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Holy Week

March 16

Palm Sunday

Saturday 6 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30
a.m. and 11 a.m.

No Wednesday
Service

March 20

Maunder Thursday

12:10 and 7 p.m.

March 21

Good Friday

12:10 and 7 p.m.

March 22

Easter Vigil

Saturday 6 p.m.

March 23

Easter Sunday

Sunrise service
6:30 a.m.
Festival Services at
8 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
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Pastor's Page

Reconciliation

If it is possible, as much as it depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Romans 12:18

Conflict is a fact of human life. No matter who you are, no matter where you are, if you are in contact with other humans, you'll encounter conflict. If you say, "Yes," there's someone who'll say, "No." If you prefer hot, someone else prefers cold.

Some really hate conflict, and seek to avoid it at all costs, but that only drives the conflict inside. In order to avoid conflict I may say I agree with something when I really don't, so the conflict is now inside my heart. I'm at war with myself!

Others seem to thrive on disagreement. If you say, "It's raining outside," they won't

even bother to look before saying, "No, it isn't."

Most of us are somewhere in between. We generally prefer peace, but won't allow ourselves to be taken advantage of. We strive for agreement, but if there are principles involved, we'll stand our ground.

Conflict first showed up when Adam and Eve sinned. As soon as God confronted them, their perfect union dissolved into finger-pointing and blame-placing. In fact, you could make the case that their sense of nakedness that led them to sew fig aprons is already a mark of conflict.

Put another way, before sin Adam and Eve enjoyed complete harmony with each other and with God. They were different from each other, but in a

by Pastor Jeff Moore

way that completed each other and resulted in perfect peace with God. That's the state that we all still long for, as the hope of heaven, and as the content of the third petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." But every day we fall dramatically short of this peaceful harmony.

I've been watching what goes on here at Trinity for quite some time, and, while I've seen some progress, I have to say that not everyone seems to desire peace. Far too often what I hear is basically, "I'm right, these other people are wrong, and I'm going to stand my ground and impose my way on them." In other words, the striving for peace that St. Paul advocates in Romans 12:18 seems to be totally absent time and again here at Trinity.

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Peace only comes when we first receive the forgiveness Christ won for us on the cross, when He reconciled us to the Father through his own death. All the ongoing conflict that we see around us can be directly traced to our failure to really give ourselves over to the Holy Spirit of God for the washing away of our sins and reconciliation with God.

Notice I said "unresolved conflict." Conflict has a good purpose. If I think one thing and you think another, we ought to come together as Christ's people and hammer out together our course of action. Maybe that course should be my way, maybe yours, maybe some compromise that contains elements of both. But the purpose of conflict between Christians is to discover what we need to do together. Only unresolved conflict is bad.

According to Jesus, there should be no such thing. If you and I disagree, let's talk it over,

pray about it, and decide what we'll do together. Under no circumstances should we part without resolution, unless it's to do more research and come back to finish our discussion.

But I see so many instances of people disagreeing, and then going around to others to gather troops for warfare. Brothers and sisters, this just should not happen among us! I encourage you, in the name of Christ, to spend serious time this Lent reacquainting yourself with the reconciliation Jesus won for you with his Father, rediscovering His peace, so that you can approach conflicted situations with love, forgiveness and a commitment to peace.

God bless you!!

Pastor Moore

Workshop Sharpens Image of Future Trinity

by Wren Aber, Trinity Executive Director

Inspired by Acts 2: 42-46, congregation members gathered February 2 to further refine Trinity Downtown during the next 10 years.

Our dialog began by recognizing that Trinity is a family of believers built on a foundation of regular worship, Bible study and prayer. We confirmed that our current Mission Statement continues to reflect our values, traditions and future goals.

The group then reviewed consolidated feedback from survey results, staff meetings and leadership discussions and concluded that our ministry emphasis to achieve our mission could be summarized as follows:

#1 - Reach out to residents in new towers and existing homes by

- A. Becoming more visible in the community
- B. Blending tradition and history with contemporary relevance

#2 - Become the best school and CDC in downtown by

- A. Attracting commuter families (to grow to "critical mass" for resources)

We all agreed that expansion of facilities is not for "our" needs, but rather for the needs of those brothers and sisters who are yet to be identified and welcomed into the church family. Here are additional key visions that were uncovered and will be further refined for 10-year master planning:

- Conduct ourselves as examples of the Christian life to our community

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- Create a “buzz” in Orlando to attract newcomers
- Integrate church and school working staff offices
- Refine our exterior to become more visible as a campus (consider going “green”)
- Create more and larger multi-purpose spaces (church/school combined)
- Build a youth center and possibly a senior activity center and transportation
- Church worship facilities
 - protect our historical Trinity Sanctuary
 - provide worship services (and parking) for 600 to 700 people
 - create diverse worship styles to attract new people (choices)
 - accommodate new immigrant congregations
 - use the music and fine arts ministry to attract new people
 - build a visitor center
- School facilities and programs
 - grow to 300-400 students (cap to protect quality)
 - limit CDC expansion to 200 students
 - explore “magnet” programs that give Trinity a unique “niche”
 - investigate business partnerships to identify new students and generate gifts

The next planning step will be to assign specific needs to people and groups with specific expertise. This process will begin with the next Executive Board meeting, February 18. Your thoughts and prayers of support are welcome. waber315@aol.com.

Greetings to all Elders, Board Directors, and members of Trinity

by Vicar Jean Claude Picard

First and foremost I give praise and glory to Almighty God, who called me to be His servant.

My name is Jean Claude Picard. I was born and raised in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. I have been living in the United States for 36 years, residing in Orlando for the past 26. I am married and have three grown children who also live in Orlando. I was raised in the Roman Catholic faith. At the age of eight, I began serving as an altar boy. I was ordained a permanent deacon in 1984.

In 2003, I became a member of the Zion Lutheran Church at Gotha, Florida. At that time, I was admitted to Concordia Seminary as student under the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) Program. I have been studying under the supervision of my mentor, Reverend Paul Foust. Pastor Foust introduced me to Pastor Jeff Moore four years ago. Over the course of getting to know Pastor Moore, he

became aware of my need for a location to start my ministry and made an office in the Ministry Center available to me.

In the EIIT program, I became a Vicar, charged with beginning a Haitian congregation and participating in many aspects of the life of a Lutheran congregation. However, because Zion is a smaller church, I could not complete these requirements. For this last year I felt like a sheep without a Shepherd knowing that I could not be ordained until I completed the vicarage program, yet lacking the opportunities to finish. I talked with Reverend Doug Kallesen and he contacted Pastor Moore. Together with the Elders of Trinity, they have found a way to work on my behalf. On Sunday, February 10, the voters of Trinity, at the request of Concordia Seminary, the Florida-Georgia District, and Zion Lutheran Church, transferred my vicarage to Trinity.

Greetings to all Elders, Board Directors, and members of Trinity, continued from page 3

Dear Elders, board directors, and members of Trinity: Where would I be without your heartfelt love for your brothers and sisters in Christ? I appreciate that your congregation and leadership were willing to "step out in faith" and approve continuing my vicarage through Trinity. God commands that we love one another for the sake of His kingdom and the members of Trinity have done just that in allowing me the privilege of finishing my vicarage program with the support and guidance of Trinity. It is my prayer that I will surpass your expectations in my call to serve our Lord; and honor Him in my speech and actions while fulfilling that call. I give thanks

to God the Father for your willingness to help a brother in need. I believe that God will bless Trinity through the Holy Spirit, who pours into our hearts all the marvelous gifts needed to strengthen and comfort those who are working tirelessly to care for those who cannot help themselves.

