

# Trinity Lutheran Church

WELCOME + GROW + SERVE

APRIL, 2009

## **Worship Schedule:**

Pipe Organ at 8:30 a.m.

Praise Team at 10:30 a.m.

**Wed., 4/1: Worship@Our Redeemer—12:00 p.m.**

Soup Supper@6:15 p.m.

**Worship@Trinity—7 p.m.**

## ***Holy Week Services:***

**Palm Sunday—8:30 a.m.**

10:30 a.m.

**Maundy Thurs.—6:15 p.m.**

**Good Friday—12:10 p.m.**

*(First United Methodist Church)*

7 :00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday—8:30 a.m.**

10:30 a.m.

## **Church Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Phone: 734-9895

FAX: 734-1863

Check for more activities and time of events at Trinity on the calendar inside!

## **Please keep in your prayers:**

### **Baptisms**

3/29 Madyson, Shaymus & Jeffery Smith

### **Birth**

1/26/09 Kylie Rose Sepe

### **Wedding**

4/25/09 Todaahl-Erdmann

### **50th Wedding Anniversary**

2/7/09 Leo and Peggy Hoppe

"We WELCOME all people.

We GROW together in a living faith.

We are sent to SERVE with the love of Christ."

## Hope for all Seasons

People must have hope. Without hope, one lives in dread of what will come next or one seeks pleasure to soothe the emptiness of day-to-day life. Without hope, there is no "new day" coming.

For the people of God, hope is centered in one's faith in God. Faith assures us that God is good, God is alive and present and active. Faith believes in a God relentless in willing peace, justice and love to be experienced and shared and celebrated in this world.

**"Now faith is the assurance  
of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen."**

*Hebrews 11:1*

To hope is to trust in the God who will walk with you into the unknown future. Someone once said: "God has brought us this far, God will carry us there."

The resurrection of Jesus on Easter Morning is still the strongest symbol we have to remind us that our hope is not illusory, is not mere wishful thinking, rather...faith is based solidly on the defeat of death, once for all, by God's own son.

**"...so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of God,  
so we too might walk in newness of life."**

*Romans 6:4*

Blessed Easter to you all!

*Pastor Kurt V. Kovanen and Pastor Mary Beth Kovanen*

*"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home."*

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

### Joint Council Meeting March 19, 2009 with Grace Lutheran

A joint council meeting with Grace Lutheran was held March 19. There was an open discussion about our respective financial status and the problems that both churches are experiencing. We shared with Grace how we are trying to grow at Trinity. Grace and Trinity have already begun to take small steps in "partnering" with each other. With members of both church councils in agreement we have decided to explore the partnering concept together in more depth. Going down the "partnering" path raises some questions: What is our reason for being and will we be stronger together? Do we share a vision of a greater broader church in Appleton? Do we have the leaders and the passion to drive the partnering process? What is the GOTZ (Grace, Our Redeemer, Trinity, Zion) role? The general feeling was that there is much good and many opportunities made possible by this alliance with Grace.

### Trinity Council Meeting March 19, 2009

After our joint meeting with Grace our council met to discuss partnering and mission and vision. We left the meeting with more questions than answers.

How do we define Trinity? What is its mission? What does the community need and how do we fulfill it from a ministry perspective? What do all members at Trinity (especially those age 50 and younger) see as their vision for Trinity? What is God up to? As we continue to work towards making Trinity a strong congregation, we will need some answers to these questions to drive us forward in this process.

Respectfully submitted,

Jann Seidl

## A WORD FROM BISHOP JUSTMAN ... A FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS

His name is Sabri. His grizzled face was lined with the joys and sorrows of many years. Two of his sons had been killed in the violence between Israelis and Palestinians. His land, which had been in his family for at least six generations, had been taken away from him. All that was left was his little house, surrounded on three sides by fences and walls.

As we made our way up a narrow path to his house, we could see he was growing cucumbers, cabbage, onions and several other vegetables in the strip of dirt on each side. He was a farmer. Farmer's grow things.

