GTZ PARISH NEWS

Grace - Trinity - Zion

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

January 2011

"Reaching out in faith, hope and love."

Jesus says:

> ***"I give you peace, the kind of peace that only I can give.***
> ***It isn't like the peace that this world can give.***
> ***So don't be worried or afraid."*** -- John 14:27

Being at peace is a gift.
To be at peace with oneself is wonderful. In those moments when you wonder "who am I?" "What am I going to do?" "What will the future hold for me?", to know peace in your heart is a gift. It is an assurance that things are all right and will be all right.

To be at peace with others, especially a friend, or a spouse or family members, helps us experience the goodness of relatedness. It allows us to love and be loved.

To be at peace with your place in life, your situation, keeps one from anxiety and fret and worry … and it helps us take in the wonder and beauty of life. We can see the blessings of life, all the gifts that surround us.

And finally, it is a gift when our nation is at peace. May we continue to be in prayer for God's vision of world peace, for it truly is a gift whose cost is unimaginable.

Friends, the kind of peace that Jesus offers has an eternal quality to it. It is not lost in the moment of tragedy or misfortune or human folly, but rather experienced in profound ways. Jesus said: "My peace I give to you, I do not give to you as the world gives." The peace that Jesus promises … carries through, it lasts … it is eternal.

We pray that during this New Year, all of us may come to sense the beauty and truth of our common life with God (and with each other through the GTZ Parish), in new and encouraging ways, so that we may share peace with others.

Peace be with you!

Pastor Judy Deckert Pastor Mary Beth Pastor Kurt O. Kovanen

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Worship, Fellowship & Christian Education

GRACE:
9:00am Worship
10:00am Fellow./Christian Ed.

TRINITY:
8:30 & 10:30am Worship
9:35am Fellowship/Christian Ed
9:45am Adult Education

ZION:
6:00pm Saturday Worship
8:00am & 10:30am Worship
9:15am Fellowship/Christian Ed

Parish Advisory Council
President: Tom Jensen - Z
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Bible Studies:

Everyone is invited to attend one or all of these weekly Bible studies…

GTZ Monday Night Bible Study
6:30pm at Mary Fritz's home, 3023 E. Greenleaf Dr., Appleton. We will begin a study of Revelations, by John Jeremiah, in January.

1st Monday of the month Bible Study
7:00pm in the Fireside Room at Trinity
Contact: Mary Robertson – 739-9490

2nd Monday of the month Bible Study
6:30pm at Joan Peterson's home - Joy Circle from Grace. Contact Lois Hilger at 731-0648.
Lutheran Woman Today magazine Bible Study.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study
9:30am-10:30am in Zion's Conference Room
Lectionary Bible Study using "Taking Faith Home" informational sheets.

3rd Wednesday of the month Bible Study
9:30-10:30am, Fireside Room at Trinity.
Contact: Janet Hemmen 735-5516
Lutheran Woman Today magazine Bible Study.

GTZ Friday Morning Bible Study
9:00am at Grace - Lectionary Bible Study

"Taking Faith Home" Inserts
The ELCA's "Book of Faith" initiative includes daily Bible reading. The bulletin includes a brief home study for getting into scripture. Suggested texts complement Sunday readings as do the prayers and family activities.

"Reading Scripture through Other Eyes"

January 19th-21st at Calvary Lutheran Church, Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Speakers: Walter Brueggemann, Teresa Okure, Mary Gordon, Gerald West. HOW DO WE READ SCRIPTURE? This seminar explores how our situation in life colors our interpretation. Do we read scriptures on our own, deciding what to believe? Do we read them as part of a group, with a similar mindset? Do we read them with a world view? Often in times of change, we find our grounding in reading scripture.
But what we read and believe may be different from what someone around the world reads and believes. You can take part in this conference in Two Rivers for $25. This is made possible thanks to our Synod's Book of Faith Initiative and Calvary Lutheran Church, which has become a Partner Site of Trinity Institute and will have a LIVE FEED FROM NEW YORK along with printed materials and DVD's. Details and all registration materials can be found at "Reading Scripture through Other Eyes" Scroll down the screen to the Reading Scripture Event.