May the Lord, Our Savior, continue blessing you in your tireless efforts to care for the unfortunate in this sinful world.

God bless all of you in your ministry.

Vicar Jean Claude Picard

A from Your Music Director

by Lisa Moore, Music Director

March Singing Schedule

- 3/2 Lutheran Schools Week -
School children at all services
- 3/5 Wednesday Lenten service -
Women's choir
- 3/8 6:00 p.m. Cherub choir
- 3/9 8:00 a.m. Men's choir
11:00 a.m. Women's choir
- 3/12 Wednesday Lenten service -
Choristers
- 3/16 Palm Sunday
8 a.m. Sunday school
11 a.m. Parish choir and bells
- 3/20 Maundy Thursday - Parish choir and
bells
- 3/21 Good Friday - Parish choir and bells
- 3/23 Easter - Parish choir, bells and brass

Lenten Series "Give Me Jesus" continues!
Wednesday services at 12:10 and 7 p.m.
continue with the study of John chapter 3.

Candlelight Easter Vigil Service -

March 22, 6 p.m.

The Easter Vigil is a very ancient service with a

long and revered tradition, rich in symbolism. After burying the "alleluias" for the season of Lent, and after the somberness and solemnity of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the time arrives for the people of God to see the tightly sealed tomb bursting forth with resurrection joy.

The congregation gathers outside a darkened sanctuary to remember Baptism, our entrance into the Church, and to light the new fire. We proceed into the Sanctuary by candlelight. The service consists of numerous Old Testament readings (no sermon). Each is the story of God rescuing His people. We celebrate His rescue again of us.

Your typical day before Easter may be spent dyeing eggs, preparing food for the family feast, and perhaps, even getting the church ready for Easter Sunday. We invite you to join us for this special, meaningful service this year, Saturday evening, March 22, 6 p.m. Make it part of your family's tradition!

A Servant's Heart

Notes from your Deaconess

One of the resource materials for Stephen Ministry classes is a book by Kenneth C. Haugk titled *Christian Caregiving - A Way of Life*. I was particularly stirred by the chapter "Servanthood vs. Servitude" and want to share some of the thoughts expressed there with you.

One of the dangers in Deaconess Ministry is slipping into the "Martha" personality and neglecting the "Mary" side. Read the account of Jesus' visit to His friends in Luke 10:38-42 and you may grasp my meaning. I always have a twinge of sympathy for Martha when I hear or read this passage. She was tending to the physical needs of a much honored teacher, and I can imagine her excitement and the hustle and bustle to prepare a perfect meal because I experience it myself. I believe I learned the joy of cooking and entertaining from my mother's excellent model. But, as my husband will affirm, I cannot be interrupted when I am preparing a special meal, for my focus is solely on the ingredients and timing for a successful outcome. I am frustrated with interruptions that distract me.

The translated adjectives used to describe Martha as she prepared her home for her honored guest are "worried, cumbered and distracted." Many of us can identify with these words in areas other than entertaining. Our family and friends should not - but do - become distractions from our business responsibilities. Providing for physical care worries and pulls us away from addressing emotional needs. Just like Martha, we can lose our servant gift in our serving attitude. To serve is a free choice, a desire to give willingly and voluntarily. However, when duty and obligation enter the picture, you have servitude.

by Liz Borth, Deaconess

In this society, reaching the end product often overrides the method, and one would reason it doesn't matter where the heart is as long as the "job gets done." This is an attitude we cannot accept or tolerate when we truly know Jesus. We, who bear the name of Christ, serve one another out of a sense of commitment and love. The Christian approach to serving provides an escape from servitude and prevents a retreat into apathy. The simple fact is when we allow God to guide us, we make the most of servanthood. This is the healthy approach, and one Jesus recognized in Mary.

My mother also taught me to prepare as much ahead of time as possible in order to enjoy spending time with my guests. She believed the preparations should not interfere with or overshadow their purpose. Our Stephen Ministers spend many hours in preparation for service before they officially begin their care giving. Now, I realize not everyone hears the call to this committed and caring ministry, but everyone can prepare for servanthood. Regular Bible study, whether personal or in small or large groups, is essential in keeping your focus on serving from the heart. Jesus is our example and we can find many accounts in His Holy Word that instruct us in distinctively Christian service. John 13: 1-15 records not a demeaning task, but a gift of love. Jesus responded to the request of a proud mother in Matthew 20: 24-28 with a description of ultimate servanthood. Look at and prayerfully study these passages and others as you continually prepare for serving your Lord and His sheep. Our instructions are timelessly spoken by Jesus Christ to Peter in John 21:15-17. Because we love our Lord Jesus, we take care of those He loves. John also expresses our motivation in his first letter to the Christians in early Asia (I John 4:7-21). May Christ's love compel you to servanthood rather than servitude.

A One-day Spiritual Retreat With Feminine Appeal! by Liz Borth, Deaconess

Ladies: Saturday, March 29 is your day to find rejuvenation and JOY. Women of all ages are invited to attend a day filled with JOY-FULL experiences that will satisfy all five of your senses. Kae Retzlaff and Stephanie Gavin will begin and end our day with JOY-FULL centered Bible studies. Taste a delightful food, touch and massage a tight muscle, smell fragrant flowers, hear and vocalize music always expressing JOY. A catered lunch will refresh you at the midpoint of

your day-long escape. Fill out the registration form available at weekend worship services or mail your name and phone number (noting any food allergies) to the church office, Attention: Deaconess Liz. The cost is \$12.00 in advance by cash or check made payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church – Women's Retreat." Questions? Call Deaconess Liz at 407-422-5704, ext.127.

Calling all Women of Trinity and Friends of the Community by Liz Borth, Deaconess

Don't miss out on another month of fun, food and laughter! The Magnolia Ministry Center is the place to be on the second Thursday evening of every month. Trinity's monthly women's bunco party begins at 6:30 p.m. with food and fellowship. Games begin at 6:45 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Bunco is a game that requires no special skill, encourages communication and socializing, and brings women of all ages and backgrounds together for an evening of pure enjoyment. The only thing you wager or risk is missing out on an opportunity to enjoy female frivolity.

On **March 13**, all ladies who have an odd date birthday should bring a \$10 gift for a prize (something you would like to receive), and all ladies with an even date birthday should bring a snack, dessert or drink to share. Looking ahead to April 10 - All ladies with an even date birthday should spend \$10 and bring any size child's or youth shoes for the Children's Home Society of Florida. Ladies with an odd date birthday should bring a snack, dessert or drink to share.

Join Us For A Hike On The Friendship Trek Trail! by Liz Borth, Deaconess

Trinity is ready to send all children ages 3-12 on a trek with forest friends where they will learn Jesus is our forever friend. Vacation Bible School is where we explore Bible stories, take Bible challenges, make crafts, eat yummy snacks, play fun games, sing awesome songs and more! Mark June 16 to 20 on your summer to-do list.

V.B.S. starts at 8:30 every morning at the trailhead where kids will gather their supplies and meet with their personal trail guide. They will get ready for a day filled with challenges and adventure, including songs and skits. Then the friendship circles hit the trail for campfire stories, survivor games, wilderness

crafts and backpack snacks. The day ends at noon after reaching the summit!

This year, our program curriculum is published by Concordia Publishing House. The V.B.S. research team reviewed three different programs and determined "Friendship Trek" best introduces Jesus as our loving God and Savior. He is our reliable friend who won't say "never." The team also believed children would be able to easily apply what they learn to their daily lives. Friendship is very important to all of us, and this theme points not only to their eternal friend, but also encourages positive relationships with people they encounter daily.

