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Pastor's Page

How Big Is Too Big?

Trinity's decision to pursue the purchase of the Travelodge property brings up an important question how "big" should Trinity be?

Every year our eighth grade graduates write a farewell for the yearbook, and every year one thing keeps cropping up "I hope Trinity School stays small." Our students love the experience of knowing all their classmates and the safe feeling of being with a

small group, especially as they are facing the transition to, in most cases, a much larger public school.

One of the things that draws many to Trinity is our worship experience, sharing that time with, on average, between 100 and 150 people in a sanctuary that fits about twice that many. It feels cozy and intimate, but usually not so intimate as to threaten one's privacy.

At the same time, Trinity is a large enough

by Pastor Jeff Moore

operation to offer many opportunities that a truly small congregation cannot, such as our music program, a large staff, special teachers in computer, music, Spanish, athletics, media, etc., with a lot going on all the time. There's a large "feel" that goes with our small "feel" that makes Trinity a comfortable place for many.

Yet Trinity has consistently worked to grow over the years. Perhaps you were

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Trinity Lutheran School News

TLS Annual Appeal

As many of you may be aware, tuition, PTL and the financial support of the Church no longer provide sufficient funding for Trinity Lutheran School. In order for the School to provide a Christian education in a progressive environment, to our

children, the Annual Appeal has been created to offset this shortfall. The Annual Appeal provides an opportunity for parents, grandparents, members and alumni to support Trinity Lutheran School. You should have received a mailing at the end of September that outlined our project for

by Dr. Shaffer

the 2005-2006 school year. Please prayerfully consider giving to the TLS Annual Appeal and supporting our mission of outreach to children and families in downtown Orlando.

Fall Festival

The Trinity Lutheran Fall Festival has been rescheduled! Mark your

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Friendship Evangelism

"...They said to each other did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures..." Luke 24:32

These words, from our fellow disciples, were spoken after Jesus opened their hearts and eyes to what the scriptures said about the Messiah. The Word of God is a remarkable tool in helping us, Christians, know and live a life worthy of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Word of God not only helps in the deepening of our faith, but it also helps in the beginning faith of others.

As Jesus opened the eyes of these disciples to the Word of God, it took about two hours for Christ to unfold for them the meaning of the scriptures and then for them to have their hearts burning within them knowing Christ's love for all of us.

As we live, today, with our hearts burning within us, the fire of the Lord can be contagious to those whose eyes have not been opened to the scriptures and the promise of Jesus' death and resurrection for life everlasting.

That is why the Evangelism Board is embarking on Friendship (relational) Evangelism. It is designed to equip believers for effective evangelism in today's world. It avoids stereotyped approaches that intimidate many Christians. Instead, it shows ordinary believers how they can share the Gospel in a natural and powerful way while being the person God created them to be.

by Pastor Jon van Sliedrecht

Each of us has gifts and talents that can help in the proclamation of Jesus. A common perception of Evangelism is that it is for the extroverted, bold, obnoxious, pushy, money-grabbing, and insensitive. And, that is not your style! That is why Relational Evangelism works. It is about you being who you are!

We are beautifully created beings of God. As God has made us and molds us, it allows evangelism to be effective. Effective evangelism flows out of a genuine, living relationship with Christ where His love for lost people radiates from us to others.

You may have noticed the banner in Church with the names of people on it. Each one of them does not have a HEART BURNING WITHIN THEM. Their friends, family members, and loved ones have placed their names on the banner so that we will pray for them and that their hearts may BURN with the love of Christ.

It is the prayer of the Evangelism Board that as you better understand who you are and how God is working in your life, he will give you opportunities to better relate to others, cultivate these friendships, and find ways to share your burning heart with them.

If you would like to learn more about Friendship Evangelism, there will be a free workshop on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at 9:00am-3:00pm at First Baptist Church of Orlando. Call the church office for more details.

Consistency and Change

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

-James 1:17-

How do you feel about change? If you're like me, you're not a real fan. Just when you get settled into a comfortable routine something happens that requires change and big leaps of faith. I've often said to Chuck that I don't ever want to move to a new house because that would mean having to clean out all the

by Sandy Ogg, Executive Director

closets! I like my house just the way it is. Don't rock my boat.

Well, guess what! God rocked my comfortable boat big time this year. He spoke to Trinity congregation and said "Go ahead and get on with the Strategic Planning Initiative. You'll find I have things for you to learn about my ministry at Trinity." That was in February, and we've spent the remainder of 2005 in Strategic Planning mode. The initial work helped us identify guiding principles, vision, mission and strategic targets. In 2006

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surprised to see the list we published of all the property we have acquired, spread out over the '20's, '50's, 70's, and 90's. Trinity has never been content to just stay the same. We're able, because of the acquisition of more property and the addition of more staff, to offer far more to our members and our community than we could in 1919 when we began.

