wait; call immediately to say, "I WANT TO BE IN A TRINITY ABLAZE GROUP!" (Trinity church office: 407-422-5704, Pete Krzyzak: 407-8959893, Omar Dittmer: 407-658-9815)

### EMAIL ADDRESS?

Do you have an email address that you have not turned in to the church office? Please email or call in your new or updated email address to the church office, [tlc@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:tlc@trinitydowntown.org).

## Stephen Ministry

### STEPHEN MINISTRY



*"My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that*

*they may have the full riches of complete understanding." Colossians 2:2a*

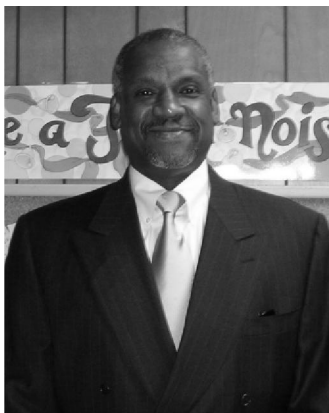
*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2*

**Connected - Growing - Fruitful:** The purpose of Stephen Ministry is to help a hurting person stay **connected to Jesus**, and, **grow in faith and health** so they can better **serve their Lord**. The two Bible verses above are theme verses that help focus Stephen Ministry. The Lord has answered prayers to continue this ministry at Trinity by calling **Deaconess Liz and Jim Borth, Lena Jones, Marty and Julie Lasater, Helen Lerner, and Loren Roby** to begin training as Stephen Ministers. These people began training on January 24 and will continue meeting weekly until mid-June. Their training will give Trinity a new team of skilled caregivers equipped to bring Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, in

crisis, or experiencing other stresses in life – divorce, loss of job, hospitalization, relocation, or loneliness. Through the 20 + lessons they will learn to give distinctively Christian care by providing one-to-one confidential care, prayer and non-judgmental support to a Care Receiver. Lessons to be studied in February include – "The Art of Listening"(Feb.7), "Distinctively Christian Caring – Parts 1 and 2" (Feb.14), "Process vs Results in Caregiving" (Feb. 21),"Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly"(Feb.28). We request your prayers of spiritual support and encouragement for this ongoing ministry.

**Prayer: Compassionate Lord, you walked the earth to bring good news of God's love to all. You showed us by example how to love and care for one another. As we train a new class of Stephen Ministers, make your caring presence known in our hearts. Help us understand how best to use the gifts you give us. Use us to bring your healing love to the lives of people within and without our congregation. We pray – trusting in your promise to hear and grant us your Spirit.**

## Have you gotten to know these members of our church family?



*William Booker*

He retains an allegiance to the Los Angeles Lakers

William became a member of Trinity in November. He came to Florida from Los Angeles in 1970 and currently lives at 3751 White Heron Drive 32808. He spends his occupation time in Marketing. He is an avid reader and enjoys being outside working with his



*Merry Joe Moran*

office manager. She remains faithful to the Oklahoma Sooners from her youth

Merry became a member of Trinity in November transferring from Zion Lutheran Church. She's originally from Oklahoma having moved to Florida in '79 with her family. She has two fine sons David (12) and Coltin (4). She does fine work as an

*\*\*Every worship service is a reunion of God's people. Take a moment at every service to greet one of them that you don't know well.*

## Human Care Board

By Gary Oakley

I recently received a note, of thanks, I want to share. It comes from the Orlando Union Rescue Mission, following the donation of a computer and printer system, on behalf of the congregation for use in their Victorious Life class:

To the Congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church:

*Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Mission's Victorious Life Class! Pastor Dave is so grateful for his new computer and printer that have enabled him to properly prepare for the course work required for the class. We greatly appreciate your church's partnership and hope all of you have a blessed new year!*

*Gratefully,*

*Laurie Fewless*

*Director of Development*

*Orlando Union Rescue Mission*

The congregation has also been asked to assist the Rescue Mission in conjunction with the Homeless Coalition of Orlando in carrying out two Christ-Centered projects during the Easter season. The congregation's help is needed to deliver invitations to a Good Friday luncheon to individuals living in three homeless camps. Our goal is to send three teams of 5 or 6 people, with staff from the Rescue Mission, to

deliver the invitations on **Saturday, March, 15.** from 7-9:30 a.m. During the time the invitations are delivered, we will also distribute "Goodie Bags" that will contain pocket-sized New Testaments and other items such as granola bars, personal hygiene items, (toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.) and a bottle of water.

Our help is also needed 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Good Friday luncheon, **March, 21** to greet guests, assist with set up and clean up, encourage attendees to attend the devotional service, assist with the distribution of store supplies to luncheon attendees.

If you are not able to deliver Goodie Bags to the homeless camps or assist at the luncheon, you can still serve these needs by:

- 1) Donating supplies needed to prepare Goodie Bags.
- 2) Helping place New Testaments and other items in the Goodie Bags.

We have begun the task of recruiting individuals to meet this need. I hope you will give prayerful consideration to taking part in this opportunity to serve. What a wonderful way it will be to share God's Love with those most in need. Please contact me at 407-656-1367 if you can help or have questions.

