

Trinity Lutheran Church

February, 2010

WELCOME + GROW + SERVE

Worship Schedule:

Pipe Organ at 8:30 a.m.

Praise Team at 10:30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday: Noon & 7 p.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:

Iris Bockin Rosemary Verkuilen

Funeral

1/9 Dorothy Soderberg



"We WELCOME all people.

We GROW together in a living faith.

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

"Called Alongside"

Jesus said: "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the "paraclete", the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you." -John 14:25-26

In the ancient transcripts, the Greek word used is "Paraclete", which literally means; "One called to the side of another," or more simply: "Called alongside."

The different Bible translators have used a variety of terms to convey the meaning. Such as ...

"The Advocate" ... New Revised Standard Version
New English Bible

"The Helper" ... New King James Version
Today's English Version
Contemporary English

"The Comforter" ... The Living Bible
King James Version

"The Friend" ... The Message/Remix

"The Counselor" ... Revised Standard Version
New International Version

These are ways of understanding the "purpose" or the "role" of the Holy Spirit that Jesus promises. We hope and pray that you have experienced God in your life in such a way...as counselor, friend, comforter, helper, and advocate ...that you have grown in faith and knowledge. During the weeks and months ahead, may we "lean on the everlasting arms" of the "paraclete"...who is alongside us always.

Peace be with you...

Pastor Mary Beth Kovanen Pastor Kurt V. Kovanen



TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2009

Attendance: David Otts, Marilyn Schucknecht, Tom Scheuerman, Jeff Dorow, Jean Haese, Terry Howe, Pastor Mary Beth, Pastor Kurt and council nominee Randy Schuelke

Devotions were led by Pastor Mary Beth.

Thank you notes from the Harbor House Adopt-a-family recipients and the Fox Valley Warming Shelter were read by Pastor Mary Beth.

Membership – With regret it was noted that Judith McLernon has resigned from Trinity.

Financial report- The budget was discussed in general terms as the summary sheet was not available at this time. Of note, the weekly offerings from 2007 to 2009 have continued to decline. Pastor Kurt is however heartened by the fact that the weekly offering drop from 2008 to 2009 is less than the drop from 2007-2008. A detailed budget will not be presented at the Annual Meeting in January because of the Strategic Planning Team's proposal. Three elements of the budget will need to be considered:

- 1) freeze on salaries
- 2) the overall budget remains flat with little increases or decreases
- 3) will there be synod benevolence this year?

Proposed GTZ Covenant- David Otts reviewed the components of the proposed covenant between Grace, Trinity and Zion as outlined in the PowerPoint that was delivered at the December 21 Joint Council Meeting and also the newly revised version of the covenant from January 11. This proposal will appear in the Tidings with a cover letter to give it context.

What happens if the covenant is passed and what will need to be done? After discussion it was the consensus of the council that the formal start date be relatively soon after the covenant is passed (hopefully before Easter). Installation of the pastors will need to be planned. This would be preferably done at a venue outside of the three churches. The bishop will need to be contacted to determine his availability. Due to the exciting nature of this possible endeavor, it will need to be widely promoted and advertised amongst the three churches and in the entire ecumenical community. When will this take place? The consensus leaned toward a Sunday afternoon although a midweek program and dinner was not excluded. A list of names for the partnership between the three churches was read. Because a name is so important an outside source may need to be hired to help out with marketing. Tom has agreed to draft a proposal for a grant from the foundation in the amount of \$5,000 to help with expenses that may be incurred during the development of the partnership.

Annual Meeting Agenda - Sandy LeMoine has already started the potluck planning. Pastor Mary Beth noted that a list of nominees that will be appointed to represent Trinity (i.e. Crossways Camp Annual Meeting, Fox Valley Lutheran Homes, Synod Assembly, Appleton Conference, etc.) will be announced at the meeting. The covenant will be discussed at length. Cards will be passed out for people to write down their questions and concerns over the covenant proposal. The budget will be discussed briefly because so much depends on the outcome of the vote on the covenant partnership and what would happen if it doesn't. Tom will look into the impact on the budget with the change in custodial service. Newly appointed council members and especially the president and the vice president will have to consider that their roles will be expanded if the covenant passes. The Annual Report needs to be compiled. Contributors will be contacted to have their reports in by January 20.

Other Business - A motion was made by Jean Haese that a "Thank you" honorarium in the amount of \$75.00 be given to Sharon Helms for the work that she does on monthly financial reports throughout the year.