Now we're trying to make a massive step forward, one that, as far as I can tell, would be unique among LCMS congregations, though a few churches of other denominations have done similar things. We're proposing to purchase land and build, with partners, essentially a skyscraper, mixing our use with other Lutheran ministries as well as income-producing property. If we are able to do what I think we're doing, Trinity will build a building that will draw far more people here than we are used to.

The idea, of course, is to actually reach our downtown community with the Gospel. The building is a tool, to draw people out of their offices and condos to a place we can bear witness to them. In my mind, we're trying to use a gift that God has given, namely, the technology to produce large buildings, for His purposes, rather than the purposes that Satan often uses such buildings for. We want to gather people together so God can speak to their hearts.

Someone pointed out to me the other day that we shouldn't be surprised by what's happening. We began our Strategic Planning Initiative and immediately identified that we need to find ways to reach the massive influx of people who will be moving into the condominium complexes springing up all over downtown. We started praying for God to show us how to do that and then the opportunity to buy the Travelodge and build a large building landed in our lap! Once again,

here's proof that we need to be careful what we pray for, God may answer with a “Yes!”

My biggest concern about growth is that, at its heart, the Christian faith is about one person telling another about the love of Christ. It's not about numbers. Jesus, as he told one person, owned no place even to lay his head at night. There is a strong danger in building and growing, because we might look around and get caught up in our size and possessions, and somehow think that buildings will preach the Gospel. They can't! They can help, of course, as the great cathedrals of Europe once helped illiterate people to get a sense of God's majesty and learn of his sacrifice. I wish I could show you one large crucifix I saw there, with the cross planted firmly in a skull the message that Jesus by his death overcame death came through more strongly through that image than I have ever heard it proclaimed through words!

No, buildings can't preach, and even if they could, their message wouldn't be that of Christ's humble service and glorious resurrection. The people in the buildings have the preaching task. But that task is to share the message with all, and that means numbers, like it or not. How big is too big? Well, it could be 3, if the 3 are wrapped up in themselves, while 3,000 might be still too small, if the 3,000 have the serving heart of Christ and a strong desire to share him! My prayer is that Trinity will grow and grow without ever becoming “too big!”

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.

A  from Your Music Director

by Lisa Moore, Music Director

Epiphany Cantata

Friday, January 6th at 7:00 p.m.

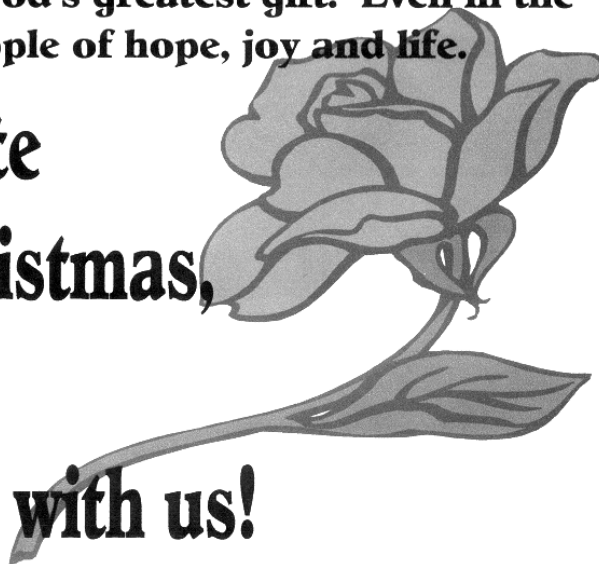
Presented by the choirs and instrumentalists of
Trinity Lutheran Church Downtown
123 E. Livingston Street, Orlando
407-422-5704

**"The Winter Rose" by Joseph Martin
Based on the carol, "Lo, How a Rose is
Blooming"**

From earliest Christian times, the rose has been a symbol of divine love. It reaches across the ages and spills from the pens and brushes of countless poets and artists. Echoing through our sanctuaries in the melodies and texts of many beloved carols, it brings to life the beautiful visions of Biblical prophets and the hope of early Christian pilgrims. Today, the rose remains a vital expression of love and peace both inside the Church and the outside world.

Christ, the Rose of Sharon, is God's greatest gift. Even in the deepest winter, we are people of hope, joy and life.

**Come celebrate
the 12th day of Christmas,
Epiphany,
The Day of the Kings with us!**



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calendar on Saturday, March 4th, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., for the **SPRING FEVER FESTIVAL!** We'll have all the same great activities such as a Birds of Prey show, arts & crafts for kids, games, rides and much more. If you haven't already purchased your tickets, signed up for a vendor table, or volunteered — there's plenty of time!

We'll begin selling event tickets again at the beginning of February. If you have already purchased tickets and armbands, keep them in a safe place for the March 4th event. If, for some reason the new date conflicts with your personal calendar and you have already purchased tickets and/or armbands, please let me know and we will reimburse you. Additionally, if you have paid for tickets and armbands, you should have received them, by November 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Monique Yeager at email myeager@sonnysbbq.com or 407.660.8888.