### Lenten Schedule

**Ash Wednesday** – February 6th

12:10, Dinner 5:20, service at 7:00pm

**Lenten service** – February 13th

12:10, Dinner 5:30, service at 7:00pm

**Lenten service** – February 20th

12:10, Dinner 5:30, service at 7:00pm

**Lenten service** – February 27th

12:10, Dinner 5:30, service at 7:00pm

**Lenten service** – March 5th

12:10, Dinner 5:30, service at 7:00pm

**Lenten service** – March 12th

12:10, Dinner 5:30, service at 7:00pm

### Holy Week

*No Wednesday service*

**Palm Sunday** – March 16th

Services, Saturday 6:00pm and  
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

**Maundy Thursday** – March 20th

12:10, Service at 7:00pm

**Good Friday** – March 21st

12:10, Service at 7:00pm

**Easter Sunday** – March 23rd

Sunrise service 6:30am

Services at 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

## Anna Brings Macau to Michigan !!

by Anna Moore

You'll find photographs of Lisa's whole family gathering after Christmas, in Standish, Michigan, home of “grandpa and grandma”. Anna brought ingredients, rice bowls and spoons, tea, cookies, and chopsticks from Macau, and after several hours of intense cooking by four of us, we were treated to an authentic Chinese dinner. You'll see the great fun Anna's Kansas cousins had trying out those chopsticks! And you'll see how glad her “big” brother, Josh, was to see her. By the way, no fortune cookies! Anna says those are purely an American invention!





# Thanks to those who serve in February 2008

Date	Time	Elders	Ushers	Readers	Acolytes	Nursery	Greeters
2/2/08	6:00 p.m.	Carl Fabry	Charles Hammack, Lenore Hammack	Carole Stevens	William Davis, Matthew Spornoko		Tom & Rita Thomas
2/3/08	8:00 a.m.	Gary Schumacher	Clayton McCoy, Dave Wilson, Rodney Brown, Don Liesch, Bud Yeager	Kristine Zook	Evan Zook, Emma Kate Tesch		Mary Beth & Mark Brink
	9:30 a.m.	Mike Hoffmann, Jeff Alexander	Lance Bell, Chuck Butterfield, Thea Butterfield, Jeff Alexander	Ron Logan	Shyanne Alvarado, Thomas Foschini	Peggy Schroeder	Shelly & Shyanne Alvarado
	11:00 a.m.	John Strandquest	Mike Trapp, Brendan O'Brien, Greg Ackerman, Darryl Kennedy	Wren Aber	Peter Hinton, Kevin Hinton	David & Kathy Simmons	Jay Barfield & Mary Gene Carr
2/9/08	6:00 p.m.	Gregg Yawman	Jan & Dick Eggert	Tom Thomas	Cassy Crowell, Sarah Fabry		Ed & Darlene Sabin
2/10/08	8:00 a.m.	Vern Retzlaff	Glen Schumacher, Gary Schumacher, Jody Bowman, Carl Schroeder, Jim Jones	John Bowen	Hallie Krzyzak, Jessie Schumacher		Angie Friedel
	9:30 a.m.	Lance Bell Mike Kunze	Kent Wolfe, Linda Wolfe, Shane Kunze, Michael Kunze, Chantal Jost	Omar Dittmer	Richard Ebert, Nathan Bond	Peggy Trapp	Ken & Karen Anderson
	11:00 a.m.	Kevin Hinton	Cookie Abney, David Abney, Tony Ramiz, Martin Ramiz	Mary Gene Carr	Parker Lange, Vanessa Lange	Barbara Ackerman	Greg & Dardie Yawman
2/16/08	6:00 p.m.	Dick Eggert	Mike Schneider, Lori Stanley	Donna Wegner	Olivia Levine, Annie Swinderman		Tom & Rita Thomas
2/17/08	8:00 a.m.	Mike Hoffman	David Wilkosz, Eric Oelschlager, Vern Retzlaff, Felix Hamilton, Marcus Hamilton,	Wendy Churchville	Mikaela Hyder, Emma Kate Tesch		Glen & Beth Schumacher
	9:30 a.m.	Mike Hofmann Jeff Alexander	Bert Foschini, Shane Simonson, Wynona Boast, Alan Smith	Ken Anderson	Sarah Seward, Matthew Young	Cathy Kane	Bruce & Bonnie Hahn
	11:00 a.m.	Walt Wolters, Leo Nagy	Bill Wilson, Jr., Don Merrick, Carolyn Merrick, Larry Evanchyk, Chuck Boogher, Frank Gregorek	Cookie Abney	Alexandra Stewart, Makayla Aspeslet	Diana Meyer	Martha Pfantz & Amy Dittmer
2/23/08	6:00 p.m.	Rocky Smothers	Thomas Finger, Terri Finger	Nancy Stentz	John Michael Bell, Stephanie Hohman		Ed & Darlene Sabin
2/24/08	8:00 a.m.	David Wilkosz	Lo Phillips, Joyce Phillips, Wendy Churchville, Tommie Smothers, Gary Oakley	Susan Roby	Lea Wilson		Dave & Becky Schernikau
	9:30 a.m.	Lance Bell, Mike Kunze	Brent Killinger, Peter Killinger	Kent Wolfe	Tyler Killinger, Spencer Cotton	Sharon Tyson	Lisa Harris, Karen Seward
	11:00 a.m.	Gregg Yawman, Ken Grover	David Fritz, Bob Short, Linda Short, Richard Berkley, Betty Berkley	Ron Cole	Kaitlyn Beier, Paul Gundian	Julia Cameron	Jim & Jane Congrove