As our group surrounded him to hear his story, we expected to hear a table of woe. We expected him to speak from a heart of bitterness...maybe even hatred. He refused.

With every reason to spout anger over his condition he shared: ***"This land belongs to God...not me. And God will teach me what I am to do. God is good. I am only a man. God's will for me is to be here now, and by God's will I will stay."***

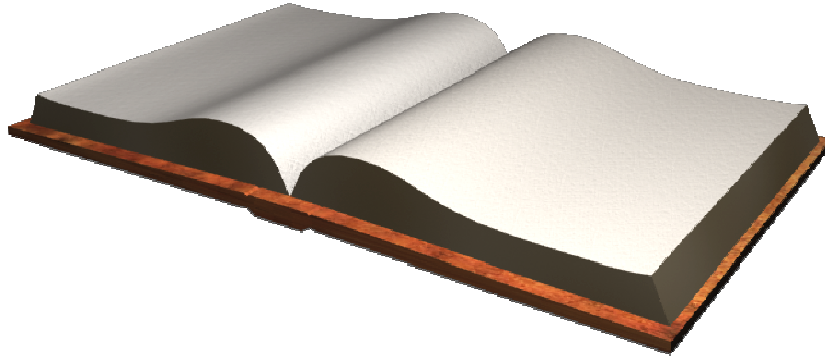
As we walked away, he blessed us and thanked us for coming. We had given him little. He gave us much.

When I think of the fights and the issues that we wrangle over, I want to remember Sabri. He refused to give in to the darkness of the world. He tenaciously held to his faith and hope in God. He believed, in the face of tremendous grief, that God would see him through.

Just think what you and I could do with merely a mustard seed of that faith!



## New Library Materials



New books have been added to Trinity's Library which is located in the Fireside Room. Three of these titles are written by people from Appleton. Stop in, check out these titles, & read.

Jerry Otteson, Great Salespeople Never Die, provides Jerry's personal perspectives on life and great humor. Two copies of this book are in category 4. (Jerry is a long-time Trinity member.)

Toni Durben, Grandpa Isn't Grandpa Anymore is based on personal experience. It suggests practical ways to help children understand Alzheimer's Disease and is located in category 13.

Fred Kile, Christian Faith – Two Realities: a Collage of Impressions, presents insights to Pastor Kile's faith. This book is in category 11.

Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins have written the "Left Behind" series. These title are located in the fiction area, category 1.

Apollyon

Assassins

Glorius Appearing

Left Behind

Nicolae

Soul Harvest

Armageddon

Desecration

(The) Indwelling

(The) Mark

(The) Remnant

Tribulation Force

The Trinity Library also has audio cassettes. We have added a 6 CD set, Celebrating the Musical Heritage of the Lutheran Church, which was produced by Thrivent. Category 17.

**Volunteer Worship Schedule for April 2009**

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute. Also notify the church office of this change. (734-9895)

**8:30 am Pipe Organ Service**

Ushers (Captains in bold, underlined type)

Gene Britton, Mitzi Britton, Clarence Kersten, Maxine Zuelzke

Readers

Apr 5 Judy Boncher

Apr 12 Phil Johnson

Apr 19 Linda White

Apr 26 Dorice Feltheim

Altar Care

Carolyn Jones

Millie Mohr

Carolyn Jones

Ron Williams

Communion Assistants

Apr 5 Kris & Annelise Jensen, Kathy Kuck

Apr 12 Phil Johnson, Millie Mohr

Apr 19 Linda White, Jerry Lokensgard

Apr 26 Dorice Feltheim, Ron Williams

Greeters

**West Entrance**

Apr 5 Terry & Gloria Howe  
Schuelke

Apr 12 Charles & Scherill Dorn

Apr 19 Jim & Janet Hemmen  
zen

Apr 26 Gary & Nance Bayer

**East Entrance**

Sandy Buntrock

Lois Small

Carolyn Jones

**Need Volunteer**

Fellowship Hour (10 – 10:30)