Thanks to our sponsors Schenck Company, Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q, PBS&J, Orlando National Bank, Barnie's Coffee and Tea Company, Selma's Cookies, The Guetzloe Report and Miller Legg.

Open house

by Wayne L. Schwanke, Director of Admissions

Trinity Lutheran School has scheduled three days of “Open House” for persons who may be interested in enrolling. The dates are January 24, 25, and 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. School will be in operation and the classrooms will be open to guests. If you are interested in enrolling a child in Trinity Lutheran School or you know of someone who may be interested, please keep these dates in mind! Administrative staff will be on hand to answer questions.

Re-enrollment

Materials for re-enrollment will be distributed to all current Trinity students during the first week in January. Several changes will be in effect for the 2006-2007 school year and we encourage all re-enrollees to examine the materials carefully and return them promptly! Re-enrollment forms are due back to school on or before February 1, 2006.

Board of Parish Education

Sunday School starts back up again on January 8th. This month we are learning about the Lord's Prayer.

The children will still be using our new rotation model to learn about different parts of the Lord's Prayer in different ways. We will have art, science and other ways for them to learn.

It has been exciting this year to see the children learn. Just go ask any of them what they've learned and you'll get enthusiastic responses about Sunday School! We have a wonderful, loving group of "homeroom" teachers who are getting to know your children quite well. Our rotation teachers are doing a great job of sharing the joy of the Lord and really helping the children understand the lessons.

We encourage all Trinity children to be a part of this exciting and Sunday School at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. If you're not sure which room to drop your children off in, look for signs on classroom doors or ask someone and they will be glad to help you find the classrooms.

Sunday School rotation leaders are needed for 2006

As our children grow in the Lord, we are looking for adults who are willing to help. If you've ever considered that you might like to give teaching children a try, we would like to talk with you. Sunday School rotation leaders are needed for 2006. We're not looking for a large time commitment, only about an hour a week for 4 weeks. If you've got gifts you are considering sharing here at Trinity, please let us know. What a better way to use them than to help a child become closer to our Savior! If you can run a VCR or DVD, if you love science or experiments, if you have a gift for storytelling, we can use you. Please contact the Board of Parish Education at bpe@trinitydowntown.org or call the church office and let Kristy know.

The Board of Parish Education members are: Doris Engstrom, Becky Hildebrand, Ellen Boogher, Shelly Alvarado and Cindy Hammerstrom. If you would prefer to talk to one of us about volunteering, we would love to spend a some time discussing the possibilities with you.

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we will focus on implementing what we have learned. That, too, will take time and commitment not only from leadership, but also from Trinity congregation as a whole. Yes, you read correctly from ALL OF US AS A WHOLE! Again, there's that concept of change. So, get ready to step out of your church comfort zone and join us in stepping out in faith as we proceed with this project.

Just as 2005 was drawing to a close God placed another challenge before Trinity; the Travelodge Motel property was put up for sale. The trustees of that property clearly indicated they would prefer that Trinity have the property. So, on November 28th the Voters Assembly unanimously voted to pursue a "Letter of Intent" that would give Trinity 30 days to raise approximately 20% of the proposed purchase price. AGAIN, CHANGE! How do you raise one million dollars in 30 days? Well, my calm boat was really rocking! As I write this (December 15th) we are at \$478,000 raised toward our one million-dollar goal. Clearly, God has touched the heart of many members at Trinity. But, the waters aren't calm yet. We still have money to raise and time is running out.

If you have not yet made your contribution or pledge towards the Travelodge Motel project, I urge you to do so now! You should make your donation check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and clearly mark on it "Travelodge Property." You may mail it to the church office

or put it in your offering envelope and mark the third line "Travelodge Property." By the time you receive this newsletter we will have only a short time left to raise the remainder of the one million dollars. I most of all want to encourage you to PRAY about this project. Stepping out in faith is sometimes difficult because we don't have all the answers at the time. Then again, God wants us to trust HIM for those answers and not our humanness. That is very hard for we humans to do. We want to know the answers before we embark the boat.

Yep! Change is coming. Change is also consistency in our lives it's always there, whether we want it or not. And through it all, God is there. He is never changing and always consistent in our lives. This is true of the "small" things that happen on a daily basis as well as the "big" projects, like the Travelodge, that HE suddenly sets before us.

May your 2006 be filled with the consistency of God's Holy Son, Jesus, as He blesses you!

Sandy preparing for this Christmas season, and that if you don't already know deep down in your heart how priceless is this gift, that you will be gently wooed into Him and allow the real meaning of Christmas to be planted and encouraged to grow and grow and grow EVERYDAY!

In the Little Child's Name,
Sandy

**"The Best Cup of
Coffee in Town"
Brought to You
by Your Fellowship Board!
Sundays 8:45-9:30 a.m.
In the Fellowship Hall**

EMAIL ADDRESS?

Do you have an email address that you have not turned into the church office? Please email or call in your new or updated email address to Kristy at kbowman@trinitydowntown.org.