**Altar Guild for February:** Ilga Heise, Carmen Ramiz, Esther Heumann, Helen Siems, Gail Wilkosz, Michelle Gregorek

## Trinity Member Spotlight: Gary Oakley

*This is the second in a series of articles that appear in the newsletter highlighting the many outstanding individuals who are members of Trinity Lutheran Church. The hope is that we will get to know our fellow members better and recognize the talents that they contribute to our community and our church family.*

This month the member spotlight shines on Gary Oakley. Some of you may know Gary from his involvement with Stephen Ministries, in which he has served for two years. Gary says that his passion has always been to reach out to those most in need. Gary considers Stephen Ministries a wonderful opportunity to serve Our Lord and assist others who are facing difficult times in their life.

Gary is no stranger to life's difficulties. He was born with cerebral palsy. He has always lived with the neurological disorder that affects his body movement and muscle coordination, but that has not slowed Gary down! Gary was blessed with parents who taught him to persevere and set expectations high. Even though his physical condition has caused some falls along the way, Gary's parents always encouraged him to get back up and keep going.

Despite numerous accidents and injuries over the years, including a broken back in 1998, Gary has bounced back and accomplished beyond what many of us only dream. On November 4, 2007, Gary completed the New York City Marathon for the second time. Gary

has also completed two other marathon races as well as hundreds of shorter races of two miles or more since 1980. Gary says "For me, there is nothing more exhilarating than going out to run..."

In July of last year, Gary established the Gary Oakley Gaining Forward Momentum Foundation to help promote projects and provide resources that lead to improved health, fitness and mobility for recipients. Please contact Gary if you would like to help in this cause.

Gary finds joy in serving on Trinity's Human Care Board, which he has done for three years— this last year as Director. Gary describes himself as a very social individual who loves being around people. He enjoys public speaking and opportunities to share his life stories.

Although he lives each day with chronic pain and is challenged by fatigue, Gary says he would not trade any of it. Gary considers his life a privilege not to be taken for granted. He says, "God expects me to use the gifts He has given in service to Him and others around me."

1 Peter 4:11b If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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## CDC News

*Trinity's Summer Recreation Program will be enrolling for Summer 2008 beginning in late February. For more information, please contact Shelley Webre at [swebre@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:swebre@trinitydowntown.org), or at (407) 849-6316 x120.*

*More information to follow!*

## FOCUS ON EDUCATION Teacher of the Week

**Randy Zook** of Orlando Lutheran Academy is the teacher of the week - **December 23, 2007**

**Grade and school:** I teach mathematics to students in eighth to 12th grade at Orlando Lutheran Academy. This is my 26th year at Orlando Lutheran.

**Education and experience:** Bachelor's degree in secondary education/mathematics from Concordia University in Portland, Ore., in conjunction with Portland State University in Oregon.

**Time teaching:** 26 years.     **Age:** 47

**Reason for becoming a teacher:** I always liked school and encountered my first male teacher in the fourth grade; after that, the calling was clear.

**Greatest moment as a teacher:** Any time I can share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Most embarrassing moment as a teacher:** Teaching a lesson about adding in base 8, while being observed by the principal, and realizing at the end of the lesson that I had done the problems incorrectly!

**Favorite aspects of being a teacher:** Interacting with the students "off-topic" and finding out

years later that I did make a difference in their lives.

**Least favorite part of teaching:** Having to ask students to be quiet and listen when I find my material to be so interesting and want to share it with them.

**Favorite movies:** The Wizard of Oz, Alien, Aliens and all the Star Wars movies.

**Last book you read:** Blaze by Stephen King under the name Richard Bachman.

**Favorite hobbies:** Reading and playing Dr. Lunatic Supreme with Cheese – a computer game.

**Family:** My wife, Kristine, and son, Evan.

**If you weren't a teacher, what would you be and why?** A director of Christian education or a youth minister. There have been times in my life where I have felt God calling me in that direction.