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We need you to consider how your talents will contribute to the success of Vacation Bible School here at Trinity. Our goal is to have 150

children attend the Friendship Trek each day that week. Call Deaconess Liz with your thoughts and service offering.

Domestic Violence Knows No Age Boundaries

This article is part of the series of health related topics endorsed by the Board of Human Care and Social Ministry. We thank Jean-Elizabeth Hamilton, RN/Anti-Aging, for submitting this sensitive and important article.

Domestic Violence or IPV (Inter Partner Violence) is a pattern of behavior that adults and adolescents use against their former or current intimate partners. It occurs among both heterosexual and same sex couples and is often a repeated offense. It occurs in various forms: sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, psychological abuse and economic abuse. Abuses take the form of threats, isolation, using children as objects of manipulation, and a variety of other behaviors used to maintain fear, intimidation and power over one's partner. This has become a way of life for many.

Domestic violence occurs in relationships regardless of race, religion, culture or socioeconomic status. Victims of domestic violence suffer from both acute and chronic signs and symptoms of physical and mental disease, illness and injury causing them to seek medical care. Statistics show that 85% of those abused are female and 15% are male. Alarmingly, girls aged 12 to 19 years old who are victimized by an intimate partner often do not report the abuse. The problem of violence against women is even more dangerous when the woman is pregnant. The higher risk of stress, depression and addiction to alcohol and drugs in abused women can result in damage to the unborn. Please keep in mind that, although women are the most common

victims, others in the household are also at risk: children abused by parents, parents abused by children, elder abuse and sibling abuse. Children raised in violent homes are always in danger from parental abuse and emotional damage because they are witnesses to battering. Many studies demonstrate that children who witness domestic violence are more likely to grow into batterers themselves. Aggressive behavior, anxiety, difficulties with peers, academic and social problems often indicate life in an abusive home. An abused elderly person is among the most isolated of all victims of family violence. The abuse is either a long-standing pattern of marital violence or originates in old age. Abuse can also occur in nursing homes and medical facilities. Persons involved in health care professions must be keenly aware of the potential for abuse of the elderly, for it manifests itself not only in physical signs, but in emotional abusive diminutive control and isolation.

Nurses are often the first healthcare providers to encounter a victim of domestic violence. However, all health care professionals, as well as church workers and ministers, must educate themselves to enhance awareness of the signs and symptoms associated with domestic violence. In addition, a plan of action to provide information for referral options and local community resources such as legal aid, sheltering, victim counseling, batterer counseling, advocacy groups, child protection and law enforcement must be developed. The goal of such a plan is to assure the patient's safety and well-being. Providing information can be a life saver.

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Working with abuse victims in areas of interpersonal communication, recognition and identification of abuse, and acceptance of their struggle into wellness, requires a great deal of patience for what can be a lengthy process.

The role of the nursing professional is to establish personal and intimate communication with the victim (patient) while focusing on the whole person. The

professional involved must also act as a patient advocate. Without proper and critical intervention by school nurses, pediatric nurses, practitioners and community health nurses, as well as spiritual counselors, the cycle of violence will never end.

Helpful resources and referrals include the 24-hr Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-500-1119, Safe House of Seminole, Harbor House and the Orange County Center.

God Blesses Us for our Giving

By faith, we understand that the best investment we can make with our money is investing or giving it to God. Throughout Scripture, when a command to give is stated, along with that command is a reference to the blessings that the giver will enjoy. These blessings come in many forms. For example in Proverbs 11:25, "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." In Proverbs 19:17 Solomon tells us: "He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and [God] will reward him for what he has done." God has ordained that, when we give generously, we receive generously.

As Christians, we should give without expectation of receiving anything in return. However, our gracious God, Who loves us so much, thrills to bless us. He has put within us the joy of giving and finding reward in another's pleasure.

Through Malachi, the Lord offers a double blessing to those who will be obedient in bringing their tithes to the temple. He promises to reward them materially through plentiful harvests. He promises that, if they will honor Him with their tithes, He will prosper them beyond their dreams. Their crops will produce abundantly, and none of their fruit will spoil on the vine. The second

by Tony Ramiz

part of the blessing is that surrounding nations will see this and realize the special protection that God gives them. "Test Me in this," God said. Are you willing to test God with your earnings? Are you willing to bring your tithes to your church before you pay your bills? Are you worried about the mortgage, the clothes, the groceries and the transportation? Jesus said, "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear . . . your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:25, 32-33).

Test Him! "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." (2 Corinthians 9:6). Are you willing to sow generously? You are free to sow generously and then to receive God's promise that you will also reap generously. "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38). It is inevitable that, when you give, you will receive, for that is the way our giving heavenly Father has planned it.

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“Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do . . . to be honored by men. I tell you the truth; they have received their

reward in full.” (Matthew 6:1-2). God pours out spiritual blessings on us when we least expect them. When you are giving out of a desire to obey God's command and to help others, you will find blessings heaped up and running over. These are blessings not understood by those outside the faith.

Parish Growth Team Progress Report

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

On track for Pentecost or Trinity Sunday introduction.

Team # 2 – Create Trinity Brand Development and Marketing

Team Leader – Paul Soost

On track for spring market research launch.

Team # 3 – Introduce Trinity Entertainers/Events

Team Leader – Wren Aber

The initial planning sessions were conducted by the Fellowship Board to launch a Trinity Chili Cook Off in May.

Initial planning sessions were conducted by Trinity Downtown Productions about the Lake Eola Christmas concert that will be held in early December.

Team # 4 – Emphasize Music and Fine Arts

Team Leader – Wren Aber

Created the Trinity Friends of the Arts team and coordinated/staged the American Boychoir concert as the first event in the Trinity Performing Arts Series. The next events will be held in the fall.

Team #5 – Create Rotating Dinner Club

Team Leader – Kathy Aber

More than 45 people participated in the

“Trinity Dinner Night” in January and February. This is an on-going program allowing members to join at any time.

Team #6 – Grow the Church Family

Team Leader – Omar Dittmer

The Evangelism Board has a year-long plan. The Christmas hand-out cards were the first step to encourage more congregational involvement.

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.

Team # 8 – Commit to Youth and Young Adult Development

Team Leader – Carmen Ramiz

The call committee will meet in February to begin the search for a new Youth Director/Minister.

A Facility for the Youth is now a part of the long-term master plan for campus buildings.

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

Team Leader – Greg Yawman

The Evangelism Board is preparing a new member partnership program to aid integration.

The Parish Education Board is creating a Cradle Roll program for newborns.

Team # 10 – Initiate Future Church and School Planning

Team Leader - Ron Roby

Congregation-wide research has

Parish Growth Team Progress Report, continued from page 9

prioritized ministries and validated our mission statement. The workshop identified growth expectations. The next step is refining the needs for space by users.

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

Team Leader – Mark Brink

A new principal has been called.

A new recruiting brochure was produced for an event at the Florida Mall and will be used by members and parents in supporting "word-of-mouth" recruiting.

Team #12 – Develop Long-Term Personnel Plan

Team Leader – David Tesch

Supported call process for new principal and youth director.

Currently creating an organizational chart from "zero base" to support congregation-identified ministry priorities.

Will conduct private interviews with staff and begin job description review/creation process in March.

Will lead job description process for new Associate Pastor or Trinity Vicar position later this year.

The Board of Elders created and implemented a new Vicar position to support Haitian congregation development.

Team #13 – Grow the "New Dimensions" Service and Experience

Team Leader – Mark Brink

Initial discussions for overall service design and new music options have been explored. The plan is to complete the overall evaluation and implementation of worship service offerings by September.