New Members to Trinity Lutheran Church

The following are new members through reaffirmation, Adult Instruction class or transfer into Trinity Lutheran Church as of November 13th. Please add their names and addresses to your directory.

Frank & Gretchen Knoblauch
with children;
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Julie & Marty Lasater
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Sandra & Robert Lyerly
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Winter Park, Florida 32792
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Carl & Lauren Moffi
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Dave Schaub
No address

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712 Warrenton Road
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Veda Webster
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Winter Garden, Florida 34787
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Concordia Historical Institute

Pastor Hoard Honored for Lutheran History Contribution

(St. Louis, Mo) - Rev. Samuel Hoard of Orlando, Florida, received the Award of Commendation for his work, *The Truth Will Set You Free*, from Concordia Historical Institute (CHI), the Department of Archives and History of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). Hoard was among seventeen awardees honored at the 31st Annual Awards Banquet hosted by the Institute on the Concordia Seminary Campus in St. Louis, Missouri on November 3, 2005. Hoard's work won the commendation in the Major Publications category. *The Truth Will Set You Free* is an autobiography that recalls

God's gifts to a tireless military chaplain and pastor and, at the same time, recounts a history that speaks to the conscience of the church.

Each year members of the Institute's Award Committee review nominations for works that were completed in the prior year in the field of American Lutheran history. The awards recognize individuals, congregations, agencies, or boards for historical publications or audiovisual media, for unique contributions to Lutheran literature, or for personal service in the field of Lutheran archival and historical work. Hoard's article is an exemplary contribution to Lutheran History in America.

Orlando Lutheran Academy News

Brick of Faith: Help pave the way for The Orlando Lutheran Academy's future by giving a gift that lasts for many years! Buying the personalized brick, or bricks, is a way everyone can help support The Orlando Lutheran Academy. Your personalized, engraved message will be a visible tribute to your family, child, graduate, alumnus or favorite teacher. Call the school office (407-275-7750) for additional order forms.

Emerald Evening Dinner and Auction: The 8th Annual Emerald Evening Dinner and Auction will be Saturday, February 25, 2006 starting at 5:00 p.m. Mark the date on your calendar and watch the Crusader Communicator in the weeks to come for more information and details.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Orlando Lutheran Academy's
"CORNFEST 2006"

An Outdoor Community Celebration Of
Music, Food, Fellowship And Fun
Saturday, March 25, 2006
Noon - 8:00 Pm

ON THE CAMPUS OF
THE ORLANDO LUTHERAN ACADEMY

The DaVinci Code: Fact or Fiction?

Paul Maier will be at Trinity, Saturday, February 25th to discuss the Book titled *The DaVinci Code: Fact or Fiction*. He, together with Hank Hanegraff, wrote this book in response to the original *The DaVinci Code* which has been on the New York Times best-seller list for over a year and a movie version will be released this Spring.

The DaVinci Code: Fact or Fiction? explodes the myths of the book and shows the reliability of Scripture and the divinity of Christ. Trinity will host Dr Maier in an all day session of his book. Details concerning times and reservations will be available soon. Please watch the Triune for additional information.

Dr. Maier, Professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University, is one of our country's leading authorities on the Biblical world and a widely acclaimed author and speaker. His seminars add a fresh dimension to the Scriptures, illuminating them with important evidence from archaeology and secular history. Dr Maier has been a popular and entertaining speaker at Trinity in the past and we are most fortunate to have an opportunity to hear him on this very timely topic. Dr. Maier also serves as Second Vice President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Reserve Saturday, February 25th and be a part of this very special event.

Trinity Youth News

LCMS FL/GA District Senior High Youth Gathering

March 3-5, 2006

RADISSON RIVERWALK HOTEL

Jacksonville, FL

Featuring the Christian Rock Group: 'FUSEBOX'
and Guest Speakers:

Pastors Vic Belton & Paul VonWerder

To Register:

- Complete the Individual Registration & Medical Information Form.
- Complete and have **notarized** the Medical and Liability Release Form.
- Read and sign the Gathering covenant form.

Registration forms can be found in the church office, in the church narthex or on the Trinity's web-site (www.trinitydowntown.org) - look for the Cross/Shield icon.

Mail or bring in the completed forms to the church office with a check of \$180.00 (made out to Trinity Lutheran Church) by **Sunday, Jan. 15th, 2006**. This \$180.00 covers: accommodations, transportation, bus driver, snacks, a box lunch for Sat. and all event activities. **PLEASE NOTE** this fee DOES NOT cover all meals, you will need to bring extra money for Saturday & Sunday's breakfast and Saturday's dinner.

Mail notarized forms & check to:

HS District Youth Gathering Registration

Trinity Lutheran Church

427 N. Magnolia Ave.

Orlando, FL 32801

If you have any questions please contact Wade Regan at WADE408@YAHOO.COM or the church office. Trinity does not want financial burdens to keep students from attending this event contact Wade Regan to ask about financial assistance.

