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A Word from the Pastor at Lent

It's not the earliest it can come, but this year Easter will come earlier than it does most years. Easter will fall on April 4th which necessitates the arrival of Ash Wednesday on February 17th. We anticipate this newsletter reaching you the first full week of February and so wanted to include the entire Lenten Schedule in this issue.

Ash Wednesday, February 17th

We will hold two services of worship at Holy Trinity. The first will begin promptly at 12 noon and will be held in the Mansperger Chapel. As has been our custom the past few years, a full sit down luncheon will follow the service (no Lenten noontime worship or lunch will be held the next day). Thursday noontime worship will begin the following week on February 25th. Our evening worship will begin at 7:30 and will be held in the main church with full choir. In keeping with our Lenten theme, Pastor Bang will unwrap the words "kairos and chronos." Should you wish to worship at Parkside Church that day, worship will be held at 12 noon. All services at both Holy Trinity and Parkside are services of Holy Communion and ashes will be distributed at all services for those who wish to receive them.

Thursdays in Lent

Each Thursday in Lent, beginning February 25th, there will be two different worship opportunities offered each week. As has been our custom for many years, our popular noontime devotion begins in the Mansperger Chapel at 12:10 pm. It is followed by a full sit-down luncheon lovingly prepared and served by our dedicated and devoted Lenten Luncheon crew. The program for worship will focus on "Key Words of Faith" and Pastors Buerk, Olsen, Kattermann and Bang will be our preachers. The schedule is as follows:

February 25th – Pastor Bang will unwrap the Greek word "Dikaisune."

March 4th – Pastor Olsen will unwrap the Hebrew word "Shuwb"

March 11 – Pastor Kattermann will unwrap the word "Logos."

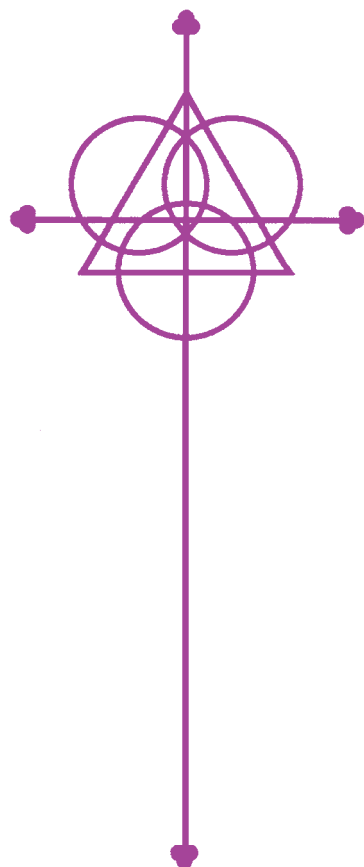
March 18 – Pastor Buerk will unwrap the word, "Agape"

March 25 – Pastor Olsen will unwrap the Greek word, "Koinonia"

The menu for these days is as follows:

(Lenten Lunches will begin on Ash Wednesday and continue for each subsequent Thursday, including Maundy Thursday. Lunches will be served following the services at a cost of \$6 per person.) The menu:

Ash Wednesday February 17	Chicken and greens Pita Pockets/rolls Lemon cake
Thursday, February 25	Meat loaf Macaroni and cheese Chocolate cake
Thursday, March 4	Reubens Chips/pickles Fruit pizza
Thursday, March 11	Pot Roast Purchased Birthday Cake



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Thursday, March 18	Corned Beef and Cabbage Soda and rye bread Shamrock cookies
Thursday, March 25	Pork Chops German potato salad Applesauce Cheesecake
Maundy Thursday Thursday, April 1	Chicken bake Vegetable Pineapple squares

Thursday Evenings, beginning February 25th, will find us gathering for a delicious dinner of soup and bread, continuously served from 5:30pm until 7:00 pm. (providers are still needed, please call the church office at 886-2400 and talk with Chuck Rojek if you are willing to help!)

At 7:00 pm we are joined by our magnificent choir in our main sanctuary for a half hour Vespers service. This meditative, musical service will serve to quiet your mind and afford you a moment of peace and a time for prayer and reflection. We adjourn following worship for dessert and conversation. This year, your pastors are offering a 5 week study entitled, "Late Night Catechism." We will work our way through the catechism in a new and "fun" way and hope you will join us for this experiment in learning. Those who have never been confirmed, and who attend all five sessions, will also have the opportunity to celebrate their first (or renewed) confirmation at the Great Vigil of Easter. The topics are as follows:

Week One	"Rules to Live By"
Week Two	"God, can we talk?"
Week Three	"Good News in a Nutshell"
Week Four	"Can I borrow the keys?"
Week Five	"Why only Two?"