Apr 5 Carolyn Jones

Apr 12 Sandy LeMoine & Carla Knoke

Apr 19 Kay Odegaard

Apr 26 Millie Mohr

Acolytes

Apr 5 **Need Volunteer**

Apr 12 **Need Volunteer**

Apr 19 **Need Volunteer**

Apr 26 Samantha Wojnowski

Pew Racks

Mar 29 & Apr 5 Kay Schulze

Apr 12 & 19 Carolyn Jones

Apr 26 & May 3 Terry Howe

**10:30 am Praise Team Service**

Ushers (Captains in bold, underlined type)

James Kister, Jeff Dorow, Nathan Kister,

Apr 5 & 19 Mary Fritz

Apr 12 & 26 Judy Natz

Apr 10 7p Pete Mohr, Jean Haese

Readers

Apr 5 Mary Robertson

Apr 10 7p Steve Krueger

Apr 12 Jean Haese

Apr 19 Craig Christensen

Apr 26 Erick Jensen

Altar Care

**Need Volunteer**

**No Communion**

Marita Wagner

Lisa Christensen

Dorothy Deeg

Communion Assistants

Apr 5 Linda Barth

Apr 10 **No Communion**

Apr 12 Courtney & Hannah Still

Apr 19 Craig & Lisa Christensen

Apr 26 Erick Jensen, Dorothy Deeg

Greeters

**West Entrance**

Apr 5 Ron & Mary Robertson

Apr 12 Steve & Dena Krueger

Apr 19 Dan & Glennis Schuelke

Apr 26 Erick & Mary Jo Jensen

**East Entrance**

Randy

Lisa Dorn

Judy Van El-

Charles Pasch

Send acolyte reminder cards Lee Ann Still

Prayerwriter Nancy Scheuerman

Acolytes

Apr 5 Dustin Wilson

Apr 10 7p **Need Volunteer**

Apr 12 **Need Volunteer**

Apr 19 Dustin Wilson

Apr 26 Morgan Still

**Volunteer Worship Schedule for May 2009**

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute. Also notify the church office of this change. (734-9895)

**8:30 am Pipe Organ Service May 3 - 17**

**10:30 am Praise Team Service May 3 – 17**

**One Service at 9:00 a.m. May 24  
Praise Team Worship at 9 a.m. on May 31  
Special GOTZ Service at 11:00 am May 31**

**Ushers (Captains in bold, underlined type)**

**May 3 – 24 Dean Einspahr, Phil Johnson, John Willing**

**Ushers (Captains in bold, underlined type)**

**May 3 - 17 Gerald & Sandy LeMoine, Judy Natz  
May 31 Jean Haese, Doug Marquardt, Mary Fritz**

**Readers**

May 3 Mary Poulson  
May 10 Joyce Schoepel

**Altar Care**

Lorna Dorn, Kay Odegaard  
Ethel Herzfeldt

May 17 Ron Williams  
May 24 Sharon Helms

Ron Williams  
Lois Small

**Readers**

May 3 Steve Krueger  
May 10 Karen Kapocius

**Altar Care**

**Need Volunteer**  
Maritz Wagner

May 17 Jean Haese Dorothy Deeg

May 31 Mary Robertson Nita Williams

**Communion Assistants**

May 3 John & Carol Palmquist, Erick Jensen  
May 10 Lou & Joyce Schoepel  
May 17 Fred & Ginny Russler  
May 24 Sharon Helms & Dorice Feltheim

**Communion Assistants**

May 3 Steve Krueger  
May 10 Brian & Lee Ann Still  
May 17 Jean Haese & Dorothy Deeg  
May 31 Tom & Nancy Scheuerman

**Greeters**

**West Entrance**

May 3 Ron & Kay Schulze  
May 10 Dorice Feltheim  
& Dorothy Warren  
May 17 Fred & Ginny Russler

**East Entrance**

Lila Pohlman  
Verlyn Ferg  
Kathy Kuck

May 24 Tom & Debbie Breen Iris Bockin

**Greeters**

**West Entrance**

May 3 Gene & Mitzi Britton  
May 10 Mike & Gail Romenesko  
May 17 Robert & Virginia Dorn