NOTE: If you bring your forms to the church office during office hours - Connie Hagerman our Finance Administrator is a Notary. She will be happy to notarize the Medical & Liability Release form for you.

by Wade Regan, Board of Youth Ministry

God Squad - Middle School Youth Servant Event Saturday Dec. 10th

On Saturday morning (12/10/05) - 9 of our Middle School students meet in Trinity's Fellowship Hall to make Christmas Cards and Gift Bags for the residents and staff of the Russell Home. The Russell Home is recognized nationally for its compassionate treatment of disabled children and adults, the Russell Home was established over 50 years ago by the late Vantrese "Grandma" Russell to care for disabled children who would otherwise be institutionalized. The Home enables its disabled residents to experience life in a typical home atmosphere rather than the sterile atmosphere associated with institutions. Because it is faith-based, the Russell Home receives no governmental funding, although it has been honored by President George W. Bush. It relies totally on private donations and on its benefactors spreading word about its work. It does not solicit funds. The home is located at: 510 W. Holden Ave. in Orlando, FL.

Many thanks and blessing to the students who gave up their Saturday morning to make these Christmas Gift Bags. The residents and staff of the Russell Home were very appreciative of your work. You really made their day.

Also a special thanks to Priscilla Kehoe for baking the cookies, getting the supplies & basically leading this event for our Middle School students.

Youth Group - Upcoming Events:

Saturday - January 14th

Christian Skate Night at Semoran Skateway

This event is for both HS & MS Students.

(Watch for more details in the Triune Weekly etc.)

To all High School students - the deadline to turn in your completed notarized forms & money for the Sr. High FL/GA District Youth Gathering is:

Sunday - January 15th.

(See the notice for this event in this newsletter)

If you have any question about Trinity's High School &/or Middle School Youth Ministry please e-mail us at:
BYM@TRINITYDOWNTOWN.ORG.

Women of Trinity

Let it Snow!
Let it Snow!
Let it Snow!



Women of Trinity Christmas Dinner a Great Success!

More than 80 women attended the dinner held December 4th. Everyone was treated to wonderful decorations, a delicious dinner and meaningful program.



Special thanks to our servers:

Arnold Christensen, Bob Blackwood Jr., Carl Fabry, Chuck Ogg, Dave Schernikan, Dean Engstrom, Don Merrick, Loren Roby, Pastor Jon, Pastor Moore, Ron Roby, Tony Ramiz, Vern Retzlaff, & to Brian Brink for assisting the chef.

And to the E-LWML planning committee:

Marilyn Blackwood, Mary Beth Brink, Debbie Hall, Nancy Parker, Jean Prochnow, Carmen Ramiz, Susan Roby and Rennie Shultz.



Stephen Ministry



TELECARE

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.” **1 Peter 2:9**

Advent was a season of waiting and preparing for the Christ to come into our hearts. Christmas is the season for rejoicing that Christ lives in us. C.S. Lewis would remind us that “we are all called to be Christ for one another.” Trinity's new class of Stephen Minister trainees are preparing to serve as distinctively Christian caregivers bringing the hope of Jesus Christ to those in crisis. When they serve as a care-giver they will have a one-to-one confidential relationship with a care-receiver in a process that waits for God to supply the answer to their prayers. As Jesus Christ blesses their sharing times He also strengthens and heals the care-receiver with His loving presence. Stephen Ministers listen, encourage, pray, and give emotional support as they walk beside a hurting person.

Trinity's new class for training Stephen Ministers began on November 10 with six people committed to learning Christ-like care. They are Karen Arnett, Carolyn Davenport, Leo and Stephanie Nagy, Gary Oakley and Gary Schumacher. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their studies and discussions.

Gracious Lord, be with our Stephen Ministers as they train to serve You. By your Spirit help them as they read and discuss new ideas, incorporate those ideas in what they have learned, and transform this information into caregiving skills they can use to make Your presence known to others in need. In your name we pray. Amen

Stewardship Board

At the most recent meeting of Trinity Church's Stewardship Board, a topic for discussion was the various fund raising activities that have been of late brought before the congregation: the Travelodge Capital Campaign, the School Annual Fund drive and of course the regular Annual Stewardship Drive have all been presented within the last 3 months! Wow, the thought of it is enough to overwhelm even the most robust of checkbooks!

History has proven that when special projects are presented to the Trinity church family, God's people step up to the challenge! I certainly believe that we should prayerfully consider our part in pursuing the opportunities the Lord puts before us.

Nevertheless, keep in mind that the church has many ongoing needs that do not diminish; even when special projects come our way. I know many of you realize this by the continued support to Trinity Church's ministries. In fact, I can happily report to you that the congregation's regular Sunday contributions are running above expected levels for this time of year. God is certainly blessing the church richly through the generosity of its people!

I encourage you to “keep it up” and to “keep looking up” be of good cheer ... “for God loves a cheerful giver”. **2 CO 9:7** Please consider returning your Stewardship Drive pledge card indicating your intentions for 2006. Happy New Year!