Holy Week

Our Holy Week observances begin with Palm Sunday and two services of worship at our regular schedule times of 8:30 am and 10:30 am.

Each Morning in Holy Week (Mon-Fri)

Morning Devotions at 7:00, held in the Mansperger Chapel, will be followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Room. A great way to start each day. Devotions and breakfast combined will still have you on your way to work or your daily commitments by 8:00am.

Maundy Thursday

Two services of worship will be offered on Maundy Thursday, the first at 11:45 am will be held in the Mansperger Chapel and will conclude with lunch served in the Parish Hall (see Menu).

Our evening service returns at 7:30 pm with full choir in our main sanctuary. Our worship contains the essential elements of footwashing, individual absolution, and Holy Communion.

Good Friday

Our service of Tenebrae will be held in the main Church with full choir beginning at 7:30 pm.

Holy Saturday

The Great Vigil of Easter will be held at Holy Trinity church this year, beginning at 8:00 pm. It will begin outdoors and proceed into the Mansperger Chapel concluding in the main church with Holy Communion and the Affirmation of Baptism for all, including our adult confirmands. (See Thursday evening programming for more details.)

Easter Morning

Two festival services of Holy Communion will be offered on this holy day at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. Both services will be held in the main church. Preservice music will be offered by our choir and organist James Bigham beginning promptly at 9:45am.

Lenten Worship and Programming at Parkside Church

Our relationship with Parkside Church (2 Wallace Avenue) continues and we wanted to let you know of the Lenten opportunities we will present there.

All Sunday worship services at Parkside begin at 9:30 am.

Ash Wednesday Service will be held at 12 noon. Ashes will be distributed and Holy Communion will be offered.

Mid week in Lent. We will gather for a simple dinner of soup and bread each Wednesday evening beginning February 24th at 6:00 pm. At 7:00, Pastor Bang will lead us on a Lenten journey through the life of Christ, using the highly acclaimed series, "First Light, Jesus and the Kingdom of God" a DVD based study (filmed in high definition) that leads us through the places and people in Jesus' life and ministry along with significant scholarly input from two of today's leading Jesus scholars, Dr. Marcus Borg and Dr. John Dominic Crossan. Conversation and dessert will follow. The study should conclude by 8:30 pm. This is the same study Pastor Bang led in his Monday morning bible study class at Holy Trinity.

Maundy Thursday the congregation of Parkside Church is invited to join the Holy Trinity family for worship at Holy Trinity, either at 11:45 am or in the evening at 7:30 pm.

Good Friday worship at Parkside will be the service of Tenebrae beginning at 7:30 pm.

The Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday) will be held this year at Holy Trinity beginning at 8:00 pm.

The Festival of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday) will be celebrated at Parkside at 9:30 am. A congregational Easter breakfast will follow.

Pastor Bang

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS 2009



Gifts for Christmas trees, wreaths and poinsettias decorating the church were received from:

In loving memory of:

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Loew from the Family
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vollmer, her parents, by Joan Daverne
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reiser, her grandparents, by Joan Daverne
*Charles W. Person by Mary Person
*Rudy Bauer and Juliana and Andrew Stofka by Julie Bauer
Gerrie Schleifer by John and Karen Schleifer
John F. Schleifer by John and Karen Schleifer
Mr. and Mrs. William Peterson by John and Karen Schleifer
Francis C. Volante by his wife, Suzanne Volante
*Mr. and Mrs. George C. Laub by George W. Laub
*Thomas M. Barney, Sr. and all of our Grandparents by Jenna and Tom Barney, Jr.
*Grace N. Kenline by The Kenline Family
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Mr. and Mrs. Gordon W. Campbell by Mrs. Joyce Hofmar
Ray H. Heiss, Jr. by Al Heiss and Family
*Sal Pagano by Margaret Pagano