The meeting was ended with prayer concerns and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jann Seidl
Secretary

Grace, Trinity, Zion (GTZ) Partnership Covenant

Special Congregational Meeting – Sunday, February 21, 2010

Grace, Trinity and Zion Lutheran churches have been informally working together and enjoying community and fellowship for over a year. This past fall a “Strategic Planning Team” (SPT) met to determine if a formal partnership of the three churches would be advantageous. This SPT included 3-4 members of each of the congregations and through open discussions decided that the Body of Christ, the Christian Church, could be strengthened in mission and service through a closer fellowship and a cooperative ministry. For that reason, the Strategic Planning Team recommends that the three churches enter into a two year covenant agreement. The Covenant will be introduced at Trinity’s annual meeting on January 31st, and will be voted on at a special meeting of the congregation on **Sunday, February 21st in the sanctuary between services at 9:45 a.m.**

Members of the Strategic Planning Team will be available on **Sunday, February 14th at 9:45 a.m.** in Upper Auditorium to discuss the content of the Covenant in detail.

If you have any questions about the Covenant, you may contact a member of the Team. They are:

David Otts	832-3968	drophd@yahoo.com
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Kathy Kuck	731-2548	CAEDKU@aol.com
Sandy LeMoine	729-9641	sljblm@aol.com

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THE GRACE, TRINITY, ZION LUTHERAN PARTNERSHIP COVENANT

Preamble-In the belief that the Body of Christ, the Christian Church, can be strengthened in mission and service through closer fellowship and a cooperative ministry in congregations, we hereby set forth plans and covenant for a cooperative agreement among Grace Lutheran Church, Appleton; Trinity Lutheran Church, Appleton and Zion Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, known from this point on as the (GTZ Partnership).

We are separate, independent congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. However, we believe that the church is more than our own congregation. Thus we join hands with neighboring congregations in order to give witness to Christ's love and life-giving power for changed lives in our community, country and world. The (GTZ Partnership) is not one parish serving multiple locations. It is multiple locations with their own identities working together through joint ministries and a common mission.

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A partnership name, the (GTZ Partnership) seeks to be reflective of the identity of the area or a shared common mission, rather than an individual congregation.

MISSION STATEMENT

The (GTZ Partnership) cooperative ministry is intent on assisting each individual congregation in carrying out their own defined ministry and mission. The (GTZ Partnership) has identified a common potential long term mission of "Reaching out together to bring faith hope and love" to each other, the community and the world. Together, under the direction and empowerment of the Holy Spirit and with encouragement from one another, we commit ourselves to share our faith, hope and love in the strong name of Jesus, in our central city setting.

PURPOSE

A cooperative effort of churches to:

Be a witness in the community to Christ's care and love for each other.

Enable multiple central city congregations and their pastors to share strengths and benefits through shared ministry opportunities, resources, programming, and cost/purchase savings.

Enjoy the ability to attract and keep experienced pastoral and lay leadership.

PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIP

The (GTZ Partnership) exists and cooperates in the spirit of mutual love and goodwill that each congregation has for the others. The commitment to mutual ministry grows out of the abiding love of Christ, described in the Gospel of John as "the Vine and Branches." It is this vision that binds us together.

- a. Each congregation maintains its own property, program and personnel that are not jointly shared.
- b. The congregations of the (GTZ Partnership) covenant together to seek ways to do ministry together, always endeavoring to come closer together, while supporting and promoting the integrity and viability of each congregation.
- c. The (GTZ Partnership) relationship may be terminated at the request of any of the congregations. The request would be accomplished by vote at a legally called meeting of the congregation. No such vote will be taken, or meeting held, without first consulting the leaders of the other (GTZ Partnership) congregations, and a representative of the Synod staff.
- d. In the event that any congregation decides to discontinue participation in the (GTZ Partnership), the Partnership relationship will continue for the remaining congregations until such time as a new covenant is approved by the participating congregations.
- e. Property owned by each congregation prior to the establishment of the (GTZ Partnership) shall remain the property of said congregation. Property and/or equipment acquired by the (GTZ

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f. If a congregation leaves the (GTZ Partnership), ownership of (GTZ Partnership) property remains with the partnership.

g. If the (GTZ partnership) dissolves, ownership of all property in the (GTZ Partnership) will be determined by the Partnership Advisory Council.