“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” **Phil 4:19**

Respectfully Submitted by
Tony Ramiz
Stewardship Board Member

**“The Best Cup of
Coffee in Town”
Brought to You
by Your Fellowship Board!
Sundays 8:45-9:30 a.m.
In the Fellowship Hall**

We Get Letters

Dec. 1, 2005

From the Family of Percy Reitzel

Dear Trinity Family in Christ,
My sister Georgeann and I would like to thank you all so very much for the concern, prayers, and genuine love demonstrated to our families during the recent illness and death of our mother, Percy Reitzel. Your memorial gifts sent to Trinity in her memory are so humbly appreciated. We know that was a way of expressing your love for her.

Trinity was our mother's church home for the past 59 years. You each knew her in a variety of roles. You found Mama teaching or attending Bible class, serving on a church board, and always worshiping her Lord. Or, ...you saw her as the delightful little gray-haired lady in the apron working in the church kitchen She was always, just there. And, you, too, were her family. We are so very thankful that Mama was able to share her faith and trust in Jesus Christ with all of you. That is what Mama was truly all about, a servant for her Savior.

Our families have experienced a tremendous loss, an emptiness, that only time and a lot of prayer will ease. Our memories of both our parents are those of always gifts, the greatest gift being the planting of a seed of faith that only continues to from and blossom. We are not sad; we rejoice in the

knowledge that Mama is where she always longed to be ...sitting at the feet of her Savior.
How Awesome!

We also know the loss of our mother is felt by so very many of you. It may be somewhat different than our loss, but it's felt just as deeply. If we could offer you some words of comfort it would be from Scripture, as our mother would do:
"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers. If you do this you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thought and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus... Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about. Keep putting into practice all you learned from me and saw me doing, and the God of peace will be with your." Phil. 4:6-9

With heartfelt thanks, and to God be the Glory,
Wendy Churchville and Georgeann Clemons

Oh Give Thanks Unto the Lord

Thanksgiving altar decorations

Kathy Lee

In Thanksgiving for Trinity for all they have done for my Family.

Shelia Mathews

In Thanksgiving for my family and abundance of blessings.

Ele Gawron

In Thanksgiving for Life.

Susan, Rick and Trey Tayloe

In memory of R. Steve Tayloe

Mrs. Ilga A. Heise

In memory of loved ones.

George & Barbara Fair

In memory of George C. Fair Jr. and Fred & Nelle Bush

Patti Rawlings and Family

In memory of Charles George

Amanda McMullen

In memory of Mac "Papaw" McMullen

In Thanksgiving for My Family & Friends

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 Kristy in 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 Kristy, 407-422-5704, or email kbowman@trinitydowntown.org.

During the Month of December we prayed for:

Mary Barnes, Charlie Barnes, Valerie Bender (Amy Dittmer's girlfriend/ Stomach Cancer), Jack Berry, Vicki Blaine (Carole Stevens mother), Dale Blair, Inga Bouton, Rosalie Bowen, Lyman Bowman (Martha Pfantz brother/health), Bertha Bradbury (leukemia), John Calkins, Allison Carey, Mary Cawthon (Health), Elizabeth Cohen (recovery chemo), Ralph Driscoll, Mike Duda (Father-in-law of Greg Registers brother/cancer) Mark Eckoff, Diane Edenfield (Daughter of Margaret Thomas/Cancer), Becky Elkins, Dawn Erwin (cancer/friend/Wendy Churchville), Lillian Ferris, Donna Gardner (Friend of Virginia Ellis), Pat Glander, Elizabeth Gordon (Health), Laura Guderian, Doris Guehery, Mary Hecht, Mariam Hey (Mother of Bob Hey), Kenneth Hill (Mary Hohman's brother-in-law), Robert Hoard, Terry Imperato (Friend of Sweatt Family, cancer), Bev Johnson (Pat Glander's cousin), Madeline Kimmel (rehab), Ed Korndoefer (Brother of Karen Killinger), Deborah Koivu, Kim (Koivu) West, Edna Kunze, Crystal Lawrence (friend Carole Stevens), Jennifer Leishte (Friend of Jody & Gaye Bowman), Laurence Lillvik, Rose Madlinger (Chemo), Babe Marjema, Stewart Marshall (leukemia), Doyle Martin (Father of Anna Kunster/Cancer), Shaun McDonnaugh, Elizabeth McLean (Family friend of Ruffier family), Steve MacNevin, Mike Meeske, Lenore Mooneyham (Sister of Peggy Trapp) Cayla Ann Parody, Susan Podrasky, Ruth Pytko, Lois Raymond, Adel Renner (Mother of Craig Stephens), Claude Reece (Jean Hamilton's brother), Wealey Robinson (Billie Kuzdzal's cousin), Alta Salmond, Scott Edwards (Stacy Saul's brother), Nell Schmidt, Eleanor Schaecher, Diana Seal, Louis Siems (Chemo), Bonnie Claire Shelton (Family friend of Ruffier Family), Joseph Starr, Earl Stanhope (Health), Oakus & Dorothy Stephens, Paul Stephens (Craig Stephens Dad/ Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma) Sheryl Stephens (Oakus & Dorothy Stephens' daughter-in-law), Neal Strange, Samantha Steinman (Friend of Kunze/Harris Family), Marilouise Stuart (Mary Jo Hoard's mother), Mark Sulzman, Steven Thompson (Student of Tim Smith), Peggy Trapp (Cancer), Jimmie Vaught (Family Friend of Collier Family), Thomas Vroman (Grandfather of Laurie Gonzalez), James Walters (Father of Mellissa Hoevenaar), Bernest Ward (Brother of Alex Boston/Hodgkin's), Easton Wargo, Clara Watson (Louis Siems sister), Glen Wendt, Daniel Walsh (Father of Carrie Sabin's friend), Bonnie Wesinger (Friend of Jody & Gaye Bowman) Tom Whittaker, Mary Wilk, Scott Wilkins (Hodgkin's), Bill Williams (Health), Gail Wilsheck (Amy Dittmer's girlfriend/breast cancer) Marti Wise (Friend of Patricia Teal), Don Wolf (Uncle of Kent Wolfe), Earl Yawman, Tyler Youtz (5-year-old friend of Janet Wolbert) Paul & Helen Zalman (Recovery/Health)