Worship Opportunities:

Ride the Bus to Saturday Worship:
GTZ offers an opportunity for you to join us in worship at Zion Lutheran Church, Saturday evenings. Worship is at 6:00pm every Saturday. Grace and Trinity members can trust that any offerings given at this service will be forwarded to the respective church office; it is helpful if you clearly mark "Grace" or "Trinity" on your offering envelope. There is a bus available (free-of-charge to those who ride) that serves all of Appleton, as well as Grand Chute, Kaukauna, Menasha, and is willing to serve other local communities. Call Vivian Schutte, 920-738-9177, for more info and to register for pick up and drop off.

JANUARY 2011: WORD FOR THE WEEK

January 2: 2nd Sunday of Christmas - Jeremiah 3:7-14; Ps 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18

January 9: Baptism of Our Lord - Isaiah 42:1-9; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

January 16: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany - Isaiah 49:1-7; Ps 40:1-11; I Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

January 23: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany - Isaiah 9:1-4; Ps 27:1, 4-9; I Corinthians 1:10-18; Matt. 4:12-23

January 30: 4th Sunday after Epiphany - Micah 6:1-8; Ps 15; I Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Weekly & Monthly Activities:

All Sundays of the Month

- Christian Education for Adults following the 9:00am worship at Grace. Adult Education (AE) classes are held in the conference room, while our children are in Sunday School. We will likely study Revelation in spring.
- **"God in America"** Christian Education for Adults at 9:40am in Trinity's Upper Auditorium. We are watching and having conversations about the award-winning documentary from PBS.

First Sundays

- Blood Pressure Screenings at Zion, 9:15am

First & Third Sundays

- Blood Pressure Screenings at Trinity

All Mondays & Wednesdays

- Loaves and Fishes, a community meal at Trinity, area churches help provide desserts. We need volunteers for meal prep, setup, serve the meal, cleanup and make desserts. Also, nurses to do blood pressure readings & consultations. Contact: Lisa Christensen 749-1795.

First Monday of the Month

- Noon Book Club – "How Novel" at Zion Parish House, 918 N. Oneida St. Bring a bag lunch. Contact: Vivian Schuette – 738-9177

Second Monday of the Month

- Prayer Shawl Group at Zion. Meets at Marilyn Hetzler's Home, 513 E. Francis at 10:00am. 733-6854

All Tuesdays of the month

- Quilters – 8:30 to 11:30am at Grace in the lower level activity hall. Quilts are made for LWR. Contact: Susan Pringnitz 733-7591

Last Tuesday of the month

- Women's Fellowship Ladies Night Out! Women of Grace, Trinity, Zion and friends meet at 6:30pm for dinner the last Tuesday of each month at varying local restaurants. Call Sue Joosten at 739-0705 or Carolyn Gresl at 734-0475 with questions or to sign-up.

All Wednesdays

- Fit for the Kingdom - 10:30am in Zion's fellowship hall. Chair exercises, Tai Chi and Chair Tai Chi. Led by Fran Kasten.

First and Third Thursdays

- Quilting at Zion, 8:30am in the fellowship hall.

Fourth Thursdays

- GTZ Friends at Red Ox 11:30am. What is special about the 4th Thursday of each month? It's the day members and friends of Trinity, Grace & Zion meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m., at the Red Ox Restaurant on South Oneida Street in Appleton. "Dutch Treat." Please join us.

Once a month

- **OWLS** (Older Wiser LutheranS) is a group of age 40+ people who get together once a month for dinner and fellowship. All are welcome - singles or couples from Zion, Grace, Trinity. Call Mary Zanto at 733-3593 or e-mail at mzanto@new.rr.com; Diana Staedt at 734-7979 or e-mail at tdstat@aol.com.

Trinity Quilters:

are looking for quilters to join them in making a pieced quilt for Crossways Bible Camp Annual Auction. Interested quilters should contact Shirley at 739-2113 or Shoogacker@tds.net
Meeting times will be determined by quilters' availability.

The GTZ Youth Page

Reaching out in faith, hope, and love!