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Margaret and Gordon Christopherson by Margaret Pagano
*Beloved son Randy D. Goulet and Parents by William and Dona McMaster
*The Marshall Family by Barbara Cromer
James and Elizabeth Manzella, their grandparents, by Alexander and Emily Kaufmann
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Elwood Searles by Frank and Dottie Hurlimann
*Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schroeder, our parents, by Frank and Dottie Hurlimann
*Mr. and Mrs. Alois Hurlimann, our parents, by Frank and Dottie Hurlimann
Clifford Hehr by June and David Hehr
The Wittkugel Family by Herta and Rudy Wittkugel
*Henry Wm. Senf, her husband, by Betty Senf
*Son Donald and mother Jessie by Donald and Judy Ronald
My Papa by Sister Donna
*Elwood Searles, beloved husband, by Lyn Searles
*Shane Johnson by Barbara and Craig Johnson
*Donald E. Bruso by Penny Donna Clark and Donnie
*Charles V. Davis II by Cary and Melissa Haller
Verna and Frank Kolb by Karen and Jon Kolb
Eric Schmidt by Debbie, Kelly, Vlad, Anya, Andy and Samantha
William and Mabel Johnson by Thomas Johnson
Our parents by Earl and Heidi Kunz
Our parents, Fred and Katie/Fred and Evie by Jim and Marcia Haas
*Frederick and Elizabeth Maas and Hugh and Anne Alderdice by Douglas Alderdice
*William and Emma Bauchle by Paul and Karen Bauchle
Richard Bauchle by Paul and Karen Bauchle
Robert and Shirley Klas by Paul and Karen Bauchle
Father, Francis C. Volante by Gary and Bruce Volante
Grandparents, Herman and Germaine Huguenin-Benjamin and Thomas and Flora
Volante-Krönvall by Gary and Bruce Volante
Irving and Alberta Bundt by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bundt and Family
Carol Bundt by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bundt and Family
Paul H Jr. by Hildegard Heidt and The Biesinger Families
Raymond Heidt by Hildegard Heidt and The Biesinger Families
Esther Williams by Hildegard Heidt and The Biesinger Families
Florence Schmidt by Hildegard Heidt and The Biesinger Families
Dutch Koehler by Hildegard Heidt and The Biesinger Families
Our parents, John and Victoria Caffarelli and Layton and Viola Leiser by Ron and Donna
Leiser
*My parents, Helen and Art Johnson by Noreen Casson
O. and M. Berger by Katharina Ganapathi
G. and W. Muenker by Katharina Ganapathi
Doris and Walter Stroman and Marion Trier by The Battaglia Family
Elizabeth Dustin by Carol Greismann
Louis, Vera and Robert Hoebel by Paul Hoebel
Nancy Volkert by Mary Alice, Veroushke, Isabelle, Chad and Chuck
Ruth Meyer by Great Grandsons Sam and Oscar Guzzino and The Guzzino Family
Donald Guzzino by Great Grandsons Sam and Oscar Guzzino and The Guzzino Family
Rudolf and Elizabeth Rick by Martin and Helen Wright
Smith and Kathryn Wright and Michael Phillips by Martin and Helen Wright
George Eisenhardt by David and Diane MacPherson
Christopher Eisenhardt by David and Diane MacPherson
Ruth and Jack Alexander by The Hunt Family
Our parents, Carl and Frances Kaufmann by Roy and Jeanette Kuck
Our parents, Otto and Katherine Kuck by Roy and Jeanette Kuck
Our siblings, Carlton Kaufmann, Marilyn Fritz and Marion Draus by Roy and Jeanette Kuck





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Julia W. Marks, Fayette G. Bowers and Sophie K. Clagett by Ted, Beth, Graham, Derek and Teddy Marks
John and Victoria Caffarelli and Robert Schmidt by Dave and Mary Linda Schmidt
My father Robert Thomas by Gary Thomas
My grandmother Ruth Simmons by Gary Thomas
Helen and Raymond Buerk and Clairra Raisen by Jill and John Buerk
William, Eleanor and Nancy Wolf by The Patricola Family
*Marjorie and Kenneth Eckhert Sr. by Karen Patruno
Thomas Barney Sr. by Karen Patruno
George Schneider by Anne Schneider
Debbie Gawor from parents Steve and Dorothy Gawor
Robert Thomas by Gary Thomas
Ruth Simmons by Gary Thomas
Rebecca Linker by Karen Brown and Tim Taylor
*Jackie Biondolillo, Myrtle Kincade, Angela Parone and Josephine Biondolillo by Mark and Dena Salamone