**Person you most admire:** My parents for making church a priority, which led me to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

*Debbie Manis of the Sentinel staff compiled this report.*

### Readings for February

**February 3**

*First Lesson:* Exodus 24:8-18  
*Epistle:* 2 Peter 1:16-21  
*Gospel:* Matt. 17:1-9

**February 6, Ash Wednesday**

*First Lesson:* Joel 2:12-19  
*Epistle:* 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10  
*Gospel:* Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

**February 10**

*First Lesson:* Gen. 3:1-21  
*Epistle:* Rom. 5:12-19  
*Gospel:* Matt. 4:1-11

**February 13, Wednesday**

*Gospel:* John 3:2

**February 17**

*First Lesson:* Gen. 12:1-9,  
*Epistle:* Rom 4:1-8,13-17,  
*Gospel:* John 3:1-17

**February 20, Wednesday**

*Gospel:* John 3:3-4

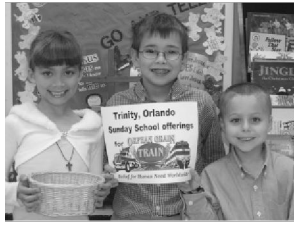
**February 24**

*First Lesson:* Exodus 17:1-7,  
*Epistle:* Rom. 5:1-8,  
*Gospel:* John 4:5-26-30, 39-42

**February 27, Wednesday**

*Gospel:* John 3:5

## Sunday School



Here you see Alesia Cantrell, Ian Spirduso, and Spencer Tesch with the Sunday School offerings for *Orphan Grain Train*, a Lutheran group of volunteers who provide supplies for people in crisis. Adult Bible Class

also helped to provide the \$1000 check we were able to send to them.

THANK YOU to ALL who contributed!



Our Happy New Years Party on December 30. Children decorated New Years Cards for our U.S. Military. This group picture was included in each card. What a fun time we then had with games and refreshments to bring in the New Year. We thank God for the men and women serving our country in the U.S. Military!



## School News - Sports

### Viking Basketball Update

*Including game additions, time changes or dropped games.*

1/18 NO GAMES

1/22 King of Kings @ TLS  
Varsity Girls 4:30, Varsity Boys 5:45

1/24 TLS @ Orlando Lutheran  
Varsity Boys Only 5:45

1/25 St. Paul Lakeland @ TLS  
JV Girls 4:30, JV Boys 5:30, Varsity Girls 6:30, Varsity Boys 7:30  
Trinity Alumni Game to follow Varsity Boys game. TLS Grads - Seniors vs. Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen  
04/08 05/09 06/10 07/11

1/28 St. Lukes JV @ TLS (A Monday Game)  
JV Girls 4:30, JV Boys 5:45

1/29 Windermere Prep @ TLS  
JV Boys 4:30, Varsity Girls 5:30,  
Varsity Boys 6:30

1/31 TLS @ Kingsway  
JV Boys 4:30, Varsity Girls 5:30,  
Varsity Boys 6:30

### 2/1-3/08 JV Girls Tournament @ Trinity Orlando

2/5 TLS @ King of Kings  
Varsity Girls 4:30, Varsity Boys 5:45

2/7 St. Lukes Varsity @ TLS  
Varsity Girls 4:30, Varsity Boys 5:45

2/8 Victory Christian @ TLS  
Varsity Girls 4:30, Varsity Boys 5:45

2/8-10/08 JV Boys Tournament @ Faith Eustis

2/12 Kingsway @ TLS  
Varsity Girls 4:30, Varsity Boys 5:30

**2/15-17/08 Varsity Girls Tournament @ St. John - Ocala**

**2/22-24/08 Varsity Boys Tournament @ St. Lukes - Oviedo**

**2/29-3/2 Lutheran Schools Varsity State Basketball Tournament**  
(Must place third or better at the conference tournament to compete at the state tournament)

## School News

### Trinity School Alumni

Trinity graduates have gone on to many accomplishments. Many have become high school valedictorians and high school leaders. A high percentage of Trinity students go on to colleges and universities and many have earned special scholarships and honors.

We are developing an alumni data base and ask you to share information with us so that we have the current address and email address of our former students. Please indicate year of the graduation class or years the student attended. Send to [cfuller@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:cfuller@trinitydowntown.org) or mail to school office. Trinity Lutheran School, 123 East Livingston, Orlando, FL 32801 Attention: Alumni Search

We would like to send out Alumni Newsletters and also plan alumni events. We would also like to highlight some of our alumni in each church newsletter.

Trinity alumnus **Cherita Raines** expects to graduate in May from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York after receiving an undergraduate degree from Harvard. Cherita reported, *“My biggest memory from Trinity is that the small class size provided a familial environment, in that we went to school with the same classmates from K-8th grade. The familial environment helped students to excel in their schoolwork because each student was afforded individual attention. Trinity built a strong foundation for me to move forward and excel in high school which led to my current success. However I miss the friendships, teachers, and of course the track and cheerleading squad. GO VIKINGS! Now I am preparing for graduation from medical school on May 7. I am planning to become a Family Physician with a public health focus*

*working on improving health care practice, health outcomes, and health policy.”*

**Chris Hahn**, Class of 1997 writes *“Trinity was a wonderful community to grow up in and an excellent school to attend. I had great teachers and leaders that really cared about my well being and future. I am currently a Broadcast Editor for ESPN and live in Bristol Connecticut with my wife Beth.”* Chris graduated from Dr Phillips High School and Florida State University.