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Confirmation – Wednesdays – 6:00-7:30pm
Kingdom for Kids – Wednesdays - 6:00-7:30pm
Youth Choir – Wednesdays - 5:00-6:00pm
Sr High Fellowship Time, Weds @ Zion 7:30-8:30pm
Peer Ministry – Sundays @ Zion 9:15-10:15am
Mission Trip Mtg. – Sun., Jan. 9 11:45am @ Zion
Middle School Lock-in – Jan. 14-15
!BLAST! – March 4-6 @ Pine Lake Camp

CONFIRMATION

Wednesdays + 6:00-7:30pm. Invite a friend! All 6th-7th-8th-9th graders are welcome. Senior High youth are peer mentors!
January 5 – God the Creator
January 12 -Youth Unity Service at the PAC Go directly to the PAC. We will have a pre-worship mini-concert starting at 6:10pm. Worship begins at 6:30pm and goes until **8:00pm -NOTE TIME!!!** Parents may pick you up you at the PAC.
January 19 –God the Provider
January 26 – God the Perserver
Questions? Contact Pastor Mary Beth or your small group guide. *See you there!*

JYG: Junior High Youth Gathering

Grades 6-8
February -19-20 – Holiday Inn - Manitowoc
Gathering Theme: "Jesus is Our Light"
Guest Speaker: Tiger McLuen
Entertainment: Swen & Dean

There will also be awesome workshops, a DJ Dance, service project, swimming, silent auction, and the usual hotel funJ! Check-in is at 11:00am on Saturday – event ends at noon on Sunday. Cost is $50!
Registration Deadline: January 21.

WINTER COMM(UNITY) LOCK IN

Friday, January 14, 2011 at 7:00 PM - Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 7:00 AM
The ELCA churches throughout the Fox Valley have joined together to create an AWESOME lock-in opportunity! Open to youth in grades 6-8. Invite a friend! We'll meet at First English Lutheran Church – north site at 6331 Ballard Road. Cost is $25 and includes bowling at Super Bowl, 2 hours of fun at Players Choice, movies, worship, music, games, fellowship and breakfast. Parents are strongly encouraged to volunteer. Financial assistance is available if needed. Talk to Pastor Mary Beth for details!

MISSION TRIP NEWS

Mission Trip Meeting @ Zion – Jan. 9th at 11:45am
Cinnamon Roll Sunday @ Zion- Jan. 9th – We need youth helpers!! Talk to Deb Robinson.

!BLAST!

Grades 3-5 + March 4-6 at Pine Lake Camp
Grades 6-8 + March 4-6 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.

Warming Shelter with GTZ

Volunteers Needed: Jan. 30-Feb. 5

As many of you know, the Fox Valley Warming Shelter, Inc. opened its doors at their permanent facility in October. However, they do continue to rely on area congregations and other groups to provide meals, servers, and supervision throughout the night. The Grace-Trinity-Zion parish has offered to share in this important ministry, because together we are stronger and greater in number and will be able to provide the volunteers necessary to fulfill our week of service. During the week of January 30-February 5, we will need: full meals of a main dish, salad and dessert to serve about 30, folks to serve the meal, and people to provide supervision during the night… four hours shifts: 5-8pm, 8-12, 12-4am and 4-8am. Sign up sheets will be available in the near future. More information will be available in coming weeks. Please consider assisting in this outreach to fulfill the gospel message to 'feed the hungry.' Feel free to contact Vivian Schutte at 738-9177 or Kathy Kuck at 731-2548 with questions or comments. Thank You!!

Caring Ministry in the Parish:

GTZ Care Coordinators:

Liz Lokensgard, Sharon Meier, Vivian Schutte, Judy Zich and the GTZ Pastors. They, along with representatives of the congregations and members of each church's elder care teams, comprise the **GTZ Health Ministry Team**. Please consider being a part of this ministry and contact Sharon Meier, 739-4291, or any other Care Coordinator.

GTZ Care Team Ministry/Faith in Action

Please plan to attend one of the three informational sessions that are scheduled in January:
Sunday, January 9, 9:30am @ Trinity
Sunday, January16, 10:15 am@ Grace
Sunday, January 23, 9:30am @ Zion

"Companion with those who "Grieve"

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at Zion Mutual Home, 115 E. Winnebago St., in their lower level meeting room. Time: 1:00pm – 2:15pm. Facilitated by Judy Zich, Parish Nurse. Questions? Call Judy @ (920) 450-7997.

Judy Zich, RN, Parish Nurse & GTZ Health Ministries Chairperson….

Wishing you Blessed Holidays and New Year to all!

And before we realize it we are jumping right into the new year of making plans to improve and move forward. This is especially true with the Health Ministry of GTZ. Throughout January education and introduction to Faith in Action / Care Team Ministry will occur on a Sunday morning at each congregation. Along with this we will proceed a parish wide survey in February in order to become aware of parishioner needs and for volunteer recruitment to meet those needs. We may be focusing on such areas as:

- Transportation to Dr., therapy, church, groceries.
- Short term meal support; light house cleaning
- Respite for 1-2 hrs./time, in order to give a break to a caregiver.
- Visitation and communion monthly; friendly phone contacts.
- Simple home repairs- or- seasonal yard help.