**East Entrance**

Shirley Jooss  
Kay  
Kemppainen  
Marita  
Wagner  
Lisa Dorn

May 31 Tom & Nancy Scheuerman

**Acolytes**

May 3 **Need Volunteer**  
May 10 Emily Barden  
May 17 Samantha Wojnowski  
May 24 **Volunteer Needed**

**Acolytes**

May 3 Emily Barden  
May 10 Morgan Still  
May 17 Emily Barden  
May 31 **Volunteer Needed**

**Fellowship Hour (After 8:30 or 9:00 service)**

May 3 Ginny Russler  
May 10 Lois Small  
May 17 Kay Schulze  
May 24 LaVone Schmitz  
May 31 Rosemary Schuelke

**Send acolyte reminder cards**

Lee Ann Still

**Prayerwriter**

Karen Kapocius

**Pew Racks**

April 26 & May 3 Terry Howe                      May 10 & 17 Gloria Howe                      May 24 & 31 Maxine Zuelzke

**Nursery**    The Nursery is not staffed, but the room will be open for parents who wish to use it.

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Statement of Income and Expense— Through February 28, 2009**  
**Year-To-Date**

	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Income Accounts</b>	
General Offerings	39,760
Other Income	12,005
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>51,764</b>
<b>Expense Accounts</b>	
Human Resources	38,037
Mission Outreach	2,431
Office Administration	1,958
Property & Maintenance	20,386
Worship & Music	689
Children's Ministries	193
Adult Ministries	91
Youth Ministries	3,841
Membership	1,169
Evangelism	105
Social Ministry	100
Stewardship/Finance	150
Mutual Ministry	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>69,150</b>
<b>Net loss for the current year</b>	<b>(17,386)</b>

Our Equity Level (available cash) is **\$(50,524)**

**Summary of Activity for Debt Retirement—Through February 28, 2009**

	Year-To-Date	Receipts	Expenses	Current Balance
<b>Dedicated Account</b>				
Mortgage Funding	4,777		3,156	62,836
(Interest rate is 5.75%)			<b>Remaining Mortgage Balance:</b>	<b>116,985</b>

## !Upcoming Events at a Glance

Confirmation - Wednesdays - 6:00-7:30pm  
 Sunday School - Sundays - 9:35-10:25am  
 Youth Choir/Bells - Tuesdays- 7:00-8:00pm  
 Gathering - Sundays - 6:15-8:15pm  
 YMCA Lock-in - Friday, April 17 -10:00pm-  
 Saturday, April 18 - 7:00am.  
 Sleepover at the Children's Museum - May 16  
 Murder Mystery - May 29

### CONFIRMATION

**Wednesdays + 6:00-7:30pm.** All 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome. Invite a friend!

**April 1** - Passion Play @XAVIER - go directly to Xavier - Passion Play is 6:30-7:30pm.

**April 8** - no class - attend Holy Week services

**April 15** - God and Science - Job 11:7-12

**April 22** - Spring Cleaning - ARRIVE @ 5:00pm!

**April 29** - Final Exam & Party!

Questions? Contact Pastor Mary Beth or your mentor.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

During Sunday School in April we'll learn about Zacchaeus. Invite a friend to learn with you! We will not meet on April 12 - Happy Easter! Contact Sue Ruppel, Sharon Helms, or Amie Olson with any questions. *See you there!*

### LOCK-IN at the YMCA

All 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to a lock-in at the YMCA in downtown Appleton. Meet at the YMCA at 10:00pm on Friday, April 17. Lock-in ends Saturday morning at 7:00am. You may bring a sleeping bag and pillow, swim suit, and a lock for your locker. Cost is \$5. Invite a friend!

### THE GATHERING

"The Gathering" will be held on Sundays 6:15-8:15pm at First English - North site. It's a time of music, prayer, drama, message PLUS open gym,

## Youth Page

coffee house, video discussions (NOOMA) and small group activities. ALL ARE WELCOME!