Team #14– Dramatically Grow Stewardship
Team Leader – Tony Ramiz

Completed stewardship Bible studies during "The Way" Wednesday evenings and adult Sunday School.

Completed distribution of pledge cards to the congregation.

On-going monthly development of Trinity Member Spotlights.

Team #15 – Improve Internal Communications

Team Leader – Francine Brice

Created a general style guideline to be used for The Triune Weekly, Trinity Downtown and other internal publications.

Team #16 – Produce Five-Year Financial Blueprint

Team Leader – Ginny Ellis

Majority of the work has been purposefully delayed until the overall strategic planning (campus master plans for buildings and personnel) has been completed. Initial work has been done to "clean up" designated funds accounts, audit and balance all accounts to maximize stewardship of existing resources.

Team #17 – Produce "Virtual Tour" of School and Church

Team Leader – Mike Hofman

Illness delayed the expected January launch, which is now planned for March.

Team #18 – Investigate "Orlando Lutheran Hour" Radio Program

Team Leader – Wren Aber

Intentionally delayed until other ministry priorities are refined.

Look for the next Trinity Member Spotlight in the April Newsletter

Due to a short month and scheduling difficulties, the March Trinity Member Spotlight will not appear in this issue. Look for this article to return in next month's newsletter.

Thank You.

Human Care Connections Count

By Gary Oakley

Human Care connections at Trinity extend in many directions. And sometimes they become pretty creative, too. Take the case of the Orlando Union Rescue Mission program on West Washington St., for instance. This downtown organization devotes itself to providing vital life skills to citizens who have no homes of their own, as a bridge to a brand new future.

Trinity has been working with OURM for some time. Last Easter, we helped pack and distribute personal care packages, including New Testaments, to prospective clients. We'll repeat that ministry on March 15 this year. "Goodie bags" will include New Testaments, bottled water, granola bars, personal hygiene items and an invitation to attend a special Devotion and Good Friday luncheon on March 21 at OURM. We'll even help the staff and other area church members serve the dinner!

Based on this on-going relationship, it was no surprise that the folks on the Human Care Board jumped right in when we discovered a special need for a new computer to help the OURM staff organize its training programs. It turns out that new Board member Sandy Walker's neighbor is in the computer business and was more than willing to generously provide the new DELL equipment needed. Neighbor Diane Versey accompanied Trinity Human Care Board Director Gary Oakley and members Jay Barfield, Rob Stuendel and Sandy Walker to deliver the computer to a classroom filled with students at the OURM office.

With a little extra effort on the part of our HC Board, big dividends were realized by a special community service program we can continue to call our "friends of Trinity". As OURM Director Rev. Dave Arlington said, "Thanks to all who helped get this problem solved for us."

Once again, on Saturday, March 15 we will be

stuffing packages with personal toiletries, a New Testament, and other items and helping distribute them to the OURM clients in the downtown area. Our goal is to have 15 Trinity members assist with distributing goodie bags and luncheon invitations on March 15 and another 15 people to help serve the Good Friday luncheon, March 21. Contact Director Gary Oakley at Oakman1950@aol.com or the church office at 407-422-5704 today and volunteer two hours of your time. You'll be glad you did. Connections run both ways, you know!



OURM Director Rev. Dave Arlington (left) gleefully unpacks the first computer component as Human Care Board member Sandy Walker, Diane Versey (Sandy's neighbor), board member Rob Stuendel and board director Gary Oakley share in the excitement.



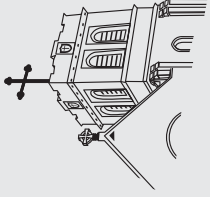
OURM Director Rev. Dave Arlington teaches vital living skills to Orlando residents who do not have their own homes. Trinity's Human Care Board continues to support this downtown mission project.

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<p>Full Day, Extended Care (S110/111)</p> <p>Spring Break - NO SCHOOL</p> <p>8:30pm 10:00pm Roby Bible Group (Roby Home)</p>					

Thanks to those who serve in February 2008

Date	Time	Elders	Ushers	Readers	Acolytes	Greeters	Nursery
3/1/08	6:00 p.m.	Carl Fabry	Charles Hammack, Lenore Hammack	Donna Wegner	William Conine, Matthew Spotorno	Tom & Rita Thomas	-
3/2/08	8:00 a.m.	Gary Schumacher	Clayton McCoy, Dave Wilson, Rodney Brown, Don Liesch, Bud Yeager	Amy Fischer	Evan Zook, Emma Kate Tesch	Mary Beth & Mark Brink	-
-	9:30 a.m.	Mike Hofmann, Jeff Alexander	Lance Bell, Chuck Butterfield, Thea Butterfield, Jeff Alexander	Diane Dobson	Shyanne Alvarado, Thomas Foschini	Shelly & Shyanne Alvarado	Mary Hohman
-	11:00 a.m.	John Strandquest	Mike Trapp, Brendan O'Brien, Greg Ackerman, Darryl Kennedy	Bob Meyer	Peter Hinton, Kevin Hinton	Jay Barfield & Mary Gene Carr	Sandra Sweatt
3/8/08	6:00 p.m.	Gregg Yawman	Jan & Dick Eggert	Clay Brice	Cassy Crowell, Sarah Fabry	Ed & Darlene Sabin	-
3/9/08	8:00 a.m.	Vern Retzlaff	Glen Schumacher, Gary Schumacher, Jody Bowman, Carl Schroeder, Jim Jones	Gary Oakley	Hallie Krzyzak, Jessie Schumacher	Angie Friedel	-
-	9:30 a.m.	Lance Bell Mike Kunze	Kent Wolfe, Linda Wolfe, Shane Kunze, Michael Kunze, Chantal Jost	Kerri Barnes	Richard Ebert, Nathan Bond	Ken & Karen Anderson	Christina Becker
-	11:00 a.m.	Kevin Hinton	Cookie Abney, David Abney, Tony Ramiz, Martin Ramiz	Ted Lange	Parker Lange, Vanessa Lange	Greg & Dardie Yawman	Keri Barnes
3/15/08	6:00 p.m.	Dick Eggert	Mike Schneider, Lori Stanley	Mary Hohman	Olivia Levine, Will Conine	Tom & Rita Thomas	-
3/16/08	8:00 a.m.	TBD	David Wilkosz, Eric Oelschlager, Vern Retzlaff, Felix Hamilton, Marcus Hamilton	Kae Retzlaff	Mikaela Hyder, Emma Kate Tesch	Glen & Beth Schumacher	-
-	9:30 a.m.	Mike Hofmann Jeff Alexander	Bert Foschini, Shane Simonson, Wynona Boast, Alan Smith	Lynn Wacker	Sarah Seward, Matthew Young	Bruce & Bonnie Hahn	Leah Weber
-	11:00 a.m.	Walt Wolters, Ken Grover	Bill Wilson, Jr., Don Merrick, Carolyn Merrick, Larry Evanchyk, Chuck Boogher, Frank Gregorek	Brice Beier	Alexandra Stewart, Makayla Aspeslet	Martha Pfantz & Amy Dittmer	Angie Friedel
3/22/08	6:00 p.m.	Rocky Smothers	Thomas Finger, Terri Finger	Sandy Ogg	John Michael Bell, Stephanie Hohman	Ed & Darlene Sabin	-
3/23/08	8:00 a.m.	David Wilkosz	Lo Phillips, Joyce Phillips, Wendy Churchville, Tommy Smothers, Gary Oakley	Vernon Retzlaff	Lea Wilson	Dave & Becky Schernikau	-
-	9:30 a.m.	Lance Bell, Mike Kunze	Brent Killinger, Peter Killinger	Rob Stuendel	Tyler Killinger, Spencer Cotton	Lisa Harris, Karen Seward	Lynn Hogan
-	11:00 a.m.	Gregg awman, Leo Nagy	David Fritz, Bob Short, Linda Short, Richard Berkley, Betty Berkley	Liz Borth	Kaitlyn Beier, Paul Gundian	Jim & Jane Congrove	Kimberly Collier
3/29/08	6:00 p.m.	Gregg Yawman	Jan & Dick Eggert	Tom Thomas	Cassy Crowell, Sarah Fabry	Ed & Darlene Sabin	-
3/30/08	8:00 a.m.	Vern Retzlaff	Glen Schumacher, Gary Schumacher, Jody Bowman, Carl Schroeder, Jim Jones	Helen Lerner	Hallie Krzyzak, Jessie Schumacher	Angie Friedel	-
-	9:30 a.m.	Lance Bell Mike Kunze	Kent Wolfe, Linda Wolfe, Shane Kunze, Michael Kunze, Chantal Jost	Linda Wolters	Richard Ebert, Nathan Bond	Ken & Karen Anderson	Tonya Ackerman
-	11:00 a.m.	Kevin Hinton	Cookie Abney, David Abney, Tony Ramiz, Martin Ramiz	Gretchen Knoblauch	Parker Lange, Vanessa Lange	Greg & Dardie Yawman	Martha Pfantz