ADMINISTRATIONChurch Councils

Each congregation will elect and retain its individual leadership, church council and officers according to the by-laws of the congregation. Meetings will be held as determined by the congregation.

The Joint Congregational Council

The Joint Congregational Council consists of the church councils of each congregation. The Joint Congregational Council will meet once in a year in February, after the Partnership Advisory Council meeting, to review the joint budget and the overall strategic plan of the partnership for the year.

The Partnership Advisory Council

The Partnership Advisory Council will consist of 3 persons from each congregation. This will include each congregation council's president or vice president, one council member from each congregation and one at large member from each congregation. The at large member will be voted onto the

Partnership Advisory Council by their own congregation at an officially called congregational meeting, either annual or special.

A partnership president and vice president will be elected at the Partnership Advisory Council meeting in February of each year. A secretary and treasurer will also be elected at the February meeting, but need not be members of the Partnership Advisory Council. If the secretary and treasurer are not members of the Partnership Advisory Council, they will not be voting members of the council. The GTZ Partnership Advisory Council will meet at least quarterly, or more often as needed by call of the President, Pastor(s), or three members of the Council.

The President will provide the agenda and preside over the meetings. The Secretary will take minutes and make them available to each congregation's secretary. A quorum shall consist of at least one member from each congregation.

Duties of the Partnership Advisory Council:

- a. To advise, assist and supervise the work of the pastoral staff
- b. To advise, with pastoral staff; the schedule of services in each church.
- c. To advise on special worship services (i.e. Lent, Thanksgiving, Holy Week) and joint

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- d. To complete an annual review of partnership pastor(s), their letter of call and determine compensation, benefits and expense reimbursements.
- e. To develop an annual partnership budget for approval by the Joint Congregational Council.
- f. To establish partnership task forces or committees as needed for the benefit of the entire partnership.
- g. Make recommendations to the Joint Congregational Council for any duty changes and/or partnership agreement covenant needs/changes.
- h. Set time and location for the annual Joint Congregational Council meeting in February and for the calling of special Joint Council meetings.

The Partnership Vice-President will preside over Partnership Advisory Council meetings in the President's absence.

To provide the minutes of each Partnership Advisory Council Meeting and an annual report to each congregation.

The Partnership Advisory Council decisions will be by a simple majority vote of the whole council (5 affirmative votes of the 9 members).

PARTNERSHIP STAFFING

Pastoral leadership of the (GTZ Partnership) shall be provided by ordained Pastors of the ELCA. A Letter of Term Call to serve as a Pastor of the congregations of the (GTZ Partnership) shall be approved by a two-thirds vote at each congregation's meeting.

The (GTZ Partnership) desires to call three pastors. Additional lay, rostered or seminary interns may be sought to work with the pastors.

The (GTZ Partnership) encourages and promotes the development of lay leadership, deacons and volunteers.

PARTNERSHIP FINANCES

Each congregation will be responsible for their own offerings, budgets and accounting.

(GTZ Partnership) level expenses, salaries, benefits, auto expense, and insurance will be shared proportionately based on the attached "Addendum to Parish Finances." Expenses for maintaining all housing allowances are shared as (GTZ Partnership) expenses. Each congregation will monthly submit their portion of (GTZ Partnership) contributions to the (GTZ Partnership) treasury on the first of the month beginning 4/1/2010.

Offerings, after fixed costs (organists, bulletins, etc.) from special parish worship services or gatherings will be designated by the (GTZ Partnership) Advisory Council... i.e. World Hunger, Disaster Relief, special needs, community projects, etc.

FUTURE COOPERATION

These three congregations are open to future cooperative ministry with other neighboring congregations. There is openness for additional pastoral and lay staff. There is a willingness to discuss and seek mutual agreement for the benefit of other congregations, as well as our own ministry.

The Youth Page

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Confirmation - Wednesdays - 6:00-7:30pm
 Sunday School - Sundays - 9:35-10:25am
 Youth Choir/Bells - Wednesdays - 7:30-8:30pm
 JYG - February 20-21
 30 Hour Famine - watch the Sunday bulletin & Facebook for details!
 BLAST! - March 5-7
 Global Village Camp - July 7-10, 2010

CONFIRMATION

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

February 3- "The Miracles of Jesus"

February 10 - Grade Choice Time - Each grade will have a fellowship activity (i.e. sledding, bowling, ice skating, etc.)