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### Student Recruitment

Student recruitment and school marketing is an ongoing project. February is a critical month in student recruitment and we need your help. The best recruiting tool is word of mouth. Talk to people at work, in the neighborhood, your family and friends and spread the good news about Trinity School. We have recently developed a new colorful brochure that you can use to help share information about our school. Brochures are available in the church and school offices as well as in the narthex. Tours can be arranged during the school week by calling the school office. (407-843-4896)

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### Book Fair Dinner

**REMINDER: WINTER BOOK FAIR FEBRUARY 15**

The Winter Book Fair will be held on February 14 and 15. The dinner will be on Friday, February 15 with special activities. Come and see the latest children's book as well as some of the all time favorites. More details will be in future Triunes.

## Prayer List

*In order for the Triune prayer list to be up to date and functional, we have started to date the prayer requests and put them in a rotation. After three weeks of prayer, we will automatically take off that particular prayer. If you want us to continue the prayer, call the Church Office and request the prayer be put back on the prayer list for another three-week rotation. The prayer list of the monthly newsletter will consist of prayers that are longer term. If there are any changes on the list below or if you would like them in the Triune prayer list for three weeks, call the Church Office, 407-422-5704, or email [tlc@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:tlc@trinitydowntown.org).*

### During the Month of January we prayed for:

#### Prayers for Health Concerns

Karen Anderson	Janet Harris	Jocelyn Moore	Sliedrecht
Eugenia Anderson	Bill Hegert	Susan Newberry	John Votava
Lois Blair	Kris Hensen	Michelle Nin	Tom & Jan
Robert Brown	Stephen Herter	Laurel O.	Vroman
Chuck Butterfield	Miriam Hey	Don & Delores	Joe Wells
Charles Butterfield, Sr.	Peter Hinton	O'Neill	A.J. Weyant
Charlie Carr	Marietta Hinton	Nonnie Parker	Tom White
Jimmy Catlin	Kevin Hinton, Sr.	Janelisse Plata	Chris Whitlow
Puxia Cen	Lynn Hoctor	Dewey Ramsby	Micheal Wiese
Margaret Chancey	Arlene Hohman	Claude Reece	Wil Wilde
Marshall Childers	Naté Hunter	Bill Rogner	David Williams
Steven Christiansen	Olga Kaish	Mike Rushing	Judy Wolbert
Kathy Codd	Ed Kaish	Ariel S.	Jonathan Yawman
Carol Coe	Ruth Kasper	unborn son of Kelly	John Yergler
Ron Cohen	Shar Keegan	Samlalsingh	Ethel Yizar
Elizabeth Cohen	Ire Kensler	Joan Sedden	Helga Youngless
Tina Collyer	Vetalik Khoroeoun	Wyatt Sexton	Ivory
Pat Cording	Kelly Ladeo	Bernice Shackelford	Jackie
Linda Craft	Helen Lerner	Jane Shaffer	Diana
Harry Cunningham	Kathy Levey	George Shaw	Brenda
Corey Curnutt	Joe Lilavois	Gayle Simms	Martha
Michael Dasher	Willie Long	Marlene Simonson	Jeanette
Eddie DelloRusso	Deedee Lovelace	Lyn Smith	
Catherine DePalo	Florence Luten	Caroline Stauffer	
Mary Beth Driscoll	Shaun McDonnaugh	Beverly Steiger	
Janet Duke	Pat McPherson	Terri Stephens	
Jeanette Dusel	Joyce & Grady	Carolyn Strandquest	
Mark Eckhoff	Melear	Bob Stuendel	
Grace Elad	Dale Melear	Hjordis Swenson	
Francis Ferber	Drea Meola	Joyce Taylor	
Michaela Garcia	Carolyn Merrick	David Tilney	
Michaela Gordon	Samantha Middleton	Patsy Turner	
Rose Grant	Maureen Miller	Isabelle van	
Peter Habib			

**Holiday Flower Sponsorship:** From Sheila Mathews in memory of Mildred Lackey.

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**Thanksgiving & Celebrations**

- Kristine Zook is thankful for her new job!
- Praise and prayers for John and Rachel as they begin their new life together.
- Thanks and praise for the holy baptism of Kendall Grace Carey, granddaughter of John and Carolyn Strandquest. May she grow in God.
- John Ward has returned safely from Iraq. His brother, Marcus Ward returned safely from Afghanistan.
- Thanks and praise for the holy baptism of Evan Kelso Busby, son of Chanda & Mike Busby!
- We give thanks and praise God for our PTL and the support of Christ's word in our school.
- We give thanks and praise as we welcome Violet into the world – new granddaughter of David and Bev Middleton