In honor of:

Our Troops Overseas by John and Karen Schleifer
Mr. and Mrs. George A. Laub by George W. Laub
Our 13th Wedding Anniversary by Jenna and Tom Barney, Jr.
William E. Kenline by The Kenline Family
Jeff and Lori Roberts by Susan W. Lask and James C. Van Slyke
Ms. Laura A. Hofmar, Dr. James A. Glennon and Mrs. Gail E. Hofmar and their children – Jacob B. and Hayley G. Hofmar-Glennon by Mrs. Joyce Hofmar
*The men and women serving in our military by Ed and Carol Rockhill
Jeremiah Smith, for his dedication to the youth of the church, by Kurt and Mary Kaufmann
Ronald Leiser, for his tireless support of our Worship Assistants, by Kurt and Mary Kaufmann
*SueAnn Wooster Ames by Greg, Kevi and Steve Ames
Our dear friends Kenny and Ruth by Jim and Marcia Haas
Mother, Suzanne F. Volante by Gary and Bruce Volante
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Janet Marcia Archer
Bill Raffel, my husband, by Eloisa Padilha-Raffel
Elaine Fuhlbruck by Paul Hoebel
My Family by Claire Carmer
Matthew, Kristen and Avery Best by Martin and Helen Wright
Karen Brown and Tim, Kyle and Cameron Taylor
*Our parents by Daniel Culross and Holly Holdaway
Maryann Forczek by Dave and Mary Linda Schmidt

In appreciation of:

Sunday Chapel service readers by Earl Kunz

In memory of loved ones by Lawrence and Carol Alderdice, *Trudy Bang, Sophia Bargmann, Elaine Fuhlbruck, Tony, Lynn and AJ Glieco, *Ken and Ruth James, *Richard Keuck, Mary Lazell, *Alberta Wildhagen Matesick, *James and Trudy O'Connor, *Quider Family, Sue and Chuck Rojek, Victoria Ross, Karen and Raúl Saona, Herbert and Shannon Schmidt, Sue Spindler, Clyde Terry, Dorothy Ulrich, Mavis Wyckoff

**We are grateful to these members and friends for contributing gifts for our Christmas trees and wreaths.*



Biblical Advice for Cheerful Givers

We've been told this since our days in Sunday school: We need to give and we need to give gladly. But a spirit of generosity isn't enough to guide us in our decisions. What else does Scripture have to say on the subject?

Three kinds of financial giving are mentioned in the Bible: offerings, tithes and alms. Understanding what they mean helps us achieve a thoughtful, balanced plan for our cheerful giving.

*Each of you must give
as you have made up
your mind, for God loves
a cheerful giver.
(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

Offerings and Tithing

On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come (1 Corinthians 16:2).

The faith practice of making a regular financial offering to your congregation is grounded in a “first fruits” biblical principle. Your generosity is not an afterthought; it's part of your day-in-and-day-out joyful response as a child of God.

Tithing includes all undesignated giving and supports local ministries and outreach. Your congregation then shares a portion of your tithe—mission support—with your synod and the churchwide expression. *Stories of Faith in Action* is filled with examples of how God changes people's lives through mission support. It is God's work with our hands.

Offerings refer to giving that is above and beyond, and never in place of, your commitment to regular congregational giving, which many Christians talk about as a tithe. This helps you to differentiate between your financial commitment to your congregation and the special offerings you designate to specific causes. Such causes may include World Hunger, a program unit of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a congregation's building fund or a pan-Lutheran organization such as Lutheran World Relief. We encourage your designated support of these worthy causes.

Alms

Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys (Luke 12:33).

Alms are our compassionate, heartfelt response to the people Jesus mentioned in Matthew 25: those “least” of our sisters and brothers who are “less” than we in circumstance only and always our equal in their humanity.

This is our most personal and spontaneous kind of giving in response to people in need. Think about the homeless man you see everyday by the bus stop or the family in your congregation whose home was lost during a fire. Your outreach makes God's love for them feel very real and very immediate; your kindness reveals Christ's presence within them as well.

Time and Talent

It's also important to remember that when we focus exclusively on giving in terms of money alone, we lose sight of the bigger picture. God calls us to be generous in all areas our lives and invites us to explore the many opportunities to share ourselves through our time and talent.

When we ground our giving in a biblical context, our financial generosity becomes an expression of our love for God, for our neighbor and for ourselves. We are new people in Christ: compassionate and eager to share.

