

GTZ PARISH NEWS

Grace - Trinity - Zion

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

March 2011

"Reaching out in faith, hope and love."

Life is a Practice

"Are we talking about *practice*?" So said the former NBA player Allen Iverson once in a press conference...he was implying practice doesn't count...only games do. Well, maybe that's true in basketball, but life is one continual practice.

Yes, when we "practice" our faith it is real. There are no "practice" prayers, just real ones. The sermons we preach are real, we are not practicing. A song sung is our praise and our prayer all in one. When we read the Bible, ponder a verse, reflect on its meaning...we are living out our faith.

The other day during a visit with a GTZ member in the physical therapy room... the parishioner talked as she flexed her ankles on a little piece of exercise equipment. Only weeks out of surgery she was already walking a bit on a new hip joint. Exercise (in the proper amount, in the proper way) is beneficial in the healing process. Most of the time it can be painful to exercise...but the little efforts we make have been proven to increase blood flow, strengthen muscles, increase the flexibility of joints and tendons and thus promote healing...many of you know this first hand.

Lent will soon be upon us. It too is a time of faithful "physical therapy", a time to deepen our "practice" of faith. It is good and beneficial to worship regularly, to spend time in daily prayer and Bible reading. It is even better to engage in faithful conversations with others, to visit someone homebound or in assisted living, to help with the worship duties of ushering or greeting or distributing Holy Communion. It is a great time to send a card or bring a meal over to someone's house who may be home after a hospital stay. Now is a good time to say "hello" and make a new friend within the GTZ parish.

Inside this newsletter are opportunities for worship and study and service across our three congregations. There is something for you to do, a practice to engage in, a fellowship opportunity you can participate in...a life of faith awaits you. Jesus says, "Come follow me."

You are invited to GTZ Lenten Worship and Fellowship...Wednesdays at noon at the Linwood Place commons of the Fox Valley Lutheran Homes...425 N. Linwood Ave., Appleton. These services begin on March 16 and continue through April 13. Come for worship. Stay for a delicious soup lunch. All are welcome.

Pastor Judy Deckert Pastor Mary Beth Pastor Kurt 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

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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.

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.

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MARCH 2011: WORD FOR THE WEEK

March 6: Transfiguration of Our Lord - Exodus 24:12-18; Ps 2 or 99; 1 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9 ...
Mountain top experiences are great, but notice that no one lives on the top of mountains.

March 9: Ash Wednesday - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Ps 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10;
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 13: 1st Sunday in Lent - Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Ps 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11 ...
Lead us not into temptation. Save us from the time of trial. Keep us steadfast in your Word.

March 20: 2nd Sunday in Lent - Genesis 12:1-4a; Ps 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 ...
What is Jesus pointing at? And what are you pointing at?

March 27: 3rd Sunday in Lent - Exodus 17:1-7; Ps 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42 ...
Bring your empty bucket to the well, Jesus offers living water to quench our fevered thirst.

GTZ Matters:

Caring Ministry in the Parish:

#1 Reminder: Please bring in or mail your completed GTZ Health Team church survey. Thank you, we will keep you posted on the results.

#2 Attention GTZ Care Team volunteers (old and new)!

We will be holding a gathering for all of you to meet each other and celebrate a new venture with our tri-parish collaboration.

WHEN: Sunday, March 13 at * 12:00 noon *
Lunch will be provided

WHERE: FVLHomes- Linwood Commons
425 N. Linwood Ave., Appleton

Judy Zich and Pastor Kurt Kovanen will provide a short informational session. Please RSVP to Judy Zich 450-7997 by March 10 so we can plan lunch accordingly.

#3 ALL are invited on March 2 at 1pm in Zion Mutual Home's downstairs fellowship room (115 E. Winnebago St) to participate in a fun and motivational program presented by Karen Dickerill, UW Extension Outagamie County Family Services, entitled: "Shape up your Memory".

This same program will also be offered at FVL Homes-Linwood Commons at 425N. Linwood Ave., on Thursday, March 24 at 1:00p.m.

Any questions? Call Judy Zich at 450-7997.

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.

"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.

Helping the Homeless: Zion & Grace will be collecting NEW hygiene and cleaning items for local homeless shelters and crisis agencies through WEMI & WEMY Radio's 19th annual "Help for the Homeless" campaign March 1 – 27, 2011. Please place your donations in the *Help for the Homeless* collection box located in the Nathex by March 27th at Zion. Supplying these items to the shelters will help them direct their limited resources to providing qualified staff, counseling, food and shelter to those they serve. Most requested items include laundry detergent, garbage bags, dental and hair care items, diapers and baby care, tissue, etc. Your donations will remain in this community. Thank you! For more details visit www.ChristianFamilyRadio.net or call 800-236-9364. Grace members can contact Melissa Grammont at 202-1616 or email madeby-mel@gmail.com

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?