**Peace and Comfort for Those who Mourn**

- The Lose Family—for the sudden loss of their loving mother and grandmother.
- The family and friends of George Shaw, who passed away on December 8th. Memorials in his honor can be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, to be designated by the family at a later date.
- Friends and family of Debbie Voorhees, who went home to Jesus last Sunday, December 8, after a long battle with cancer. She was a friend of Ginny Ellis.
- For Stephanie Springer's family on the loss of their uncle Tom. He passed away after a long struggle with heart failure.
- For the family and friends of Robyn Roby, sister-in-law of Ron Roby, who died December 24.
- For the family and friends of Frances Holasek, mother of Maureen Holasek, died December 30.
- For the friends and family of Beverly Scarlatta who passed away on December 22nd.
- For Annie, whose son passed away on December 25th.
- The family and friends of Kenneth Meyer, brother of Doris Graft. He passed away on December 13.
- For Connie Hagerman's family on the loss of her niece, Sheila Senn, who died in an avalanche on January 1.
- Please pray for Sandra & Jordan for the loss of husband and father Peter Habib who died 12/27
- For Abby Wirick and family who mourn the loss of Abby's husband, father of their two young children.
- For the family and friends of Miriam Hey, mother of Bob Hey, who died December 25. The Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 AM, January 18, 2008 with a luncheon to follow immediately afterward in the Fellowship Hall. Interment will follow at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.
- The family and friends of Maragert Sarubbi, mother of Doug Sarubbi, whose funeral was January 10, 2008 at Trinity.

**Those Serving Our Country**

Lauren B	Roger Fringer	Stephan Merlics	Jesse Steele
Brian Boisselle	Rev. Jeremy Gorline	Chris Michaud	Lauren Stives
James Bond	Philip Grant	Justin Niznik	Corey Surber
Benjamin Booth	Adam Inbody	Christopher O'Dell	John Ward
Joe Braneky	Robert J. Kasper	Matthew Rodrigue	Marcus Ward
David Buck	Sam Lazarus	Laura Rossow	Adam Wilcox
Ronald Cohen	Dave Lucas	Cpr. Royston	
Will Cravens	Richard Mast	Antonio Saunders	
Matthew Finton	Steven McGregor	Brian Snider	

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## Anniversaries & Birthdays

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

Feb 1	Clerk, Mary	Birthday	Feb 11	Eckoff, Karen	Birthday
Feb 1	Shaw, George & Arlene	Anniversary	Feb 11	Evanchyk, Larry	Birthday
Feb 2	Atwell, J. T.	Birthday	Feb 11	Zalman, Paul & Helen	Anniversary
Feb 2	Clifton, Chase	Birthday	Feb 12	Behrmann, Brooke	Birthday
Feb 2	Merrick, Don & Carolyn	Anniversary	Feb 12	Hicks, Billy	Birthday
Feb 2	Parker, David & Cindi	Anniversary	Feb 12	Morris, Jerry	Birthday
Feb 3	Boczar, Leo	Birthday	Feb 12	Parker, David	Birthday
Feb 3	Dean, Inez	Birthday	Feb 12	Pierce, Sherri	Birthday
Feb 3	Stephens, Oakus & Dorothy	Anniversary	Feb 12	Teague, Patricia	Birthday
Feb 4	Bell, Lawrence	Birthday	Feb 13	Espinosa, Marco	Birthday
Feb 4	Kimmel, Allen & Audrey	Anniversary	Feb 13	Kimmel, Allen, Jr.	Birthday
Feb 4	Knoblauch, Francis	Birthday	Feb 13	Raszynski, Adam	Birthday
Feb 4	Rupprecht, Terry	Birthday	Feb 14	Holman, Doris Ann	Birthday
Feb 5	Dees, Brooke	Birthday	Feb 14	Kasper, Taylor	Birthday
Feb 5	Kupfer, Diane	Birthday	Feb 14	Lasater, Marty & Julie	Anniversary
Feb 5	Schwanke, Wayne	Birthday	Feb 14	Sutrich, Zachary	Birthday
Feb 5	Thompson, Brendan	Birthday	Feb 14	Vo, Linh	Birthday
Feb 6	Connery, Brielle	Birthday	Feb 15	Ackerman, Samuel	Birthday
Feb 6	Hartsfield, Catherine	Birthday	Feb 15	Moffi, Carl	Birthday
Feb 6	Simmons, Minnie	Birthday	Feb 15	Randolph, Rachel	Birthday
Feb 6	Zalman, Paul	Birthday	Feb 15	Zavitz, Jason, II & Lori	Anniversary
Feb 7	Blackson, Tiffany	Birthday	Feb 16	Conine, William	Birthday
Feb 7	McCaleb, Debbie	Birthday	Feb 16	Deutsch, Amy	Birthday
Feb 7	Wrennick, Alice	Birthday	Feb 16	Graft, Jeffery & Sherry	Anniversary
Feb 8	Bowman, Curley & Jan	Anniversary	Feb 16	Magill, Robert	Birthday
Feb 8	Flood, Paula	Birthday	Feb 16	Tosh, Mindi	Birthday
Feb 8	Knudsen, Charles & Sharon	Anniversary	Feb 17	George, Brittany	Birthday
Feb 8	Middleton, Bev	Birthday	Feb 17	Reyes, Albert	Birthday
Feb 9	Foschini, Bert	Birthday	Feb 17	Stanhope, Erika	Birthday
Feb 9	Logan, Ronald	Birthday	Feb 18	Schroeder, Richard	Birthday
Feb 9	Porter, Melanie	Birthday	Feb 19	Levey, Kathy	Birthday
Feb 9	Revels, Jeffrey	Birthday	Feb 19	Newshutz, Eva	Birthday
Feb 9	Rummells, Ira	Birthday	Feb 19	Paule, Jacob	Birthday
Feb 9	Tesch, David & Kathleen	Anniversary	Feb 19	Tayloe, Ricky & Susan	Anniversary
Feb 9	Thron, Richard & Susan	Anniversary	Feb 20	Bond, Robert & Gaye	Anniversary
Feb 10	Dufenhorst, Lily	Birthday	Feb 20	Feliciano, Carlos	Birthday
Feb 10	Ego, Robin	Birthday	Feb 20	Howard, Jerry	
Feb 10	Foschini, Thomas	Birthday		& Mary Frances	Anniversary
Feb 10	Hanekom, Hein	Birthday	Feb 20	Kasper, Wendy & Robert	Anniversary
Feb 10	Phinney, Robert	Birthday	Feb 20	Meyer, Diana	Birthday
Feb 10	Shaw, Cynthia	Birthday	Feb 22	Blair, Lois	Birthday
Feb 11	Cunningham, Brett	Birthday	Feb 22	Fleming, Philip	Birthday
			Feb 22	Smith, Cassidy	Birthday
			Feb 22	Thomas, Rita	Birthday
			Feb 22	Zavitz, Madison	Birthday
			Feb 23	Bell, Mary	Birthday
			Feb 23	Feliciano, Lindsey & Jose	Anniversary
			Feb 23	Guy, David & Diana	Anniversary
			Feb 23	Heise, Richard & Ilga	Anniversary