Altar Guild for March: Gayle Bowman, Joan Chavez, Joy Burns, Patti Rawlings, Janet Drake, Kathy Schumaker

Sunday School



Sunday School for ages 4 and over

Children are invited to join us for a fun hour (9:30 to 10:30 a.m.) with their friends to learn more about Jesus through story, song,

science, crafts and food. Parents: Our Sunday School attendance has increased. We thank YOU for making Sunday School important in your child's life.



Sunday School Children Pre K to Fifth Grade

Children will sing on March 16 at the 8 a.m. worship service. Please have your child sit in the front left of the Sanctuary. We appreciate your coming to this early morning service, especially if it is not the service you usually attend.



Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

All children Pre K and older are invited to come to the Library on Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for some Easter fun before going outdoors for an Easter Egg Hunt. Come help us celebrate the joy of Jesus' resurrection.

Trinity Lutheran School's See's Candies Sale

Thank you for your participation in the Student Council See's Candies Sale. We were very successful and now have money to complete the gym floor project. Candy orders will arrive the week of February 25.

Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Lenten service – March 5

12:10, Dinner 5:30, service at 7 p.m.

Lenten service – March 12

12:10, Dinner 5:30, service at 7 p.m.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - March 16

Saturday 6 p.m.

Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

No Wednesday service

Maundy Thursday – March 20

12:10, service at 7 p.m.

Good Friday – March 21

12:10, service at 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil - March 22

Saturday 6 p.m.

Easter Sunday – March 23

Sunrise service 6:30 a.m.

Festival Services at

8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Readings for March

March 2

First Lesson: **Isaiah 42:14-21**

Epistle: **Ephesians 5:8-14**

Gospel: **John 9:1-41**

March 5, Wednesday

Gospel: **John 3:13-15**

March 9

First Lesson: **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

Epistle: **Romans 8:1-11**

Gospel: **John 11:1-45**

March 12, Wednesday

Gospel: **John 3:16-17**

March 16, Palm Sunday

First Lesson: **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

Epistle: **Philippians 2:5-11**

Gospel: **Matthew 26:1-13**

March 20, Maundy Thursday

First Lesson: **Ezekiel 24:3-11**

Epistle: **Hebrews 9:11-22**

Gospel: **Matthew 26:17-30**

March 21, Good Friday

First Lesson: **Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

Epistle: **Hebrews 4:14-15;5:7-9**

Gospel: **John 19:17-30**

March 23, Easter

First Lesson: **Acts 10:34-43**

Epistle: **Colossians 3:1-4**

Gospel: **Matthew 28:1-10**

March 30

First Lesson: **Acts 5:29-42**

Epistle: **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Gospel: **John 20:19-31**

Highlights of Florida-Georgia District 60th Anniversary

THE FOUNDING ERA – 1948-1957

In the post World War II era of our nation's history, the organizing convention of the Florida-Georgia District gave birth to the 34th District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. It was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Orlando in February of 1948. The District formed with 22 congregations and adopted a budget of \$27,000. The Rev. Conrad Kellerman, a senior pastor in the District serving St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Miami, was elected president.

Struggles with financing new mission starts was the main concern in those years when places to start missions were many, but money to purchase land and buildings was scarce. For example, subsidized mission starts were not allowed to invest in air conditioners for their facilities. But because of the generosity of a business man in the District, electric fans were made available for much needed cooling in the hot summer months.

The 10% plan was initiated in the District at the 1949 convention to make funds available for expansion. All congregations were requested to contribute 10% of their total current expense budget over and above regular offerings so that the District could purchase sites and construct facilities. Thus the Church Extension Fund, later known as LCEF, became a vital tool for ministry in this young District.

A TIME OF NEW COMMITMENT – 1957-1963

The 1957 convention convened at the George Washington Hotel in West Palm Beach, celebrating the tenth anniversary of the District. President Kellerman retired, and his vice-president, the Rev. F. W. Lorberg was elected to serve as District President to face some interesting challenges to meet financial

obligations. CEF loans totaled a staggering \$450,000. Eleven church sites had recently been acquired, six churches were under construction and twenty-two missions were under District subsidy. To deal with the financial crisis, delegates at the convention resolved to call an annual fiscal conference that included lay representation.

The national climate during a time of integration and social concerns moved the young District into black ministry and social ministry. Missionary Bill Jones did a yeoman's job of starting up black ministries in the major population centers of the District. He is credited with starting seven congregations.

Social ministry start-ups in this era included Hollybrook Homes, a low-cost housing project in Jacksonville and East Ridge Retirement Center in Miami.

Hispanic ministries got a big boost when four missionary pastors including Herman Glienke and Eugene Gruell came to the District following their expulsion from Cuba by the Fidel Castro regime.

By 1963, the number of congregations in the District was 87 which were divided into 12 circuits, with 20,000 members. At the 25th Anniversary of the District, the rapid growth of parish preschools and elementary schools, with the expanding number of those in teaching ministry, was acknowledged.

THE EXPANSION ERA - 1963-1973

The Rev. August Bernthal of Grace Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, was elected president of the District at the convention in Sarasota, following the retirement of Pres. F. W. Lorberg. We call this the Era of Expansion because, at the end of President Bernthal's 10th year of presidency in 1973, the number

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of congregations expanded from 87 to 151 congregations.

In 1964 the District Office was moved from the leased space in the Metcalf Building in midtown Orlando to the large house on a lake at 441 Park Lake Circle in Orlando.

Pan-Lutheran cooperation created institutional coordination in campus ministries and outdoor education and encouraged broader social and welfare ministries. Changing demographics created new challenges for District members. The Urban Church Planning Division of American Missions of the National Lutheran Council attempted to help members understand the past and design new programs to minister to changing community needs, especially in urban and black ministries. During this era, the District expanded the teachers' conferences to include all District educators and conduct biennial pastor-teacher workshops.

The 25th anniversary of the District was observed by a special Convocation at Eckerd College, St. Petersburg in August 1973. President Bernthal challenged the District to prepare for rapid population growth and changing demographics that would tax ministry resources. During the next era, the church would continue to face rapid technological, demographic, economic and social upheaval. In both American society and in the LCMS, conflict appeared imminent. Shortly after the convocation President Bernthal resigned the presidency of the District to assume the office of fifth vice-president of synod, when its incumbent died. The Rev. Lloyd Behnken, first vice-president of the District, filled the vacated office of president until the next convention.