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.

GTZ Update:

Can you feel the excitement?

Just over one year ago the GTZ Covenant was approved along with the GTZ Parish calls to our three pastors. As part of the covenant which took effect on May 1, 2010, our three congregations empowered the Vision Team to create a vision for our newly formed parish and to present that vision to the Parish Advisory Council in March of 2011. The Parish Council received a preview of that Vision at our February meeting, and we are excited. Its final form will be presented to the Parish Council in late March and to the congregations in April. Your input is vital, so plan on attending one of the roll out meetings, and feel the excitement too.

Since May we have begun the process of getting to know each other and to begin to work as a whole on spreading the love of God to our friends, neighbors and co-workers. Looking back let's celebrate what we've done so far:

- We have made great strides in Christian education for our youth. A few examples are joint confirmation classes and outreach projects, joint mission trips to put that faith in action, our youth choir that enhances worship at all three congregations.
- Our GTZ Care Team consisting of members from all three congregations along with the pastors and Zion's Parish Nurse Judy work tirelessly to visit our hospitalized, home bound and members in need.
- Our GTZ Fellowship Team is working to bring us closer together, meet new people and have fun. We've come together for Haiti earthquake relief, we've cheered on the Brewer's and Timber Rattlers, supported the Warming Shelter through the proceeds of our Oktoberfest booth and had good old fashioned fun at the summer picnic
- We've listened to God's plans for us in joint worship for Lent, Advent, Pentecost and the installation of our pastors. We offer joint bible studies and numerous opportunities throughout the parish to "Reach out in faith, hope and love" to our members and world around us.

The GTZ parish is still in its infancy stage, but many dedicated members are working long and hard to move us from baby steps to the long strides of adulthood. We would like to challenge you to participate in the Vision process and feel the excitement of GTZ for yourself. For this adventure in faith to succeed we need your ideas, your time and talents and of course your prayers and encouragement.

Don't just come to camp for the summer! Crossways runs year round and offers a number of programmed events in every season. These programs run for all different age groups and allow you to experience God's creation in a variety of settings. To see what retreats and events are coming up call the Appleton Office at 920-882-0023 with any questions!

Men's Retreat

March 4-5, 2011 at Imago Dei Village

This retreat will provide you with a comfortable forum to get away from the stresses of the daily grind and help you focus on the important spiritual aspects of your life. Gather in comfort for time spent studying the Bible and in fellowship with the guys. Join us for a weekend of devotions and time together as Pastor Bill Schroeder will lead us on a journey using stories of faith in the outdoors.

Crafting, Quilting & Scrapbooking

When was the last time you got away? Head to camp and meet new and old friends while you work on quilting, scrapbooking, stamping, beading, cross-stitching, knitting or ANY project you've dreamed of starting or finishing. Relax, have fun and play; this retreat is for crafters of all kinds. Bring your own projects and supplies, and use this uninterrupted time away to let your creativity flow!

Quilting Retreat at Waypost Camp: March 1-3, 2011
Scrapbooking Retreat (FULL) at Waypost Camp
March 4-6, 2011

Youth Retreat - BYG (Building Youth Groups) at Imago Dei Village for 3rd-5th graders: start early to build the bonds your youth group needs to function. The BYG camp experience can be a foundation block in building group unity at an early age.
March 18-20, 2011

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 Time - Weds. @ Zion 7:35-8:30pm
Peer Ministry - Sundays @ Zion 9:15-10:15am
!BLAST! - March 4-6 @ Pine Lake Camp
Youth Quake-Zone - March 4-6 @ the Dells
Cinnamon Roll Sunday @ Grace - March 13

CONFIRMATION

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

March 2 - "Resurrection & Eternal Life"

March 9 - Ash Wednesday - Attend Worship - no class

March 16 - "Radical Hospitality"

March 23 - "Passionate Worship"

Questions? Contact Pastor Mary Beth or your small group guide.

DELLS YOUTH QUAKE-ZONE

We'll be boarding the bus at TRINITY for the Quake-Zone at Chula Vista Resort - Wisconsin Dells, at 3:45pm, Friday, March 4. Don't forget to pack a bag supper with a capped soda to enjoy on the bus ride there. Also, you'll need extra \$\$ for lunch on Saturday, t-shirts, CDs, and late night pizza! You also may bring snacks and sodas to share with your roommates at the hotel. We'll board the bus at 11:00am on Sunday and we'll be back at TRINITY around 1:30pm on Sunday!