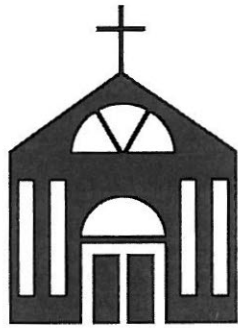
We give cheerfully because God has given us so much.

Where Your Offering Goes

Your offering supports the mission of the whole ELCA doing God's work in the world.



YOUR SYNOD
provides ministries that support congregations and rostered leaders within the synod.



In your congregation, you support:

- Ministry within the congregation
- Local outreach in the community

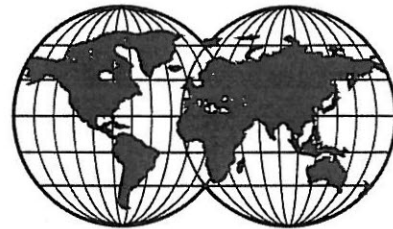
YOUR CONGREGATION

shares a portion of your offering—called mission support—with the other two expressions of this church. Mission support is the lifeblood of the work that God does through the ELCA.

THE CHURCHWIDE EXPRESSION

responds to ministry opportunities here and around the world to further the mission of this church.

Some mission support funds may return to your congregation in the form of grants, services, programs and resources.



Thank You!

Together we do God's work in ways that no individual, congregation or synod can do alone.



A Financial Expression of Faith

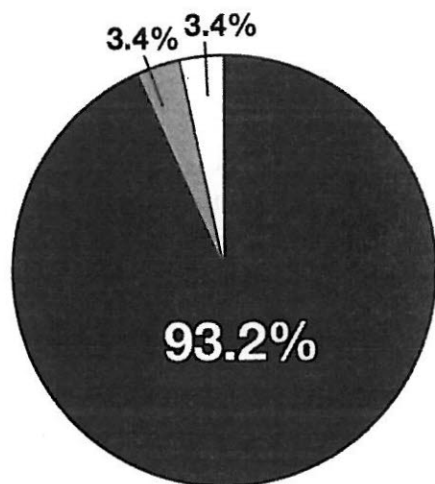
A budget accounts for the resources an organization uses to fulfill its vision. But for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), our budget does something more. It begins to tell the story of peoples' lives transformed, of God's boundless love shared with the world. It's the financial expression of our faith.

Guided by five strategic priorities, the churchwide budget sustains our work as we: support congregations; grow in evangelical outreach; step forward as a public church; deepen and extend our global, ecumenical and interfaith relationships; and bring forth and support faithful, wise and courageous leaders.

The ministries featured in *Stories of Faith in Action* are not funded by a single line item of the budget. Rather they are made possible by many programs supported by the budget and carried out through partnerships among the three expressions of this church.

For example, a new congregation doesn't begin within a groundbreaking ceremony. It starts much earlier with the development of leaders who are formed by a strong, healthy educational system from preschool to seminary. Early research and training conducted by churchwide and synod staff are the ground work needed to pick the right location and leaders. Relationship building among leaders of congregations, synods and the churchwide organization provide a firm foundation. And a commitment for ongoing funding from the three expressions ensures a successful future.

Simply put, our ministry starts with a promise that, in collaboration, we will do God's work together. Thank you for your continued support.



Mission support funds more than 80% of the churchwide budget revenue, and it continues to be the single most important source of income for our shared ministry.

In 2008, members of 10,396 ELCA congregations gave \$1.94 billion to support God's mission and ministry through the three expressions of the ELCA.

- \$1,811,907,802 (or 93.2%) remained in congregations to fund local ministries
- \$65,211,572 (or 3.4%) was shared to support synodical ministries
- \$65,286,926 (or 3.4%) was sent from synods to support churchwide ministries

Support Congregations and Grow in Evangelical Outreach 29.54%

- Proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ
- Receive, establish and renew congregations, ministries, organizations, institutions and agencies necessary to carry out God's mission through this church
- Nurture congregations by word and sacrament to be empowered for bold engagement in the world through witness and service
- Expand youth and young adult ministries
- Recognize and promote the gift of diversity

Deepen and Extend Our Global and Ecumenical Partnerships 16.91%

- Accompany churches around the world (includes sending mission personnel)
- Strengthen inter-Lutheran and full communion relationships
- Relate to other communities of faith