TIME OF REORGANIZATION, REAFFIRMATION AND RENEWAL 1973-1987

At the New Orleans Synodical Convention in the summer of 1973, heated discussions about doctrinal clarity and ecclesiastical authority continued the polarization of many into active traditionalist and progressive groups. President Behnken and the District leaders anxiously prepared for the June District convention at the Seville Hotel in Miami Beach. In the initial ballot taken, 216 voting delegates selected President Behnken as the first full-time District president.

Throughout the initial years of his presidency, President Behnken was a moderating voice in the synod and in handling conflicted issues that arose in the District. During these tempestuous years of intra-synodical struggles under the leadership of President Behnken, the District maintained its primary focus of work at home-mission growth and social services. Walking the middle road and tending to its work at home thrust the District into the national Lutheran limelight.

Delegates to the 1978 convention, held at Eckerd College, concluded the half-decade of self-study and re-organization of district administration. They separated District activities into four divisions - Ministry and Nurture, Parish Services, Missions and Administration. Each division was chaired by one of the four full-time district executives called into District service by this time.

Two outstanding synodical leaders, Ben Eggers (renowned in Youth Ministry) and Fred Lietz (considered Mr. LCEF of synod), were given executive positions in the District. Ben Eggers was named Executive Secretary of Parish Services and Fred Lietz, Executive Secretary of Administration. Each in his field offered creative administrative techniques for

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the District.

President Behnken throughout the synodical turmoil of his first two terms as District President continued to stress the servant role of church leaders. He kept encouraging pan-Lutheran cooperation as well.

In late September 1987, President Behnken quietly requested a temporary leave of absence from office because of illness. The Board appointed Rev. Thomas Zehnder as acting president with authority to sign legal documents on behalf of the District. President Behnken died on December 22, 1987 and entered the eternal rest offered him through the Gospel of Christ, which he cherished.

ERA OF PROMISE - 1987-1997

From June 13 to 15, 1988, delegates met for the twenty-third District Convention at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly Center. Meeting only six months after President Behnken died, the delegates elected the Rev. Thomas Zehnder on the first ballot by giving him 85% of the votes.

District leaders met at Hope Lutheran Church in Pompano Beach to develop a comprehensive plan. They developed long range objectives. “Progressing: In Faith” was adopted to promote stewardship for the construction of the new District headquarters. This \$1.25 million dollar three-year project provided the impetus to build a 13,000-square foot complex in Orlando Central Park, between Orlando's business district and the international airport. This continues to be the District Office.

The Division of Mission Services faced a new challenge when long-time Executive Secretary Erdmann Frenk retired. The Rev. Gerald Seaman, pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church, Casselberry was called and accepted the post.

In this era, as congregations were urged through a 30-month church growth study to change emphasis from maintenance to mission, there was an increased awareness of facing a largely unchurched culture.

Hurricanes Andrew in South Florida and Alberta in South Georgia left several churches in those areas in need of help for families and extensive repairs on homes and churches. The call went out to District and Synod to help in the recovery efforts.

The 40th anniversary of the District was celebrated at the 23rd Regular Convention of the District. It was decided at this convention to change the office of vice president from three to two. Elected to serve were the Rev. Robert Strickert from Georgia and the Rev. Edgar Trinklein from Florida. After Rev.Strickert was no longer eligible due to term limits, the Rev. Oscar Gerken, Faith, Eustis was chosen as second vice president to serve with Rev.Trinklein as the first vice president. At the succeeding convention, delegates elected another Georgian, the Rev. Gerhard Michael, to serve as the second vice president with Rev.Trinklein. At the 1997 District Convention, delegates voted to require that one vice president come from each state.

Multi-cultural outreach was emphasized at the convention as opportunities to reach out to non-English speaking people in our metropolitan areas of the District increased.

Anticipating the challenge of facing the responsibilities of the next century, the Board of Directors adopted a new way to do business. Policy-based governance required the four division executives to identify the “core values” which motivated them to carry out their duties.

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In February 1997, President Zehnder accepted a call to King of Glory Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, Virginia. First Vice-President Rev. Trinklein of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakeland, took the helm until the next convention in May. He was unwilling to run for office at the May convention because he felt "a younger person with vision and courage who will serve for more than one term would be the best thing for the District."

ERA OF WORKING THE FERTILE FIELDS AGAIN – 1997 - 2008

The convention of May 19-21, 1997 at Lake Yale elected the Rev. Michael as District President. Rev. Michael, challenged to refine the core values and enrich parish corporate life, wanted the Gospel to come through clearly in the great variety of worship experiences available in this multi-cultural District.

The District Convention of June 2-4, 2000 authorized the development of the Concordia House of Studies, starting new congregations each year equivalent to 3% of our existing congregations, and embarked on a major \$10,000,000 financial campaign to help underwrite these initiatives. The three-year campaign, which was over and above regular congregational remittances for the ongoing

work of the District, was called "Forward Together - Servants in His Mission."

In his report to the District at the 2003 Convention, President Michael reported, "The three yearshave been marked by news that is not good: a significant downturn in the economy; the bombing of the Twin Towers in New York by terrorists; the collapse of major companies due to the overarching greed of corporate executives; and war in Iraq. Add to this news from the public sector of the problems we face on a personal level.... We, however, are determined not to cave into the anxiety, for we know that God who calls us to go forward has revealed Himself to us in the past. He is faithful. He loves us....."

The 2006 District Convention, the 29th, was held on June 9-11 in Lake Mary. The "Ablaze" initiative to reach 2,000,000 people with the Gospel by the year 2017, started at the previous synodical convention, sparked enthusiasm at the District Convention. District goals of outreach were set and Witness Outreach Seminars were publicized. The challenges set before the delegates were these five: strengthen existing congregations; plant new congregations; raise new leaders; growth in biblical stewardship; and strengthen our partnership in the Gospel.

Trinity's New Dinner Club Continues in March

by Kathy Aber

Are you looking for a great opportunity for fun and fellowship? Would you like to meet other Trinity members, especially those who regularly attend a service other than your own? Please consider joining our new Dinner Club.

All adults of any age, whether single or married, are invited to become members of this club. In January, more than 40 individuals participated in dinners at five host homes.

Those who sign up for the Dinner Club will be divided into groups of 6, 7 or 8 individuals. Each

group will decide upon a date for their dinner (Friday or Sunday evenings are suggested). Club members can sign up to be a host or hostess, or even as just a participant if his or her home does not allow for entertaining a large number of people. Hosts/hostesses will provide entrees for the dinners, while their guests will bring salads, vegetables or desserts. Participants will be assigned to different groups for subsequent dinners. You can participate as you time permits - monthly, every other month, etc.

Please consider adding this fun activity to your

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2008 calendar of events. Kathy Aber and Kim Hofmann are the Dinner Club coordinators. Kathy can be reached at 407-295-6269 or at kaber1017@aol.com or Kim at KHof3964@aol.com for more information,

comments or suggestions. We are now adding new members for succeeding months. Please place the completed forms in the Executive Director's box in the narthex or e-mail the information to the addresses above.



(l-r) Kathy Aber photographed Dave Schernikau, Hank Dressel, Cindy Hammerstrom, Kent Hammerstrom, Wren Aber, Melody Smothers, Gail Dressel, Peggy Trapp and Angie Friedel as they gathered at the Aber home January 27 for one of the first Trinity Dinner Club events. Five groups were scheduled to meet in January and plans are now underway for new group dinners this month. For more information, visit Trinity's web site at www.trinitydowntown.org.