!BLAST!

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

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

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 Bi-

ble 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! Talk to Pastor Mary Beth if you're interested in going to Pine Lake Camp!

30 HOUR FAMINE

It was an AWESOME faith-filled hunger experience as 14 youth fasted and raised funds to feed the hungry. \$310 was raised... the youth also did grocery gleaning at Copsps on Ballard & Wisconsin and Sav-A-Lot in Little Chute to collect canned goods to donate to St. Joe's Food Pantry. We "broke the fast" with Holy Communion followed by a potluck supper! Special thanks to Kay Kempainen (Trinity) and Deb Robinson (Zion) for their leadership! Thanks to all the parents who brought food for our "feast". Thanks to all those who offered pledges, canned goods, or prayers to support those who are hungry!

SUMMER CAMP IS NEAR!

Summer Camp offers a variety of fun and fantastic opportunities for campers in grades 1-12 and families of all shapes and sizes. Pick up a brochure or go online to learn more about summer camping programs available for ALL ages at the Camps of Crossways: Imago Dei Village, between Clintonville and Shawano, Pine Lake Camp, south of Waupaca, and Waypost Camp, southeast of Wausau. Visit www.CrosswaysCamps.org or call 882-0023 for more information. HURRY! **Register early to save big money on Summer Camp this year!** Save \$10-\$40 on registrations submitted online or postmarked by **March 15, 2011**. Talk to Pastor Mary Beth... we have camperships available!

MISSION TRIP NEWS

March 6 - NO Mission Trip Meeting

March 13 - Cinnamon Roll Sunday @ Grace

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.

Noonhour Philosophers

Meets 12pm-1pm Upper Auditorium at Trinity

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| <u>March 2</u> | Title Forthcoming
Dr. John Touissant, CEO of
Thedacare Center for Health Care
Value |
| <u>March 9</u> | The Center for Grieving Children:
A Community-based Grief Support
Program - Loris Damerow, Director,
Center for Grieving Children, Boys
and Girls Club |
| <u>March 16</u> | TBA |
| <u>March 23</u> | Deliberative Democracy
Irene Strohbeen, Innovation and
New Product Development
Consultant and Adjunct Professor,
MSOE |
| <u>March 30</u> | Life on the School Board
Sharon Fenlon, President, Board of
Education, Appleton Area School
District |

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.

Interested in Adopting a Child?



Lutheran Social Services
of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc.

Receive answers to your adoption questions at our next FREE Orientation Meeting.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in adopting a child, Lutheran Social Services (LSS) is hosting informational adoption orientation meetings in your area. Hear more about the adoption process; learn the difference between domestic and international adoption, including eligibility requirements, fees, and more. LSS Adoption Social Workers will be available to answer your questions on-site. The meetings are *FREE* of charge, but registration is required. To register today, call Amy Conway at (920) 730-1361 or e-mail Amy.Conway@lsswis.org.

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| What: | LSS Adoption Orientation Meetings | | | | | | | | | | |
| Where: | 3003 N. Richmond Street
Appleton, WI 54911 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| September 8 th | October 6 th | | | | | | | | | | |
| November 3 rd | December 1 st | | | | | | | | | | |
| Time: | 5:30 pm | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cost: | <i>FREE</i> , but registration is required | | | | | | | | | | |

Visit us online at www.lssadopt.org

March 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sunday Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Zion 8:30am Pipe Organ-Trinity 9:00am Grace 10:30am Praise Worship - Trinity Sun. Fellowship/Christian Ed: 9:15am Zion 9:35am Trinity 10:00am Grace		1 8:30am Quilters-G 8:45am GTZ Health Coord. Mtg 10:00am Staff Mtg-T & Z 5:00pm W/M Mtg-Z 6:00pm Wor/Music Mtg-G	2 See Box at Bottom Right 1:00pm Shape Up Your Memory-ZMH 6:00pm Kingdom, Confirmation, Bells at Z 7:00pm Choir - Z	3 8:30am Quilting - Z 9:00am LEAVEN - Z 12:00pm AA - T 6:00pm Mtg - Z 6:00pm Quilters - T 7:30pm AA - T	4 Dell's Quake 9:00am Bible Study at Grace	5 Dell's Quake 6:00pm Worship - Z Bus Avail.
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A WORD FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Members of Trinity

At the annual meeting a group study called Passionate Worship was introduced. This is a study of how we worship. We will look at how we worship to evaluate things we do well and things we might need to improve on. Passionate worship is a continuing process where we all need to look at not only what gets us excited but what will excite others.