### CANDY BAR SALES

The youth group is selling Vande Walle's Candy Bars for \$1.00! This is a major fundraiser for youth activities. We appreciate your support! Thanks!

### GLOBAL VILLAGE

#### *Walking Together in God's World*

#### **July 8-11 - Pine Lake Camp**

This multi-cultural, international, and intergenerational event will bring together neighbors near and far. Be prepared to experience ethnic workshops and traditions, multi-cultural music, worship, Bible studies, conversation and all of the recreational activities a camp can offer! For more info. go to [www.crosswayscamps.org/globalvillage](http://www.crosswayscamps.org/globalvillage) Camper-ships are available - talk to Pastor Mary Beth!

### CROSSWAYS CAMPS

It's not too late to sign- up for summer camp! Summer Camp is a wonderful blend of fun activities and positive relationships experienced in a Christian environment. At Crossways, you will find high quality programs for every age group! Whether this is your first summer camp adventure or your tenth, they promise to provide you the very best experience of your life...*for sure* the best week of your summer. Awesome camp fun for grades 1 through 12. Whether you are looking for a "traditional" overnight youth camp, an outdoor summer camp adventure, or a one-of-a-kind family summer camp, you'll find something at Crossways that will far surpass your expectations. A week at one of one of Crossways' summer camps is one week that could change your life! Camper-ships are available - talk to Pastor Mary Beth!

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

# APRIL 2009

**Sundays:**  
**8:30 a.m. Pipe Organ Worship**  
 9:35 a.m.  
 • Sunday School  
 • Adult Education  
 • Youth Group  
**10:30 a.m. Praise Team Worship**

**Mondays:**  
 3:30 p.m.  
 Loaves & Fishes

**Tuesdays:**  
 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
 Youth Choir and Bells

**Wednesdays:**  
 12:00 p.m. NoonHour Philosophers  
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation  
 6:30 p.m. Handbells  
 7:30 p.m. AA  
 7:30 p.m. Liturgical Choir Practice

**Thursdays:**  
 Noon & 7:30 p.m. AA

**Fridays:**  
 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting  
 7:00 p.m. FVCCC Bible Study

**LAM**  
 Mon.-Fri.:  
 8:30 a.m.—11:30 p.m.  
 Mon.: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Tues.: 6 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.  
 Thurs.: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 Noon Worship at Our Redeemer;</b> 6:15 Soup Supper <b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Palm Sunday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7 No Youth Choir &amp; Bells</b>	<b>8 No Confirmation</b>	<b>9 Maundy Thursday</b>  <b>6:15 p.m. Meal &amp; Worship</b>	<b>10 Good Friday</b> 12:10 p.m. at First UMC, Appleton 7 p.m. Worship at Trinity	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Easter Sunday</b>  <b>No Sun. School &amp; Adult Ed.</b>	<b>13</b> 7 p.m. Bible Study	<b>14</b> 7 p.m. Exec. Cmte.	<b>15</b> 9 a.m. Bible Study <b>No Liturgical Choir &amp; Handbells</b>	<b>16</b> 6 p.m. Quilters	<b>17</b> 10 p.m. Youth lock-in at YMCA	<b>18</b> 8 a.m. to noon WELCA Spring Event 5:30 p.m. Sons of Norway
<b>19</b>	<b>20 Tidings Deadline</b>	<b>21</b> 7 p.m. Council	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:30 a.m. "Friends of Trinity" 6:30 p.m. Prop. Cmte.	<b>24</b> 6 p.m. Rehearsal	<b>25</b> 2 p.m. Wedding
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8:30 a.m. Collate Tidings		

**WELCOME + GROW + SERVE**

**LOAVES & FISHES**

- April 6th Judy McLernon
- April 13th Tracy Wojnowski
- April 20th Lorna Dorn
- April 27th Need Volunteer



Please call Lisa Christensen, 749-1795, if you can help. The number of people Loaves & Fishes serves has been steadily increasing. We would appreciate it if the volunteers would make enough dessert to serve 70 to 80. Thank you!