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Feb 23	Mayer, Nicole	Birthday	Feb 26	White, Tom	Birthday
Feb 23	Neff, Miriam	Birthday	Feb 27	Adkins, Andrew	Birthday
Feb 24	Blackwood, Robert		Feb 27	Anderson, Karen	Birthday
	& Marilyn	Anniversary	Feb 27	Barth, Chelsea	Birthday
Feb 24	Hogan, Lynn & Sean Jr.	Anniversary	Feb 27	Boatwright, Meredith	Birthday
Feb 24	McCaleb, Kathryn	Birthday	Feb 27	Bond, Shannon	Birthday
Feb 24	Zavitz, Kelly	Birthday	Feb 27	Christmann, Carl & Patricia	Anniversary
Feb 25	Alexander, JJ	Birthday	Feb 27	Davis, Erin	Birthday
Feb 25	Gibson, Carol	Birthday	Feb 27	Jorgensen, Julie	Birthday
Feb 25	Goodman, Matthew	Birthday	Feb 27	Starr, David	Birthday
Feb 25	Huelett, Scott	Birthday	Feb 28	Priep, Christopher	Birthday
Feb 25	Padinger, Rita Faye	Birthday	Feb 28	Puch, Bud	Birthday
Feb 25	Rainey, Shirley	Birthday	Feb 28	Smith, Kaelin	Birthday
Feb 25	Stevens, Laura & Mark	Anniversary	Feb 28	Weber, Barry	Birthday
Feb 26	Finger, Thomas	Birthday	Feb 28	Wolbert, Judith	Birthday
Feb 26	Glander, Dennis	Birthday	Feb 29	Bell, Lance & Mary	Anniversary
Feb 26	Levinson, Christopher	Birthday	Feb 29	Kupfer, David	Birthday
Feb 26	Terbeche, Jonathan	Birthday			

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**Other Needs**

Emery Family	Joshua Starr
Families effected by the California Fires	Evette
Chris Lovan	For more to join in Spreading the Gospel
Kristy, Stacey and Marco	For the daughter of Karen Arnette's kids:
The Turner Family	for her safe birth and health
Lauren	Safe Travel for Miami team coming for
Friends of the Hintons	Boone High State Championship
Cora	Traveling mercies for Tony and Amanda
Alex and Heather Torres	Ramiz
David	Earl Yawman
Sherrie Hood	AccidentVictim not yet identified
Ron Cohen	Christine Lilly
Joe Starr	Joey & Alesha
George Nestle	The families trying to recover from the
Alexandria Hunter	devastating ice storm that ravaged the
Jackson Family	plains states, leaving many without power
The Vogel Family	for weeks.
Ed Kaish	Safe Travel for Carmen Ramiz
Shane & Amy	
Joey Starr	

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## Parish Growth Team Progress Report

by Alissa Bier

Members of Trinity's 19 Parish Growth Teams are working hard to continue to provide a stimulating Christian environment for current and future members of our church, school and child development center. Here is the progress report for the past month which outlines teams' accomplishments:

### **Team # 1 – Produce Everybody's Bible Study**

Team Leader – Pastor Moore

- Planning discussions for a "Trinity Ablaze"-type small group study have been conducted and an exploratory planning session was set for January 19.