These are examples of ways that we can help people safely stay in their home longer, and / or to lighten the load of Care givers. As the volunteer, you determine what you would like to do as well as the frequency. I know that some of this has been already happening, but we hope to increase and unify for more effectiveness with the guidance of Judy Zich. She also will be available to do individual assessment and referral to existing community resources when appropriate.

It is widely accepted by the county and state health agencies, that staying at home as the elderly wish, is a better idea; and in today's economic situation this is needed more and more.

Please contemplate becoming a part of this ministry effort to help our fellow parishioners. Our GTZ Parish can join the ranks of Care Team partnerships. We can be the "working hands, feet and words of Christ." We can be a Christian "family" and support. **Let's pay it forward!**

Judy (920) 450-7997

GTZ Matters Continued...

Thrivent Choice

Grace, Trinity & Zion members and friends who have membership in Thrivent Financial for Lutherans have the opportunity to choose where Thrivent distributes part of its charitable donations. Eligible members can elect to have funds directed to **Grace, Trinity or Zion Lutheran Church**. Thrivent members should have received information that was mailed in August 2010. To check if you are able to designate donations to Grace, Trinity or Zion, please call Thrivent at **1-800-847-4836**, and say "**Thrivent Choice**". This could have a positive impact on Grace, Trinity & Zion's financial future!

Food Pantry Sunday

The first Sunday of each month, Grace collects non-perishable food and paper products that are given to St. Joseph's Food Pantry and/or other area shelters, to help those in grave need. **Please check expiration dates on all food items being donated.** Egg cartons and paper grocery bags are also helpful to the food pantry. Bring your donations to the Mason Street entrance.

Noonhour Philosophers

Meets 12pm-1pm Upper Auditorium at Trinity

Wed. Jan. 5 "A River Ruined: A State of Scenic Area Created"
Mike Hittle, Profession Emeritus of History, Lawrence University

Wed. Jan. 12 "The Musings of an 80-Year-Old; Travel, Risk-Taking, Philosophy"
Leota Ester

Wed. Jan. 19 "Do You Hear What I Hear? The Myths & Facts About Your Hearing"
Stephanie Long, Doctor of Audiology

Wed. Jan. 26 "Suicide Awareness: Shining the Light" John Reilly, Survivor of Daughter's Suicide

Reduce, Reuse, Recyle!

Donate any empty medicine containers with covers. The bottles must have their labels off and all personal information must be removed or blacked out. These bottles will be used by the doctors and nurses that work with the International Children's Fund, Inc. around the world where they take the large quantities of medicines with them and then can dispense medications in smaller individual amounts at needed. There is a box for donations in narthex of both Zion & Trinity. Thank you for your help with this mission.

National Mission Trip:

Are you interested in doing mission work? Is our Lord calling you to help in a special way? We invite adult GTZ members to consider joining a National Mission Trip next summer. Our Savior's Lutheran in Neenah is planning a trip for June 18-25 and they are welcoming us to join them. They are not sure of the location at this time, but probable locations include the hurricane recovery in the Gulf Coast, flood recovery in Tennessee or flood recovery in Massachusetts. The cost for each participant will be about $250-$350 which includes transportation, housing and most meals. The location will determine where we are housed (church, school or work camp) but hot showers, restrooms and kitchen facilities will be available no matter where we stay - and most will either have beds provided or space for air mattresses. There really aren't any skills necessary - except flexibility, patience and willingness to serve. There are jobs for everyone - no matter your "handy" skill level, and you will be trained in anything you want to learn. Nancy Scheuerman of Trinity/GTZ Parish, has agreed to help organize those from our GTZ Parish who are interested in this trip. Please contact Nancy if you would like to participate in this trip or to hear more about it as details become available. Please call her at 731-9847 or email at nancy631@sbcglobal.net This is a great opportunity for the GTZ Parish to send a group of our members to assist others in need. Won't you consider participating?

Join us for a Crafters Weekend!

When: Friday, February 4, 2011 4pm – 11pm
Saturday, February 5, 2011 8am – 11 pm

Where: Zion Lutheran Church, 912 N. Oneida St., Appleton

Cost: Register early and save. . .