Deaths in Decemberr:

Herman Abke (Former member)
Rigoberto Alpizar (Husband of Ann Buechner)
Les Mattson (Father of Kristy's Uncle)

Please contact Kristy in the church office if any of the names of the prayer list are wrong or need to be taken off or added.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

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

Jan. 1	Fedder, Richard & Patricia	Anniversary	Jan. 11	Ackerman, Gregory & Tonya	Anniversary
Jan. 1	Jennings, Fred & Evelyn	Anniversary	Jan. 11	Brown, Scott	Birthday
Jan. 1	Yeager, Bud & Phyllis	Anniversary	Jan. 11	Fischer, Wade	Birthday
Jan. 1	Alvarado, Shyanne	Birthday	Jan. 11	Husmann, Eric	Birthday
Jan. 1	Eggert, Janet	Birthday	Jan. 11	Jackson, Joan	Birthday
Jan. 1	Hohman, Stefanie	Birthday	Jan. 11	Kuck, William	Birthday
Jan. 1	Kopka, Edna	Birthday	Jan. 12	Wilde, Glenn & Holly	Anniversary
Jan. 1	Penberthy, Helen	Birthday	Jan. 12	Baldwin, Daniel	Birthday
Jan. 1	Tobler, Thomas	Birthday	Jan. 12	Kasper, Lauren	Birthday
Jan. 1	Yeager, Bud	Birthday	Jan. 12	Sutrich, Catherine	Birthday
Jan. 2	Cameron, Michelle	Birthday	Jan. 12	Walker, Madison	Birthday
Jan. 3	Carrington-Ramirez, Julie	Birthday	Jan. 13	Anderson, Jennifer	Birthday
Jan. 4	Beier, Reid	Birthday	Jan. 13	Killinger, Karen	Birthday
Jan. 4	Fischer, Laura	Birthday	Jan. 14	Baehr, William	Birthday
Jan. 4	Foschini, Yvette	Birthday	Jan. 14	D'Angelillo, Noelle	Birthday
Jan. 4	Kushnir, Amy	Birthday	Jan. 14	Graham, Mary	Birthday
Jan. 4	Ludwig, Shane	Birthday	Jan. 14	Heins, John	Birthday
Jan. 5	Wilson, Steve & Sandy	Anniversary	Jan. 14	Millies, Dorothy	Birthday
Jan. 5	Anderson, Erin	Birthday	Jan. 14	Weber, Leah	Birthday
Jan. 5	Mast, Clara	Birthday	Jan. 15	Piering, Benjamin	Birthday
Jan. 5	Snyder, Pamela	Birthday	Jan. 16	Connery, Tom & Mente	Anniversary
Jan. 5	Stratton, Shawn	Birthday	Jan. 16	Gibson, Michael & Carol	Anniversary
Jan. 6	Mathews, Sheila & Richard	Anniversary	Jan. 16	Cox, William	Birthday
Jan. 6	Rader, Patricia	Birthday	Jan. 16	Gardner, Donna	Birthday
Jan. 6	Trapp, Joan	Birthday	Jan. 16	Green, Bo	Birthday
Jan. 7	Jeffery, Randy	Birthday	Jan. 16	Mills, Connor	Birthday
Jan. 7	McGill, Theresa	Birthday	Jan. 16	Sanborn, Raquel	Birthday
Jan. 7	Seal, Diana	Birthday	Jan. 17	Dunnican-Breter, Hope	Birthday
Jan. 7	Walberg, John	Birthday	Jan. 17	Pytko, Ruth	Birthday
Jan. 7	Yeager, Tarah	Birthday	Jan. 18	Barcelar-Driggers, Carol	Birthday
Jan. 8	Mathews, Sheila	Birthday	Jan. 18	Deetz, Timothy	Birthday
Jan. 8	Priep, Alda	Birthday	Jan. 18	Lennon, Karin	Birthday
Jan. 8	Torres, Heather	Birthday	Jan. 18	McFadden, William	Birthday
Jan. 8	Willson, Lois	Birthday	Jan. 19	Neff, William & Miriam	Anniversary
Jan. 8	Wolbert, Janet	Birthday	Jan. 19	Kasper, Ruth	Birthday
Jan. 9	Lange, Mary	Birthday	Jan. 19	Muto, Domenic	Birthday
Jan. 10	Barrett, Michael J.	Birthday	Jan. 19	Muzika, John	Birthday
Jan. 10	Cording, Patricia	Birthday	Jan. 19	Starr, III, David	Birthday
Jan. 10	Ebert-Butterfield, Richard	Birthday	Jan. 20	Olsen, Bjarne & Elsie	Anniversary
Jan. 10	Schaecher, Betty	Birthday	Jan. 20	Holasek, Maureen	Birthday
Jan. 10	Strain, Teresa	Birthday	Jan. 20	Reinders, Melissa	Birthday
			Jan. 21	McCaleb, Steve & Debbie	Anniversary
			Jan. 21	Foster, Jonathan	Birthday
			Jan. 21	Howard, Mary Frances	Birthday
			Jan. 21	Konczal, Mike	Birthday
			Jan. 22	Johnson, C. Bruce & Patricia	Anniversary
			Jan. 22	Kunze, Michael & Patricia	Anniversary
			Jan. 22	Ruffier, Lee Ann	Birthday