### **Team # 2 – Create Trinity Brand**

#### **Development and Marketing**

Team Leader – Paul Soost

- Branding research is planned for spring.
- Integrated marketing for the Christmas programs (floats, ornament, signage, handouts, etc.) was part of an attendance upturn.

### **Team # 3 – Introduce Trinity**

#### **Entertainers/Events**

Team Leader – Wren Aber

- The initial planning session for the next December's Lake Eola Christmas Chorale event has been scheduled.

### **Team # 4 – Emphasize Music and Fine Arts**

Team Leader – Wren Aber

- The American Boychoir concert scheduled for February 4 was organized as a test event for the "Trinity Performing Arts Series." This experience will set the tone for planning a series of events later in the year.

### **Team #5 – Create Rotating Dinner Club**

Team Leader – Kathy Aber

- The first "Trinity Dinner Night" has been organized and most groups met during the past two weeks. Forty-three members are currently signed up for the dinner club.

Members who wish to join may do so for dinners in coming months.

### **Team #6 – Grow the Church Family**

Team Leader – Omar Dittmer

- "Trinity Ablaze" is an effort to grow the church family by gathering small groups together for Bible study.
- Diann Grover is working to recruit and train volunteers for the worship service "greeters" program.
- The American Boychoir program is being supported as an effort to bring new people to Trinity. Invitations and financial support is being solicited.
- Specific ways to pray for and witness to people during the upcoming Lent and Easter season are being developed.

### **Team #7 – Inspire Sunday School**

#### **Attendance**

Team Leader – Gladys Dittmer

- Sunday School continues at a healthy pace, and the Adult Bible Class has been particularly successful. Its most recent activity "Writing a letter from Paul to the people at Trinity" has yielded provocative thoughts that will extend beyond Sunday morning. Saturday night Bible studies continue apace.

### **Team # 8 – Commit to Youth and Young Adult Development**

Team Leader – Carmen Ramiz

- The Board of Youth Ministries will be meeting with Dave Weidner from the FL/GA district office to discuss our needs for a Youth Director and to start the call process
- A Middle School youth group started January 14 and is being directed by Matt Bergholt.

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## Parish Growth Team Progress Report, continued from page 18

### **Team #9 – Integrate and Retain Members of the Church Family**

Team Leader – Greg Yawman

- The Evangelism and Stewardship Boards are reviewing ways to communicate more effectively with new members as well as those who have volunteered to help in the past.

### **Team # 10 – Initiate Future Church and School Planning**

Team Leader - Ron Roby

- The Development Committee has conducted planning sessions with the church staff and all Boards are completing “Envisioning Trinity” analysis forms. The congregation was introduced to the forms at the December meeting, and an “Envisioning Trinity Workshop” is scheduled for February 2.

### **Team #11 – Formalize School/CDC Image and Enrollment Programs**

Team Leader – Mark Brink

- A new color recruiting brochure was written and printed in time for the Florida Mall Recruiting Day event held January 12. The brochure will also be distributed to parents to use as handouts for friends and neighbors having potential students.
- Other projects are being planned.

### **Team #12 – Develop Long-Term Personnel Plan**

Team Leader – David Tesch

- This committee will begin its work in late January. Timing for called positions such as Principal, Youth Director and Associate Pastor will be addressed in the plan.

### **Team #13 – Grow the “New Dimensions” Service and Experience**

Team Leader – Mark Brink

- Preliminary discussions have taken place, but formal work has not yet begun.

### **Team #14– Dramatically Grow Stewardship**

Team Leader – Tony Ramiz

- The 2008 Stewardship Drive kick-off began this month.
- Stewardship Bible studies were conducted on Wednesday evenings.
- Assessment of volunteer tracking and contact continued.
- The monthly development of Trinity Member Spotlights is on-going.

### **Team #15 – Improve Internal Communications**

Team Leader – Francine Brice

- The PR/Marketing Board continues to study communications issues and will make recommendations this month.

### **Team #16 – Produce 5-YR Financial Blueprint**

Team Leader – Ginny Ellis

- This special project will be undertaken following the “Envisioning Trinity” process.

### **Team #17 – Produce “Virtual Tour” of School and Church**

Team Leader – Mike Hofmann

- This project is well underway and should be completed and on-line shortly.

### **Team #18 – Investigate “Orlando Lutheran Hour” Radio Program**

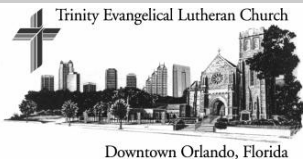
Team Leader – Wren Aber

- Although preliminary discussions have been held, organized research and evaluation will not be undertaken for a couple of months because of other priorities.

### **Team #19 – Small Group Ministries**

Team Leader – Wren Aber

- The Evangelism Board is undertaking the development of small group activities that supplement existing Bible studies, fellowship activities and other organized contact systems. These will be announced later in the spring with the dual intention of bringing members with common interests closer together while providing a new avenue to attract new members through shared events.



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