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR NUMBERS ARE?**



Blood Pressure Screenings are held on the first and third Sunday.

**BIBLE STUDIES**

- ⇒ Monday Evening Group will meet on **April 13th** in the Fireside Room at **7 p.m.**
- ⇒ The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will meet on **April 15** at **9 a.m.**, in the Fireside Room.



**TRINITY'S BEST KEPT SECRET™**



In May of 2006 Trinity announced an opportunity for members (and guests) who were interested in getting together for lunch and socializing with church friends. These are usually scheduled for the 4th Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Red Ox Restaurant on South Oneida Street. The next one will be on April 23, 2009. It is "Dutch Treat" and very informal. Why not give it a try?

**GOLF OUTING/AUCTION TIME AGAIN**

This year especially, it is important to think of the homeless and the help they will need. How can you help?? We need donations of items for the auction on June 21st. If you have any questions or have items, contact Jean Haese (722-4423) or put a note in my mailbox by the church office. Also, please consider being a hole sponsor for \$100.00. As always, thanks for your consideration.

*Jean Haese*



**WELCA SPRING EVENT**

You are invited to join other Women of the ELCA at Trinity on **Saturday, April 18, 2009** for the Appleton Conference Spring Event, **"COME TO THE WATERS."** The inspirational speaker is Pastor Nancy Amacher, Retired Parish Pastor, Adventurer and Traveler, who will present a travelogue "Walking Where Jesus Walked." Activities begin with registration and coffee at 8:00 a.m. and conclude with a noon lunch. Registration is \$10.00. A nursery can be provided upon request. Friends are welcome as registered participants. You may register in the church office or for more details, call Joyce Schoepel at 734-4899, Janet Hemmen at 735-5516, or Sandra Kuhn, N240 Eastowne Lane, at 920-882-6290 by April 10.

**SPRING CLEANING – Help Needed on Tuesday, April 7th!!**

Trinity's kitchen gets a lot of use in a week (Loaves & Fishes, FVCCC, Funerals, Soup Suppers, etc.) It is time to do a good **spring cleaning in the kitchen**. Anyone who can spare an hour or so to do a little "spit and polish", please contact Sandy LeMoine at 729-9641 or [sljblm@aol.com](mailto:sljblm@aol.com).

Anyone who has **food in the refrigerator or freezer**, please mark it if it needs to be kept. If food is not marked, it will be thrown out.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Looking for a weekend away, for just the two of you? A Marriage Encounter weekend offers you this experience. It's a time to renew your relationship, away from the everyday distraction of life. It's an opportunity to strengthen your communication and promote greater intimacy in your life together. You don't need a Marriage Encounter Weekend, but you **DESERVE** one. "Discover Each Other Again", more deeply, honestly and warmly.

The spring schedule offers you a choice of either **April 24-26** or **May 16-17** to attend a weekend. Both are being held at The Norbertine Center for Spirituality in DePere, WI.

For more information and to obtain an informational brochure, contact Sue & Dennis Amtmann, (920) 544-5166 or visit the website at [www.gbme.org](http://www.gbme.org)

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## WORD FOR THE WEEK: Transform our lives

- April 5** Mark 15: 1-39 ... Christ dies alone, forsaken, denied, rejected.
- April 12** Mark 16: 1-8 ... Easter dawns. See it. Feel it. Live it. Love it.
- April 19** John 20: 19-31 ... Peace be with you, especially in times of doubt.
- April 26** Luke 24:36b-48 ... May Christ open our hearts & minds to the Scriptures.

### Trinity's Congregational Council

David Otts, President 832-3968  
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*Feel free to contact any of these individuals with your thoughts, needs, or concerns for Trinity.*

*The deadline for articles for the May Tidings is Monday, April 20th. It would be greatly appreciated if you would submit articles on disk or via e-mail as a **WORD** attachment. It saves time from not having to type them. Thanks!*