Step Forward as a Public Church 5.68%

- Respond to poverty, hunger, violence, disease and disasters around the world
- Develop commitments to serve creation and humanity through study and deliberation
- Develop and exercise the vehicle of leadership and engagement
- Serve in response to God's love through social ministry organizations

Bring Forth and Support Leaders 15.41%

- Provide leaders for the life and witness of this church
- Support our educational network from preschool through seminary
- Prepare, recruit and support leaders
- Support retired church leaders

Steward Resources to Further God's Kingdom 4.67%

- Grow and encourage financial resources for ministry

Support Governance of this Church 2.12%

- Provide for the biennial churchwide assembly
- Make decisions through Church Council and advisory councils

Coordinate and Support Ministries 25.67%

- Support mission through research
- Plan and evaluate the work of this church
- Provide communication and technology efficiencies
- Provide organizational and administrative services
- Coordinate relationships between the churchwide organization and synods

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Often, people assume that once they become home bound or move into an institution they must give up all those pleasures that they once enjoyed and that really isn't the case.

Need a dentist to clean your teeth - Home Dental Care will go to your home and give you a good cleaning. Phone 877-5740.

Need a Doctor to go to your home – Eugene Steinberg's medical practice is entirely based in patients' homes. 688-1378

Need a Podiatrist – Dr. Caputi. Phone 873-0039. Or Dr. Leon Ber 895-5454

Most of these services are not covered by insurance. So you must pay for service.

CALL 211 if you need help and don't know where to start. It is available 24/7 and is free and confidential. It is an easy way to get non-medical information about local services.

Erie County Department of Senior Services Information and Assistance - 858-8526.

Grocery Delivery Service - 894-7990.

HOME Link Medical Services - Nurse Practitioners Specializing in Home Medical Care. 871-1895.

Jewish Family Services Mental Health Services, Prevention and Educational Services, Family Life and Community Enrichment Services, Career Development Services and Eldercare Services.

NY Connects – A resource for information and resources on long term care for all ages. 858-8526. This is in conjunction with Erie County Senior Services.

NYS Office for the Aging Senior Citizens' Hot Line 1-800-342-98712.

Older Driver Family Helper Network 858-8526. For families and caregivers concerned about an aging loved on who is driving at risk. 858-8526.

Telephone Assurance Program, a free volunteer service which provides calls to seniors age 60+ and living alone in Erie County. 858-2386.

These are a few of the services available in Erie County. If you have any questions call me at 684-9165.

God Bless

Pat Mehr

Parish Nurse



Looking for Volunteers

The "Worship to go" teams are looking for volunteers to join them once a month to local health care facilities on Sunday afternoons. They are in need of musicians and those who would like to help with the service. The first Sunday of the month they go to Tonawanda Manor at 2:00 p.m. The second Sunday of the month they are at Wedgewood at 2:30 p.m. and the fourth Sunday of the month they are at Winwood on Delaware at 2:00 p.m. Please call Sister Donna at 812-7363 if you are able to help.

Easter Lilies

The Worship Committee has once again arranged for lilies to be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a lily in the chancel, please complete the form below and send with a check made payable to "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church" and mail to 1080 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14209, or place in the offering at church on Sunday. There will also be order forms in the back of the church. Please also indicate how you would like the dedication to read: "In memory of..." or "In honor of..." and return along with your check. The cost of the lilies is \$9.25 per plant.



Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

No. of Lilies _____ at \$9.25 each \$ _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

By _____



Vital Congregations/Just Communities II

The Upstate New York Synod, ELCA, The Office for Congregation-Based Community Organizing, ELCA presents Vital Congregations/Just Communities II; A workshop on the practice and principles of faith-based community organizing from February 25 – 27, 2010 at Christ the King Retreat Center in East Aurora.

Your congregation can


- Build new relationships with the people of your community
- Get organized, trained, and empowered to act together around common self-interests;
- Make just and lasting systemic community improvements

This is an opportunity for your congregation to become a vital life-giving center for their community, grounded in faith as the heart, strength, and motivation for this work for the common good.


All training sessions are grounded and surrounded in biblical and theological reflection, and led by national and regional professional faith- and congregation-based community organizers. Local leaders and presenters include our own Rev. Eric Olsen.

More information may be obtained from brochures which can be found in the narthex or from the Synod website www.upstatenysynod.org.

FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 8:30 Service of Holy Communion 9:30 Adult Ed 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School / Nursery 11:00 Confirmation Class at Parkside 11:45 Coffee Hour	9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Concert Committee	4:30 BNYC rehearsal 6:30 Healing Together 7:30 Lectio Divina 7:30 Yoga <i>Groundhog Day</i>	10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Trinity Lunch 5:30 WELCA/Needlers 6:00 BNYC rehearsal 7:00 Committee Meetings	6:00 Youth Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON		6
<i>5th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 8:30 Service of Holy Communion 9:30 Adult Ed 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School / Nursery 11:00 Confirmation Class at Parkside 11:45 Coffee Hour	9:30 Bible Study	4:30 BNYC rehearsal 7:30 Lectio Divina 7:30 Yoga	10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Trinity Lunch 6:00 BNYC rehearsal 7:00 Committee Meetings 7:00 LYO get together at Panera's	10:00 Christian Action 6:00 Youth Choir 6:00 Chapel Choir 6:30 Dortmund 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON		13
<i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 8:30 Service of Holy Communion 9:30 Adult Ed 10:30 Service of Holy Communion w/baptism 10:30 Sunday School / Nursery 12:00 Annual Congregational Meeting	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED LYO Girls Day Out at Galleria Mall <i>President's Day</i>	7:30 Lectio Divina 7:30 Yoga at HT	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 and 7:30 Service 12:00 Service at Parkside 12:45 Lenten Lunch	6:00 Youth Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON		20
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<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> 8:30 Service of Holy Communion w/chapel 9:30 Adult Ed 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:45 Baptism 11:45 Coffee Hour						

MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sunday</p> 	<p>Monday</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study 4:00 Bel Canto rehearsal 7:00 Concert Committee</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>4:30 BNYC rehearsal 6:30 Healing Together 7:30 Lectio Divina 7:30 Yoga</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Trinity Lunch 5:30 WELCA/Needlers 6:00 BNYC rehearsal 6:00 Soup supper @ Parkside 7:00 Lenten program @ Parkside</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>12:10 Service 12:30 Lenten Lunch 5:30 Soup supper 5:30 Stewardship Meeting 6:00 Youth Choir 7:00 Sung vespers 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON 7:30 Catechism Program</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>Saturday</p> <p>6</p>
<p><u>3rd Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 & 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 9:30 Adult Ed 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:45 Coffee Hour 12:00 Noon Confirmation Class 3:00 Amherst Bel Canto Concert</p>	<p>8 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>9 4:30 BNYC rehearsal 7:30 Lectio Divina 7:30 Yoga</p>	<p>10 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Trinity Lunch 6:00 BNYC rehearsal 6:00 Soup supper @ Parkside 7:00 Lenten program @ Parkside 7:00 Committee Meetings</p>	<p>11 10:00 Christian Action 12:10 Service 12:30 Lenten Lunch 5:30 Soup supper 6:00 Youth Choir 6:00 Chapel Choir 6:30 Dortmund 7:00 Sung vespers 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON 7:30 Catechism Program</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 8:45 Habitat for Humanity 12:00 Estonians</p>
<p><u>4th Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 & 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 9:30 Adult Ed 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:45 Coffee Hour Daylight Saving Time Begins</p>	<p>15 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>16 4:30 BNYC rehearsal 7:30 Lectio Divina 7:30 Yoga</p>	<p>17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Trinity Lunch 6:00 BNYC rehearsal 6:00 Soup supper @ Parkside 7:00 Lenten program @ Parkside 7:00 Committee Meetings</p>	<p>18 12:10 Service 12:30 Lenten Lunch 5:30 Soup supper 6:00 Youth Choir 7:00 Sung vespers 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON 7:30 Catechism Program</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 <i>Spring Begins</i> 7:00 Harmonia Chamber Singers</p>
<p><u>5th Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 & 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 9:30 Adult Ed 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:45 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>22 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>23 4:30 BNYC rehearsal 7:30 Lectio Divina 7:30 Yoga <i>Jimmy Bigham's Birthday</i></p>	<p>24 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Trinity Lunch 6:00 BNYC rehearsal 6:00 Council 6:00 Soup supper @ Parkside 7:00 Lenten program @ Parkside</p>	<p>25 10:00 Christian Action 12:10 Service 12:30 Lenten Lunch 5:30 Soup supper 6:00 Youth Choir 6:00 Chapel Choir 6:00 WNY Chamber Orchestra rehearsal 7:00 Sung vespers 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON 7:30 Catechism Program</p>	<p>26 8:00 WNY Chamber Orchestra Concert</p>	<p>27</p>
<p><u>Palm Sunday</u> 8:30 Service of Holy Communion w/chapel choir 9:30 Adult Ed 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:45 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>29 7:00 Morning devotions 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>30 7:00 Morning Devotions 7:30 Lectio Divina 7:30 Yoga</p>	<p>31 7:00 Morning Devotions 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Trinity Lunch 6:00 Soup supper @ Parkside 7:00 Lenten program @ Parkside</p>			