I am excited to go through this program and list ways for me to get more out of worship. I am also eager to hear what other people in Trinity think about worship. As a council member it is sometimes hard to know what excites our congregation and what would possibly excite a visitor into joining our church.

If you can't make it to the Passionate Worship Study I hope you will give some thought to the following questions and give the council some feedback.

1. What is Trinity doing well during worship?
2. How can we be more inviting to potential new members?
3. What kind of attitude and eagerness do we bring to worship?
4. What do you think Trinity ought to change to make our worship better?
5. What does Passionate worship mean to you?

Trinity does a lot of good things in worship as it is now, but we have to always be looking to better ourselves.

Yours in Christ

Randy Schuelke,
Congregational President

Lent at Trinity

Ash Wednesday is March 9th.

Trinity will host a 12:00 noon service and one at 7:00 p.m.

For the next five Wednesdays (March 16, 23, 30, April 6, and April 13) Trinity will gather for worship at 7:00 p.m. After worship there will be fellowship time and a light snack and beverages available in the upper auditorium. All are invited.

If you are willing to provide a snack or beverage please call Sandy LeMoine (729-9641) to volunteer

February 17, 2011

Dear Members of Partner Congregations:

We are writing to express a SINCERE THANK YOU to our member congregations for their past and continuing support of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes and our mission of helping to keep older adults living in their own homes/apartments for as long as possible with just a little help.

Your congregation and its members have supported us in many ways including saving hygiene items, monetary contributions of individuals, volunteering to help at events at Linwood Commons and Loaves & Fishes Meal Site, driving people to doctor/therapy appointments, taking people personal /grocery shopping, etc. The list goes on and on and these acts of kindness are so very much appreciated by our older adults who can no longer drive, have no family to help, or just appreciate a friendly visit once in a while. We also have dedicated volunteers from our Member Congregations who serve on our Board of Directors.

Along with this heartfelt Thank You is a request to consider including Fox Valley Lutheran Homes in your annual budget. Grant dollars are getting more and more difficult to acquire so we need your support more than ever to do our mission. Continuing individual contributions of time and money in any amount are gratefully accepted.

If you have questions, would like to volunteer some time, or just want additional information, please do not hesitate to call us at 734-7225.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Muggenthaler

A Summary of the Official Trinity Congregation Council Minutes from the February 15, 2011 Meeting

Present: Randy Schuelke, Ruth Marquardt, Jean Haese, Leanne Meidam-Wincentsen, Greg Geiger, Tom Scheuerman, Pastor Kurt Kovanen, David Otts, Steve Schulze

- Randy Schuelke, Church Council President, opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.
- The meeting minutes from January were distributed and approved.
- The Trinity January Financial Report was reviewed, noting the income was higher in January 2011 than in January 2010, but attendance was lower than last year. There were 5 Sundays in January accounting for some of it. The financial report was approved.
- David Otts gave the GTZ Vision Team update. A similar update will be given to the joint council of all three GTZ church councils on February 28, 2011. The Vision Team is on track to deliver their report on March 28th to the GTZ Parish Advisory Council (PAC).

GTZ Historical Review

Discussion regarding the GTZ parish and our direction as Trinity Lutheran Church was shared. Leadership of Grace, Zion and Trinity realized we can do more with three congregations working together rather than separately. The initial goals of sustaining and strengthening the churches remain. Less than one year into the covenant all realize the need to continually build relationships within the parish in order for this to happen.

Tom Scheuerman gave the GTZ Parish Advisory Council update. The PAC is currently reviewing the term calls for the three pastors; in addition the PAC is looking for ways to have combined worship service opportunities across the GTZ parish.

New Business

The noon-time Good Friday service was discussed. For over 50 years, Trinity has been involved in an ecumenical service with the downtown churches. Our GTZ partners (Zion and Grace) have traditionally joined with other Appleton ELCA churches. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to join with our GTZ Parish partners (Grace and Zion) and the other ELCA churches for the noon-time Good Friday worship.