February 17 - Yes! It's Ash Wednesday... and yes, we have confirmation class at 6:00pm! We'll be learning about "The Hard Sayings of Jesus".

February 24 - "The Last Commandment"

Lenten Prayer Pals - Each confirmation youth will be matched with an elder in our congregation for conversation and prayer during the season of Lent. Questions? Contact Pastor Mary Beth or your small group guide.

JYG: Junior High Youth Gathering

Grades 6-8

February 20-21 - City Center Hotel - Oshkosh

Gathering Theme: "Jesus is Our Lifeguard"

Guest Speakers: Dan Scharnhorst and Dara Stull.

Musicians: Crossways Camp Band! There will also be awesome workshops, a DJ Dance, swimming, silent auction, and the usual hotel fun! Check-in is at 11:00am on Saturday - event ends at noon on Sunday. Cost is \$50!

Registration Deadline: February 4.

30 HOUR FAMINE

Does going without food for 30 hours sound like fun? 7th-12th graders are invited to get pledges and go without food for 30 hours - starting at noon on Friday, and "breaking the fast" at 6:00pm on Saturday. This year we will be doing the 30 Hour Famine with Grace Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church. We'll gather at Trinity between 6:00-7:00pm for games, videos, activities, and service projects that help to increase our awareness about hunger, and what we, as people of faith, can do to change things. Then on Saturday we will go to Zion for part of the day (to bowl, play in their gym, etc.) and we'll "break the fast" with Holy Communion followed by a potluck supper! **Be Hungry. Save lives. Contact Kay Kempainen for more information and pledge sheets.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

During Sunday School in February we're going to learn about "A Walk on the Water". Invite a friend! *See you there!*

!BLAST!

Grades 3-5 + March 5-7 at Pine Lake Camp

Grades 6-8 + March 5-7 at Pine Lake Camp

Two GREAT events - on the same weekend - at the same place! Enjoy camp during the summer? Can't wait to come back? We have the retreat for you! Join new friends and summer counselors for a weekend full of fun, games, worship, good food, and awesome Bible Studies. Check-in is at 7:00pm Friday and the retreat ends on Sunday at 11:00am. Cost is only \$50. Carpooling may be available!
Registration Deadline: February 20.

REMEDY DRIVE

Mark your calendars: Sunday, March 7, 2010!!!

Volunteer Worship Schedule for February 2010

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)

Feb 7 – 28 **Randy Schuelke**, Jim Dorn, Mike Dorow,
Jerry Otteson

Feb 17 7 pm **Need Volunteers**

Readers

Feb 7 Mary Poulson

Feb 14 Jerry Lokensgard

Feb 21 Debbie Breen

Feb 28 Linda White

Feb 17 7 pm Ron Williams

Altar Care

Lois Small & Kay Odegaard

Liz Lokensgard

Nita Williams

Lorna Dorn

Ron Williams

10:30 am Praise Team Service

Ushers (Captains in bold, underlined type)

Feb 7 – 28 **Craig Christensen**,

Eric Christensen, Dan & Glennis Schuelke

Readers

Feb 7 Jean Haese

Feb 14 Mary Robertson

Feb 21 Steve Krueger

Feb 28 Karen Kapocius

Altar Care

Judy Natz

Marita Wagner

Need Volunteer

Lisa Christensen

Communion Assistants

Feb 7 Fred & Ginny Russler & Kay Odegaard

Feb 14 Jerry Lokensgard & Sharon Helms

Feb 21 Kathy Kuck & Phil Johnson

Feb 28 Linda White & Judy Natz

Feb 17 7 pm Ron Williams

Communion Assistants

Feb 7 Jean Haese

Feb 14 Brian & Lee Ann Still

Feb 21 Steve Krueger & Larry Vaubel

Feb 28 Marita Wagner & Bruce Kovanen

Greeters

West Entrance

Feb 7 Jim & Janet Hemmen

Feb 14 Terry & Gloria Howe

Feb 21 Tom & Debbie Breen

Feb 28 Iris Bockin & Kathy Kuck

East Entrance

Dorice Feltheim

Lila Pohlman

Phil Johnson

Judy Van Elzen

Greeters

West Entrance

Feb 7 Peter & Jeanne Beckley

Feb 14 Gerald. & Sandy LeMoine

Feb 21 Mike & Gail Romenesko

Feb 28 Ron/Mary Robertson

East Entrance

Kay Kemppainen

Chuck Pasch

Shirley Jooss

Marita Wagner

Fellowship Hour (Between Services)