Rescheduled Concert

The previously scheduled concert of Tuesday, February 16, at 8:00 p.m. featuring resident organist of Holy Trinity Church, James Bigham, and Brian Zunner, baritone, has been postponed to Tuesday, April 27, at 8:00 p.m. Not only did it turn out that there was a plethora of concerts in February and March by various groups, but also that February 16 was in fact Mardi Gras – with two big services the following day, Ash Wednesday, that we could hope would be well attended, as is only appropriate. There are no concerts in April, and we feel this modified line up is far more propitious.



Lenten Booklet

The Lenten Booklet will be coming up fast. The plan this year is to submit in writing, a family occasion that you can recall as particularly spiritually moving and a recipe from your family. We will canvas the Sunday School children, the Confirmation Class and the entire adult congregation. Drawings will also be acceptable if you have one to share.

Please submit your entries via email to gcamilleri@kenton.k12.ny.us or written and handed in the offering plate. We will be accepting your entries until February 15th.

Please call Gail at 695-8764 if you have any questions.



Men's Group

The Men's Group would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our food drive to fill the food baskets for the needy. We were able to fill 12 baskets with food and gift cards. Two of the baskets included turkeys. We were also able to give a number of Tops gift cards beyond the 12 baskets.



Preparing For Emergencies At Church

On Sunday, January 10, twelve Holy Trinity ushers and Sunday school staff were trained and certified in the American Heart Association CPR and Automatic External Defibrillator 4 hour course. Surprisingly only 1% of the US population is trained. Lt. Rick Hanes-Stetter of the EMT Training Division of the Buffalo Fire Dept. was our instructor and everyone felt he did a superb job. Efforts are underway to update first aid equipment and to store it all in the sacristy where it can be obtained easily by ushers at both 8:30 and 10:30 services, as well as the Sunday school and crib room.

If someone has a respiratory or cardiac incident while in church, it was advised to move the person from the pew to the central aisle and to leave plenty of room for the ushers to start CPR and later for the rescue squad to do their job. It also is likely that clothing will need to be cut away so that the chest of the victim is accessible to the first aider. To insure the dignity of the injured, those sitting nearby may be asked to form a circle and then turn around so their backs are toward the victim effectively shielding them. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Summer Conference at Silver Bay

The 78th Annual Lutheran Summer Conference at Silver Bay will be held Saturday, July 10 through Friday, July 16, 2010. The Lutheran Summer Conference has been held at Silver Bay since 1932 and is a program of the Metropolitan and Upstate NY Synods of the ELCA.

The Chaplain for 2010 is Pastor David Parsons.

Child Care is available during courses by well-trained and kid-friendly Silver Bay staff.

Courses are offered each morning from 9:45 – 10:45 and repeated from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, enabling everyone to attend two courses, as one chooses:

- #1. The Paul C. White Bible Study. The Gospel of Luke, led by the Rev. Gail Wolling
- #2. Book Club Extreme: Exploring Faithful Books, led by the Rev. Katie Yahns.
- #3. Winds of Change: Church and State in Post-Vietnam America, led by Tim Henry, Historian
- #4. How Hispanics Interpret the Bible, led by the Rev. Nelson Rebbel Gonzalez
- #5. Gospel and Mission: Howdy-Ho, Good Neighbor! led by the Rev. Fritz Lampe, Ph.D.

For more information, please visit their website at <http://LSCSilverbay.googlepages.com>



Congratulations

To David Behrens III,
Andrew Harvey, Ann Marie
Jones and Oliver Pace
who celebrated their First
Holy Communion at the
10:30 a.m. service on the
Second Sunday in Advent,
December 6, 2009.



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