	Registration received **BY** Friday, January 28, 2011	Registration received **AFTER** Friday, January 28, 2011
Friday only	$15	$17
Saturday only	$25	$28
Both days	$40	$45

This is perfect for scrap booking, stamping, card-making, beading, sewing, basket weaving etc. Pack up your supplies and join us! Have a favorite 'scrapping friend'---invite them along!!!

Your registration includes your workspace, meals and snacks. Beverages will be available for purchase or you can bring your own. Raffles will be going on over the course of the weekend.

Note: Zion has a 6:00 p.m. service on Saturday night if you're interested in attending.

Register soon—space is limited and will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis.

All proceeds will benefit Zion. If you have any questions, please contact Sari Ashauer at 993-7967 or Julie Lyons at 832-1206.

----------Crafting Weekend Registration----------
(Make checks payable to Julie Lyons)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ **E-mail:**_____

I will attend as follows:
_____ Friday & Saturday _____ Friday only _____ Saturday only

Return your completed registration and payment to:

Zion Lutheran Church
c/o Sari Ashauer/Julie Lyons
912 N. Oneida Street
Appleton, WI 54911

How did you hear about our event? _____

Who do you want to be seated with? _____

_____

Do you require electrical hook up at your table? _____

Lifetime Stewardship...
"Reaching out in Faith, Hope and Love."

Third Monday of each month
Neighborhood Voice, residents living around Zion who meet monthly to discuss topics related to their neighborhood. 6:30pm in Zion's fellowship hall.

Last Tuesday of each month
Fibromyalgia Group meets at Zion, 6pm-8pm in the conference room. All are welcome!

All Wednesdays & Thursdays
Alcoholics Anonymous meets at Trinity each Wednesday 7pm-9pm; Thurs. 12pm-1pm & 7pm-8:30pm

All Thursdays
LEAVEN - At Zion Parish House from 9:00am - 12:00pm.

Volunteer Opportunity

The evening meal at the Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley every 4th Saturday of the month is provided by Trinity. We are looking for additional volunteers from the GTZ Parish. Please consider volunteering for this critical ministry. Contact Mary Robertson at 739-9490.

Marriage Encounter

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 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. At the Norbertine Center for Spirituality in DePere, WI on Feb. 18-20.

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

Walk to Emmaus

Men's Walk -March 3-6, 2011
Women's Walk - March 10-13, 2011

- What is the Walk to Emmaus?

It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as He is revealed to you through other believers. The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with prayerful discernment and an invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation, an application is completed.

- What happens on the Walk to Emmaus weekend?

You will enjoy three busy days singing, learning, laughing, praying, worshiping, and participating in small groups.

- What happens afterward?

You are invited to walk with Christ for the rest of your life. Expand your spiritual life through worship, study, and active participation in your local church. The Emmaus movement offers you the opportunity to meet in groups of four to six people to meet weekly to reflect on the spiritual journey and encourage one another in accountable discipleship.

- The Purpose of Emmaus

To develop leaders for the church.

- Who should go to Emmaus?

Emmaus is for the development of Christian leaders who have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives, and understand that being a Christian involves responsibility.
If interested in attending Emmaus or have questions contact Lois Hilger 731-0648 or loishilger419@gmail.com