Pictured January 19 at the home of Tony and Carmen Ramiz are: (l-r, back) Tony Ramiz, Lisa and Pastor Jeff Moore, Peg Tabor and Carmen Ramiz and (in front) Larry and Mary Lou Evanchyk. There is still time to sign up to participate in February and succeeding months. Check out the web site sign-up form and e-mail the information or place in the Executive Director's box in the church narthex.

Trinity Dinner Club Sign-up Form

Name(s) of participant(s): _____

Street address _____

City and zip code: _____

I/we prefer to be contacted by : E-mail _____ Phone _____

Availability: _____ (days of the week, suggested Friday and Sunday evenings)

Volunteer as a host or hostess: yes no ____ # you can accommodate easily

I/we are interested in meeting:

Monthly _____ Every other month _____

Winter months _____ specify _____

Other _____

Other considerations: _____

(i.e. special needs, dietary or other)

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.

During the Month of February we prayed for:

Prayers for Health Concerns

Eugenia Anderson	Kevin Hinton, Sr.	Mary Seidel	Joanie
Jancie Bailes	Darwin Holt	Wyatt Sexton	Steve
Lois Blair	Terry Jenson	Bernice Shackelford	Special Needs
Rosalie Bowen	Clinton Jones	Jane Shaffer	Turner Family
Chuck Butterfield	Olga Kaish	Gayle Simms	Ken Spirduso
Jimmy Catlin	Ed Kaish	Ray Slagle	Jeff Foster
Jimmy Catlin	Ruth Kasper	Lyn Smith	William Gay
Marshall Childers	Shar Keegan	Christian Smith	For Spiritual
Steven Christiansen	Ire Kensler	Steve Smith	renewal for all
Kathy Codd	Kathy Levey	Caroline Stauffer	who worship here
Elizabeth Cohen	Joe Lilavois	Beverly Steiger	at Trinity
Tina Collyer	Deedee Lovelace	Terri Stephens	David & Margaret
Pat Cording	Shaun McDonnaugh	Carolyn Strandquest	Kuhlow and
Cheryl Crowell	Dale Melear	Bob Stuendel	family
Corey Curnutt	Grady Melear	Helen & Paul	The Hamilton
Kathy Daughtridge	Joyce Melear	Szalman	Family
Inez Dean	Samantha Middleton	Brad Tallent	Victor, Shannon
Eddie DelloRusso	Jocelyn Moore	Joyce Taylor	and Scott
Mary Beth Driscoll	Josh Moore	David Tilney	Ron
Janet Duke	Susan Newberry	Isabelle van	Brenda Jordan
Jeanette Dusel	Michelle Nin	Slidrecht	Rivera Family
Gene Ebert	Nonnie Parker	Tom & Jan Vroman	David & Terri and
Mark Eckhoff	Janelisse Plata	Lisa Watson	family
Grace Elad	Ruth Pytko	A.J. Weyant	Pray for our
The Degarian Family	Dewey Ramsby	Christine Whitlow	country and the
Randy Foster	Claude Reece	Judy Wolbert	voting choices
Stephanie Gamble	Norman Reed	Abbie Yeager	that will be made
Linda Gondek	Pastor Elmer	Cy Zastro	soon
Michaela Gordon	Reuscher	Christine Zook	Gloria Saulk &
Peter Habib	Bill Rogner	Brenda	Rev. Charles
Wade Hair	Mike Rushing	Martha	Jackson
Bill Hegert	Ron Russel	Jeanette	Tiffany and Jeff
Kris Hensen	unborn son of Kelly	Diana	van Slidrecht
Stephen Herter	Samlalsingh	Jackie	Duke

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Peace and Comfort for Those who Mourn

For the family and friends of Jason Wands.

For Ada Anderson and Robert Kron who recently lost a son.

For the family and friends of Willie Long, who is relieved from his battle with cancer.

For the family and friends of Nicole Gogolak and the Nogel Family, who lost a loved one in a skiing accident.

For the friends and family of Mary Steele, the mother of Sue Conyers, who passed away January 20, 2008.

For the Schieke family, for the loss of a pregnancy due to complications at 7 months.

For the family and friends of Ronald Irwin, son of Ronald and Corrine Irwin.

For the family and friends of Lee Brown, father of member Christina Weber. He passed away on January 30th, 2008.

For the family and friends of Ruth Pytko who died January 31, 2008.

For Abby Wirick and Family following the death of Abby's husband

For Shannon Adams and family following the death of Shannon's brother.

For Tim & Deana Norris and Jamie Hall following the loss of their grandfather Tuesday night, January 29.

For the family and friends of Robert Lee Brown who died January 30, 2008. The funeral was held at Trinity.

For the family and friends of Jim Gloczeim who passed away last weekend. He was the husband of the Minister of Music, Gloria Gloczeim, at St. Paul, Lakeland, and was also the brother-in-law of Terry Ruprecht, a former 2nd grade teacher at Trinity.

For the family and friends of Carol Baessler Munkberg and her husband John who were killed in a car accident in Wyoming this week. Carol used to teach Pre-K here at Trinity and her children Paul and Pam are members here.

For the comforting hand of God on the surviving family of the victims of an accident witnessed by a member.

For the Garnetti Family who lost their son in a car accident last Sunday

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Anniversaries & Birthdays

The following people who were born or married in March. 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.