Feb 7 Ginny Russler

Feb 14 LaVone Schmitz

Feb 21 Kay Schulze

Feb 28 Shirley Jooss

Pew Racks

Jan 31 & Feb 7 Gloria Howe

Feb 14 & 21 Jan Liebscher

Feb 28 & Mar 7 Melva Miller

Acolytes

Feb 7 **Need Volunteer**

Feb 14 **Need Volunteer**

Feb 21 **Need Volunteer**

Feb 28 **Need Volunteer**

Feb 17 7 pm **Need Volunteer**

Acolytes

Feb 7 Hannah Arnstsen

Feb 14 Samantha Wojnowski

Feb 21 Morgan Still

Feb 28 Dustin Wilson

Send acolyte reminder cards Lee Ann Still

Prayerwriter Jerry Lokensgard

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

**Trinity
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Church**

FEBRUARY 2010

Sundays:
8:30 a.m. Pipe Organ
Worship

- 9:35 a.m.:
- Sunday School
 - Adult Education
 - Youth Group

**10:35 a.m. Praise
Team Worship**

Mondays:

3:30 p.m.
Loaves & Fishes

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays:

12:00 p.m. NoonHour
Philosophers
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
at Trinity

6:30 p.m. Bells
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
GTZ Youth Choir/Bells
at Trinity

7:30 p.m. AA
7:30 p.m. Liturgical
Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. Sr. High
Youth Time **at Zion**

Thursdays:

Noon & 7:30 p.m. AA

Fridays:

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

LAM

Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m.—11:30 p.m.
Mon.: 1 p.m. to 8:30
p.m.
Tues.: 3:30 p.m. to
9:15 p.m.
Thurs.: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 p.m. Bible Study	2	3 9:15 a.m. Help, Healing & Health	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 No GTZ Youth Choir & Bells Practice	11	12	13 4 p.m. Chinese New Year Celebra- tion
14	15 Tidings Deadline	16 6:30 p.m. AA Treatment Steering Cmte; 7 p.m. Exec. Cmte.	17 <i>Ash Wed.</i> 9 am. Bible Study Noon & 7 p.m. Worship	18	19	20 Junior High Youth Gathering In Oshkosh
21 11:30 a.m. Special Congrega- tional Mtg.	22	23 Council	24 8 a.m. WINR Advisory Board	25 8 a.m. Collate Tidings; 11:30 a.m. Friends of Trinity; 6:30 p.m. Prop. Cmte.	26	27
Junior High Youth Gather- ing in Oshkosh 2:30 p.m. Sons of Norway						
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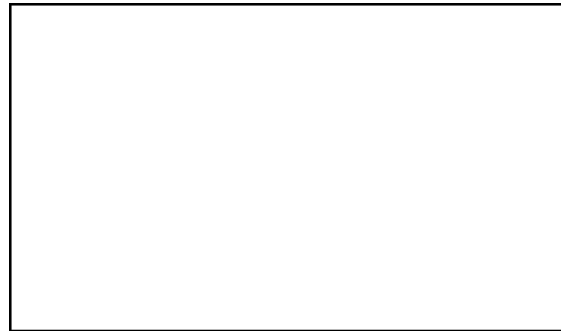
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WORD FOR THE WEEK

February 7: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – Luke 5:1-11
What is Jesus calling us to leave behind to follow him?

February 14: Transfiguration – Luke 9:28-43
How can I listen more closely to Jesus?

February 21: First Sunday of Lent – Luke 4:1-13
Have you been tested? How did your faith bring you strength in the face of temptation?

February 28: Second Sunday in Lent — Luke 13:31-35
Our sacrifices of time, energy, money, and other resources, given in love...pale in comparison to what Jesus sacrificed.

Trinity's Congregational Council

David Otts, President	832-3968
Tom Scheuerman, VP	731-9847
Jean Haese, Treasurer	722-4423
Jann Seidl, Secretary	731-0967

Jeff Dorow	788-7229
Terry Howe	739-6528
Steve Krueger	954-6964
Kathy Kuck	731-2548
Marilyn Schucknecht	731-4842

Feel free to contact any of these individuals with your thoughts, needs, or concerns for Trinity.

LOAVES & FISHES

Feb. 1 Annelise Jensen	Feb. 8 Need Vol.
Feb. 15 Lorna Dorn	Feb. 22 Need Vol.

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 120. Thank you!