GTZ January 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Sunday Worship 8:00am Zion 8:30am Pipe Organ-Trinity 9:00am Grace 10:30am Zion 10:30am Praise Worship - Trinity **Sun. Fellowship/Christian Ed:** 9:15am Zion 9:35am Trinity 9:45am Adult Education - T 10:00am Grace						1 6:00pm Worship - Z Bus avail.
2 **9:00am Worship Zion** **10:00am Worship Trinity** **No Christian Ed - G, T, Z**	3 12:00pm How Novel - Z 3:30pm Loaves & Fishes Meal - Trinity 6:30pm GTZ Bible Study-Mary Fritz's home 7:00pm Bible St - T Zion office closed	4 8:30am Quilters - G 8:45am GTZ Care Team Coord. Mtg - Z 10:00am Staff Mtg-T & Z 6:00pm Wor./ Music Mtg-G	5 See Bottom Box 1:00pm Grief Group ZMH	6 8:30am Quilting - Z 9:00am LEAVEN - Z 12:00pm AA - T 5:30pm Worship Task Meeting - Z 7:00pm GTZ Vision Mtg - T	7 9:00am Bible Study at Grace	8 6:00pm Worship - Z Bus avail.
9 See Box Above Installation of Zion Council Members 12:pm Mission Trip Mtg	10 3:30pm Loaves & Fishes Meal - Trinity 6:30pm Joy Circle Bible Study - G 6:30pm GTZ Bible Study - Mary Fritz's home	11 8:30am Quilters - G 10:00am Staff Mtg-T & Z 5:30pm Financial Res. Mtg - Zion 6:30pm Exec.-Z 7:00pm Council - T	12 See Bottom Box 6:00pm Confirmation Unity Service-PAC	13 9:00am LEAVEN - Z 12:00pm AA - T 7:30pm AA - T	14 9:00am Bible Study at Grace 7:00pm 6th-8th grade Appleton Conference Progressive Sleepover At First English North	15 Zion Council Retreat 6:00pm Worship - Z Bus avail.
16 See Box Above Cinnamon Roll Sale - Z 9:35am Blood Press. Checks - T 9:45am Budget Forum-T	**17 Newsletter Deadline** 3:30pm Loaves & Fishes Meal - Trinity 6:30pm GTZ Bible Study-Mary Fritz's home 6:30pm Neigh. Mtg - Z	18 8:30am Quilters - G 10:00am Staff Mtg-T & Z 6:30pm Council - Z	19 See Bottom Box 9:30am Bible St - T 1:00pm Grief Group ZMH	20 8:30am Quilting - Z 9:00am LEAVEN - Z 12:00pm AA - T 7:00pm Council - G 7:30pm AA - T	21 9:00am Bible St. - G	22 6:00pm Worship - Z Bus avail.
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30 See Box Above 11:45am Annual Mtg-Z Taize Service - St. Therese	31 3:30pm Loaves & Fishes Meal - Trinity 6:30pm GTZ Bible Study-Mary Fritz's home	**GTZ Wednesday Activities** 8:30am Chapel Chimes - Z 9:30am Bible Study - Z 10:30am Fit for Kingdom - Z 12:00pm Noonhour Philo.-T 3:30pm Loaves/Fishes - T 5:00pm Youth Choir - Z 6:00pm Confirmation - Z 6:00pm Kingdom for Kids - Z 6:00pm Handbell Choir - Z 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir - Z 7:30pm Choir - T 7:30pm AA - T 7:35pm Senior High Fellowship Time-Z				

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The beginning of the new year brings anticipation of new things to come in 2011. It is an exciting time to pause and reflect on how we might make positive changes in our lives, to start fresh, to put some things in the past. To eliminate some old habits, adopt some new ones, to promise to ourselves and others that we can do better. Maybe it's a new plan to make improvements in our physical health, social life or spiritual well-being. Maybe it's to be more balanced, more forgiving or giving.

Regardless of what we are reflecting on, we start anew through Jesus Christ each and everyday through the forgiveness of sins and the promise of everlasting life. What a powerful way to start the new year knowing that our loving God sent his only son to save us. What a wonderful place we are in to know that our God loves and cares for us so much, that he wants each of us to live our lives with the fullness and richness that only following him can provide.

As we begin our new year at Trinity and the GTZ Parish, we start with hope, prayer and optimism for 2011. We are going to work towards moving our Parish forward to adopt and embrace ideas and changes that will grow our mission and serve our God in greater ways in the years to come. God is with us on this journey. It is exciting to anticipate and think of possibilities for the Parish.

On behalf of the entire Church Council, we look forward to working with all of our members in 2011 in building something special that will be pleasing to our God in the months and years ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Tom Scheuerman,
President

Volunteer Worship Schedule for January 2011

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)

Richard Rendall, Need 2 volunteers,

Jan 9 & 23 Fred Russler Jan 16 & 30 Gary Bayer

Readers		Altar Care
Jan 9	Phil Johnson	Lorna Dorn
Jan 16	John Palmquist	Liz Lokensgard
Jan 23	Judy Boncher	Ron Williams
Jan 30	Erick Jensen	Lois Small

Communion Assistants

Jan 9 Phil Johnson & Ron WIlliams
Jan 16 John & Carol Palmquist
Jan 23 Kathy Kuck & Jerry Lokensgard
Jan 30 Erick Jensen & Sharon Helms

Greeters West Entrance		Greeters East Entrance
Jan 9	Tom & Debbie Breen	Marilyn Schucknecht
Jan 16	Jim & Janet Hemmen	Carolyn Jones
Jan 23	Dorothy Warren /Kathy Kuck	Charles Pasch
Jan 30	Marilyn Kersten/Nancy Bayer	Lois Small

Fellowship Hour (Between Services)

Jan 2 **Need Volunteer**
Jan 9 Shirley Jooss
Jan 16 Carla Knoke
Jan 23 Rosemary Schuelke
Jan 30 Charlotte Dorow

Pew Racks (Please straighten racks once between the days that you are scheduled.)