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Jan. 23 Thomas, Tom & Rita	Anniversary	Jan. 30 Behrmann, Daniel	Birthday
Jan. 23 Pytko, Butch	Birthday	Jan. 30 Blakesley, Jacob	Birthday
Jan. 24 Anderson, David & Laura	Anniversary	Jan. 30 Bobletz, Sarah	Birthday
Jan. 25 Krzyzak, Stephanie	Birthday	Jan. 30 Bowman, Darren	Birthday
Jan. 25 Meadows, Tamela	Birthday	Jan. 30 Fair, Barbara	Birthday
Jan. 26 Kunze, Larry	Birthday	Jan. 30 Jackson, Larry	Birthday
Jan. 26 Pazos, John	Birthday	Jan. 30 Johantgen, Nicholas	Birthday
Jan. 27 Fair, George	Birthday	Jan. 30 Konczal, Darren	Birthday
Jan. 28 Alvarado, Sharon	Birthday	Jan. 30 Kunze, James	Birthday
Jan. 28 Behrmann, Courtney	Birthday	Jan. 30 Revels, Karen	Birthday
Jan. 28 Henry, Curtis	Birthday	Jan. 30 Stanley, Lori	Birthday
Jan. 29 Munoz, Beverly & Steven	Anniversary	Jan. 30 Sweatt, Lauren	Birthday
Jan. 29 Prather, Cheryl & Paul	Anniversary	Jan. 30 Trapp, Krista	Birthday
Jan. 29 Ackerman, Tonya	Birthday	Jan. 31 Lanier, John	Birthday
Jan. 29 Bronson, Diana	Birthday	Jan. 31 Stevens, Marra	Birthday
Jan. 29 Starr, Il, David	Birthday		

Try It! You'll Like It!

Looking for adults who want to share their love of God with children for one hour once a week for a four-week period. Can you spare just one hour a week, 9:30-10:30 Sunday mornings, to share the gifts that God have you. If so, then you can be a Sunday school Station leader. All lessons are written and easy to follow. Materials are provided and a Sunday school teacher will help you during the class. Look below for the station leaders needed and the dates, and pray about being a part of our Sunday school team for a four-week time (or longer if you wish). Try it! You'll like it!

January 8, 15, 22, 29

Practice the Prayer - The Lord's Prayer
Stations-Art, Storytelling, Science,
Video

February 5, 12, 19, 26

Splashed in the Spirit - Baptism
Stations-Art, Science, Video,
Storytelling

March 5, 12, 19, 26

Hope in Lent and Holy Week
Stations-Art, Drama, Games,
Storytelling

April 2, 9, 23, 30

Experience Easter
Stations-Art, Games, Video, Science

May 7, 14, 21, 28

Play Through Pentecost
Stations-Video, Music, Art, Science

Your help is needed! If you are interested in helping with Sunday school for one of these short 4-week sessions, please contact the church office, talk to a Board of Parish Education member (Doris Engstrom, Cindy Hammerstrom, Ellen Boogher, Michelle Alvarado, or Becky Hildebrand), or email BPE@trinitydowntown.org. Thank you!

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