Mar 1	Clifton, Taylor	Birthday	Mar 7	Swinderman, Tracey & Tom	Anniversary
Mar 1	Cobb, Abbey	Birthday	Mar 7	Woodall, Tina	Birthday
Mar 1	Gavin, Darryl	Birthday	Mar 8	Trapp, Jo A.	Birthday
Mar 1	Grover, Ken & Diann	Anniversary	Mar 9	Davis, Zane	Birthday
Mar 1	Hamilton, Samuel	Birthday	Mar 9	Ford, Dennis & Tracy	Anniversary
Mar 1	Huelett, Dennis	Birthday	Mar 9	Nagy, Lyvia	Birthday
Mar 1	Poole, Jr., Richard	Birthday	Mar 9	Reid, Adam	Birthday
Mar 1	Woideck, Pamela	Birthday	Mar 9	Roby, Ronald & Susan	Anniversary
Mar 2	Blackwood, Jennifer	Birthday	Mar 9	Schellhammer, Brian	Birthday
Mar 2	Boast, Wynona	Birthday	Mar 9	Tesch, Caroline	Birthday
Mar 2	Cavaretta, Steve	Birthday	Mar 10	Beier, Stone	Birthday
Mar 2	Curnutt, Artha	Birthday	Mar 10	Brink, Joshua	Birthday
Mar 2	Lindsay, Mike	Birthday	Mar 10	Dehlinger, Taylor	Birthday
Mar 2	Moran, Merry	Birthday	Mar 10	Mayer, Charles	Birthday
Mar 2	Schoembs, Blaze	Birthday	Mar 10	Smith, Delany	Birthday
Mar 3	Bridges, Bradley & Kathy	Anniversary	Mar 10	Weaver, Ryan	Birthday
Mar 3	Camichos, PJ	Birthday	Mar 12	Docton, David	Birthday
Mar 3	Detwiler-Wilde, Amy	Birthday	Mar 12	Ebert-Butterfield, Thea Ann	Birthday
Mar 3	Dittmer, Amy	Birthday	Mar 12	Hoevenaar, Melissa	Birthday
Mar 3	Schroeder, Shannon	Birthday	Mar 13	Gatti, Susan	Birthday
Mar 3	Stein, Kathryn	Birthday	Mar 13	Scaletta, Melissa & Douglas	Anniversary
Mar 4	Berkley, David	Birthday	Mar 13	Thompson, Chuck	Birthday
Mar 4	Lerner, Foster	Birthday	Mar 14	Carrion, Kellie & Ed	Anniversary
Mar 4	McCall, Patricia	Birthday	Mar 14	Doetsch, Beth	Birthday
Mar 4	Schacht, Clay & Kim	Anniversary	Mar 14	Graft, Dale & Doris	Anniversary
Mar 4	Stephens, Claire	Birthday	Mar 14	Mitchell, Steve & Charlene	Anniversary
Mar 5	Delehunt, Janine	Birthday	Mar 14	Rawlings, Dana	Birthday
Mar 5	Hamer, Larry & Stephanie	Anniversary	Mar 14	Voss, Ronald	Birthday
Mar 5	Van Winkle, Lauren	Birthday	Mar 15	Aber, Wren	Birthday
Mar 6	Bowman, Troy	Birthday	Mar 15	Connery, Mente	Birthday
Mar 6	Brink, Mary Beth	Birthday	Mar 15	Wolters, Linda	Birthday
Mar 6	Clancy, Tyler	Birthday	Mar 16	Meadows, Corbie	Birthday
Mar 6	Gipson, Greg & Stacy	Anniversary	Mar 16	Pearson, Judi	Birthday
Mar 6	Graft, Timothy	Birthday	Mar 16	Trapp, Krista & Jacob Blakesley	Anniversary
Mar 6	Hanekom, Amanda	Birthday	Mar 17	Jones, Stephanie	Birthday
Mar 6	Huelett, Molly	Birthday	Mar 17	Pozar, Julie	Birthday
Mar 6	Zoller, Virgil & Wanda	Anniversary	Mar 18	Bond, Nancy	Birthday
Mar 7	Huelett, Sherry	Birthday	Mar 18	Churchville, Frank	Birthday
Mar 7	Rash, Troy & Tiffany	Anniversary	Mar 18	Davidson, Elizabeth	Birthday
Mar 7	Shultz, Charles & Rennie	Anniversary	Mar 18	Poole, Richard & Mary	Anniversary
			Mar 18	Schroeder, Gary	Birthday
			Mar 18	Seward, David	Birthday
			Mar 19	Chavez, Joann	Birthday
			Mar 19	Davis, Erin & Robert	Anniversary
			Mar 19	Dittmer, Gladys	Birthday
			Mar 19	Stewart, Michael	Birthday
			Mar 19	Weaver, Stacey	Birthday

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Mar 20	Brown, Traci	Birthday	Mar 26	Pozar, Michael & Julie	Anniversary
Mar 20	Delehunt, Janine & Daniel	Anniversary	Mar 26	Williams, Marjory & William	Anniversary
Mar 20	Devis, Brandon & Shannon	Anniversary	Mar 27	Davidson, Floyd	Birthday
Mar 20	Gavin, Jennifer	Birthday	Mar 27	Deetz, Kathleen	Birthday
Mar 20	Ramiz, Laura	Birthday	Mar 27	Eastlick, Arnie	Birthday
Mar 21	Erickson, Stacey	Birthday	Mar 27	Jenkins, Robert & Bronwyn	Anniversary
Mar 21	Gibson-Weaver, Eva	Birthday	Mar 27	Nicholson, Sandra	Birthday
Mar 21	Gonzalez, Laurie & Hector	Anniversary	Mar 27	Reinders, Linda	Birthday
Mar 21	LaLonde, Elizabeth	Birthday	Mar 27	Rodriguez, Brandon	Birthday
Mar 21	Lyerly, Olivia	Birthday	Mar 27	Spicer, Shannon	Birthday
Mar 22	Frazier, Glenda & Barry	Anniversary	Mar 28	Castro, Gabriel	Birthday
Mar 22	Lanier, Mandi	Birthday	Mar 28	DiBlasio, Alexandra	Birthday
Mar 22	Leiffer, Shirley	Birthday	Mar 28	Killinger, Brent	Birthday
Mar 22	Smith, Randy & Barbara	Anniversary	Mar 28	Ramiz, Martin	Birthday
Mar 22	Tyson, Sharon	Birthday	Mar 28	Shively, Marcia	Birthday
Mar 22	Whitney, Devin	Birthday	Mar 28	Yeager, Maurice & Phyllis	Anniversary
Mar 23	Gebert, Charlotte	Birthday	Mar 29	Fischer, Morgan	Birthday
Mar 23	Hall, Steven Jr.	Birthday	Mar 29	Kruckemyer, Elizabeth	Birthday
Mar 23	Jopperi, Libby	Birthday	Mar 29	Lindsay, Mike & Karin	Anniversary
Mar 23	Krzyzak, Peter	Birthday	Mar 29	Petro, Asher	Birthday
Mar 23	Smith, Deborah	Birthday	Mar 29	Schmidt, Diane	Birthday
Mar 24	Anderson, Kaitlyn	Birthday	Mar 29	Wolters, Walt	Birthday
Mar 24	Carter, Gracyn	Birthday	Mar 30	Aber, Matt	Birthday
Mar 24	Graft, Tiffany	Birthday	Mar 30	Alderman, Janine	Birthday
Mar 24	Scott, Elaine & Ernest	Anniversary	Mar 30	Graft, Dale	Birthday
Mar 24	Silva, Elese & Daniel	Anniversary	Mar 30	Hall, Steve	Birthday
Mar 25	Bowman, Darren & Linda	Anniversary	Mar 30	McCaleb, Matthew	Birthday
Mar 25	Fabry, Paul	Birthday	Mar 31	Carr, Mary Gene	Birthday
Mar 25	Hammerstrom, Kent & Cindy	Anniversary	Mar 31	Harris, Jett	Birthday
Mar 26	Blackwood, Robert	Birthday	Mar 31	Rice, Drake	Birthday
Mar 26	Carrion, Kellie	Birthday	Mar 31	Slazinski, Marc	Birthday
Mar 26	Gierke, Joan	Birthday	Mar 31	Wilson, Lea	Birthday

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Those Serving Our Country

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

Thanksgiving and Praise

For a diagnosis of remission for Jackie, as we pray for continued recovery.

Chris Michad is home after 1 year in Iraq.

Christopher O'Dell has returned from Iraq!

Stephen Ministry

STEPHEN MINISTRY



“Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of

Christ...For all must carry their own loads.”
Galatians 6:2, 5 NRSV

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house upon a rock...”
Matthew 7:24

“Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”
Proverbs 12:18

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 Bible verses above are theme verses that will help focus the Stephen Ministry lessons for March. Deaconess Liz and Jim Borth, Lena Jones, Marty and Julie Lasater, Helen Lerner, Loren Roby and leaders will be studying:

- Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving, Module T-7 (**March 6**) (What is the difference between a burden and a load?)
- Crisis Theory and Practice: Danger vs Opportunity, **Module T-8 (March 13)** (How do

you see a crisis as an opportunity?)

- Confidentiality, Module T-9 (**March 27**) (How do you use the power of words? Someone once said, “Words are like toothpaste – once out of the tube/mouth, you can't put them back in...”)

The training Stephen Ministers receive 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. We request your prayers of spiritual support and encouragement for this ongoing ministry.

Prayer: *Compassionate Lord, you walked the earth from Bethlehem to Golgotha to show God's forgiving love to all. You showed us by example how to love and care for one another. As we continue our training, grant your Spirit's presence 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 supply our every true need according to Your will. Amen.*

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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.

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.



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