Jan 2 & 9 Carolyn Jones
Jan 16 & 23 Terry Howe
Jan 30 & Feb 6 Melva Miller

Acolytes		Children's Time
Jan 9	Jazmin WIlson	Brian & Lori Guttormsen
Jan 16	**Need Volunteer**	Jann Seidl
Jan 23	Jazmin Wilson	Sue Ruppel
Jan 30	**Need Volunteer**	Kathy Kuck

Send acolyte reminder cards Lee Ann Still

10:30 am Praise Team Service

Ushers (Captains in bold, underlined type)

Ronald Robertson,

Jan 2,16, 30 **Need Volunteer** Jan 9,23 Mary Fritz

Readers		Altar Care
Jan 2 10 am	Jean Haese	**Need Volunteer**
Jan 9	Mary Robertson	Judy Natz
Jan 16	Nancy Scheuerman	Kay Odegaard
Jan 23	Craig Christensen	Marita Wagner
Jan 30	Jean Haese	**Need Volunteer**

Communion Assistants

Jan 2 10 am Jean Haese
Jan 9 Brian & Lee Ann Still
Jan 16 Tom & Nancy Scheuerman
Jan 23 Craig & Lisa Christensen
Jan 30 Jean Haese & Gail Romenesko

West Entrance		East Entrance
Jan 2 10am	**Need Volunteers**	
Jan 9	Ron & Mary Robertson	Marita Wagner
Jan 16	Tom & Nancy Scheuerman	Judy Van Elzen
Jan 23	Dan & Glennis Schuelke	Lisa Dorn
Jan 30	Gail & Blake Romenesko	Kay Kempainen

Acolytes		Children's Time
Jan 2 10 am	**Need Volunteer**	
Jan 9	Samantha Wojnowski	Amy Kopischke
Jan 16	**Need Volunteer**	Jennifer Cornelius
Jan 23	Samantha Wojnowski	Amie Olson
Jan 30	Hannah Arntsen & Nikki Bouzek	Amy Driscoll

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

Volunteer Worship Schedule for February 2011

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)
Randy Schuelke, Jim Dorn, Mike Dorow

Readers		Altar Care
Feb 6	Sharon Helms	Carolyn Jones & Kay Odegaard
Feb 13	Joyce Schoepel	Nita Williams
Feb 20	Debbie Breen	Liz Lokensgard
Feb 27	Mary Poulson	Lorna Dorn

Communion Assistants

Feb 6	Judy Natz
Feb 13	Lou & Joyce Schoepel
Feb 20	Fred & Ginny Russler
Feb 27	Mary Poulson & Linda White

Greeters

	West Entrance	East Entrance
Feb 6	Ron & Kay Schulze	Dorice Feltheim
Feb 13	Peter & Jeanne Beckley	Phil Johnson
Feb 20	Fred & Ginny Russler	Erick Jensen
Feb 27	Terry & Gloria Howe	Shirley Jooss

Fellowship Hour (Between Services)

Feb 6	Sue Heil
Feb 13	Shirley Hoogacker
Feb 20	Lila Pohlman
Feb 27	Sue Dorow

Acolytes		Children's Time
Feb 6	Need Volunteer	Kay Odegaard
Feb 13	Need Volunteer	Liz Lokensgard
Feb 20	Need Volunteer	Brian/Lori Guttormsen
Feb 27	Hannah Arntsen & Nikki Bouzek	Jann Seidl

10:30 am Praise Team Service

Ushers (Captains in bold, underlined type)
Craig Christensen, Eric Christensen, Dan & Glennis Schuelke

Readers		Altar Care
Feb 6	Jean Haese	Dorothy Deeg
Feb 13	Karen Kapocius	Judy Natz
Feb 20	Mary Robertson	Marita Wagner
Feb 27	Nancy Scheuerman	**Need Vol.**

Communion Assistants

Feb 6	Dorothy Deeg
Feb 13	Karen & Kyle Kapocius
Feb 20	Jeff Dorow & Marita Wagner
Feb 27	Tom & Nancy Scheuerman

Greeters

	West Entrance	East Entrance
Feb 6	Steve & Dena Krueger	Marita Wagner
Feb 13	Gerald/Sandy LeMoine	Judy Van Elzen
Feb 20	Ron & Mary Robertson	Lisa Dorn
Feb 27	Tom & Nancy Scheuerman	Kay Kemppainen

Pew Racks

Jan 30 & Feb 6	Melva Miller
Feb 13 & 20	Kay Schulze
Feb. 27 & Mar 6	Jan Liebscher

Acolytes		Children's Time
Feb 6	Jazmin Wilson	Amy Kopischke
Feb 13	Need Volunteer	Jennifer Cornelius
Feb 20	Jazmin Wilson	Amie Olson
Feb 27	**Need Volunteer**	Amy Driscoll

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LOAVES & FISHES

Jan. 3 Janice Liebscher
Jan 10 Lorna Dorn
Jan 17 Need Volunteer
Jan 24 Need Volunteer

To sign up, contact Lisa Christensen at 749-1795.
Thank you..

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH INCOME AND EXPSENSES THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2010

Total Income:	$262,602
Total Expenses:	286,897
Net loss for the current year:	(24,296)
Equity Level (available cash):	$(42,972)
Balance in checking account:	40,867
Remaining mortgage balance:	$ 94,563

A complete financial statement is available in the church office upon request.

ALTAR FLOWERS – 2011

We ask everyone to consider contributing to the glory of God and to the beautification of our Sunday altar. Each Sunday we have two fresh bouquets that are donated by church members.

The Flower Chart for 2011 has been posted in the West Narthex and is waiting for you to sign up for your favorites Sunday of the year. It is common to have donors select a Sunday that honors or memorializes a loved one's special event: birthday, baptism, anniversary, graduation, or any celebrations. Each donor decides what they want to be written in the Sunday bulletin for the description of their flower
donation. Nancy Scheuerman will contact each donor the week before the donation and request the wording for the Sunday bulletin.

We ask that donors sign up for an individual Sunday and please print your name clearly so that we can contact you by phone the week before your selected date. The cost remains $28.00 for the two bouquets and is payable to the church office at any time. Please note that your payment is for flowers and for the Sunday that you are donating flowers for. You may then pick up the flowers following the second service on the Sunday.

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Scheuerman at 731-9847.

FOUNDATION GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Trinity Foundation Grants Committee will meet soon to consider grant requests. Remember the Foundation exists to provide resources for special projects or programs:

- Which would seem likely to enrich or provide some special benefit to the spiritual life of the congregation;
- Which would provide some worthy addition or improvement to the congregation's facilities, not likely of achievement through other channels;
- Which would give needed assistance or support to a worthy individual or family or worthy Christian enterprise or program.

Any grant requests need to be submitted to the church office no latter than **Friday, January 14th.** Request forms are available in the church office

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AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

⇒ Snowbirders, would you please give the office your winter address, as well as your departure date from Appleton and your return date to Appleton? FYI...the church pays postage on *any* mail that is returned. We want you to continue to receive Trinity news while you are gone. Thanks!

Year-End Contributions

⇒ The year-end contribution statements will be mailed the first week in January. Please review them carefully and advise me of any corrections by **Wednesday, January 12, 2011** after which I will be closing out the database for 2010. Also, please understand that once the system is closed out for 2010 it will <u>not</u> allow any changes or corrections.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter!

Chris Calhoun

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WORD FOR THE WEEK

January 2	Matthew 2:1-12 …	God's gifts unify humankind; our response is to share.
January 9	Matthew 3:13-17 …	Lord, you have called me by name, I am yours.
January 16	John 1:29-42 …	What are you looking for? Come and see.
January 23	Matthew 4:12-23 …	Caught in the net of God's grace, life is transformed.
January 30	Matthew 5:1-12 …	God's blessing is the foundation upon which we live.

TRINITY'S CHURCH COUNCIL

Tom Scheuerman, President 731-9847
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Feel free to contact any of these individuals with your thoughts, needs, or concerns

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