Ministry Teams:

- Property Concerns were discussed; council will review issues and recruit volunteers. New fire alarm system is being installed. Fundraising for the system will be discussed at next month's meeting.
- "Council liaisons"...Tom Scheuerman—the Mutual Ministry Team, David Otts—Worship and Praise Team, and Steve Schulze and Randy Schuelke—Property Committee.
- Passionate Worship...The group leaders are contacting their members and setting meeting times. Additional inviting of folks who did not sign up will occur. The purpose of passionate worship is to help people get excited about worship, find out what will make visitors want to be here and worship, and join our church.
- Trinity Foundation Grants: Requests have been received. Grants Committee will review/approve them.
- Weber Report: The question raised at the annual meeting was "answered" satisfactorily by Pastor Mary Beth, her memo is attached to the "official" minutes.

The meeting concluded with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Marquardt, Trinity Congregation Council Secretary

A Message from Marie Crosby

I wish to sincerely thank the members of Trinity Lutheran Church who have become most dear to me over these many years. I have been especially touched by the outpouring of support during my recent surgery and illness and the wonderful gift at Christmas. God is good. I love you all and miss you very much. I have now moved closer to family: Woodside Lutheran Homes, 1040 Pilgrim Way, Green Bay, WI 54304

Volunteer Worship Schedule for March 2011

If you can't serve when scheduled, please find a substitute. And please notify the church office of the change (734-9895)

8:30 am Pipe Organ Service

Ushers (Captains in bold, underlined type)

James Rasmussen, Jim Hemmen, **Need 2 Vol.**

Mar 9 7 pm Erick & Mary Jo Jensen

10:30 am Praise Team Service

Ushers (Captains in bold, underlined type)

Steve Krueger, Dena Krueger, Tom & Nancy Scheuerman

Readers

Mar 6 Phil Johnson Lois Small & Nita Williams

Mar 9 7 pm Ron Williams Ron Williams

Mar 13 John Palmquist Liz Lokensgard

Mar 20 Linda White Kay Odegaard

Mar 27 Jerry Lokensgard Carolyn Jones

Altar Care

Readers

Mar 6 Jean Haese

Altar Care

Judy Natz

Mar 13 Craig Christensen Marita Wagner

Mar 20 **Need Volunteer** Dorothy Deeg

Mar 27 Mary Robertson **Need Volunteer**

Communion Assistants

Mar 6 Phil Johnson

Mar 9 7 pm **Need Volunteer**

Mar 13 John & Carol Palmquist

Mar 20 Linda White & Kay Odegaard

Mar 27 Jerry Lokensgard & Bruce Kovanen

Communion Assistants

Mar 6 Jean Haese

Mar 13 Craig & Lisa Christensen

Mar 20 Dorothy Deeg & Larry Vaubel

Mar 27 Brian & Lee Ann Still

Greeters

West Entrance

Mar 6 Tom & Debbie Breen Marilyn Schucknecht

Mar 9 7 pm **Need Volunteers**

Mar 13 Mike & Charlotte Dorow Marilyn Kersten

Mar 20 Gary & Nance Bayer Carolyn Jones

Mar 27 Kathy Kuck & Charles Pasch

Dorothy Warren

East Entrance

Greeters

East Entrance

Mar 6 Gerald & Sandy LeMoine Kay Kemppainen

Mar 13 Gail & Blake Romenesko Judy Van Elzen

Mar 20 Dan & Glennis Schuelke Shirley Jooss

Mar 27 Ron & Mary Robertson Marita Wagner

Fellowship Hour (Between Services)

Mar 6 Sandy LeMoine

Mar 13 Carolyn Jones

Mar 20 Karen Kapocius

Mar 27 Liz Lokensgard

Pew Racks

Feb 27 & Mar 6 Jan Liebscher

Mar 13 & 20 Maxine Zuelzke

Mar 27 & Apr 3 Gloria Howe

Acolytes

Mar 6 Jazmin Wilson

Mar 9 7pm **Need Volunteer** Not scheduled

Mar 13 **Need Volunteer** Kathy Kuck

Mar 20 Hannah Arntsen Kay Odegaard

Nikki Bouzek

Mar 27 **Need Volunteer** Liz Lokensgard

Children's Time

Sue Ruppel

Acolytes

Mar 6 Hannah Arntsen &

Nikki Bouzek

Mar 13 Samantha Wojnowski Jennifer Cornelius

Mar 20 **Need Volunteer** Amie Olson

Mar 27 **Need Volunteer**

Children's Time

Amy Kopischke

Amy Driscoll

Send acolyte reminder cards Lee Ann Still
will be open for

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

Volunteer Worship Schedule for April 2011

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute. Also please 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

Apr 22 7 pm Jean Haese & Judy Natz

10:30 am Praise Team Service

Ushers (Captains in bold, underlined type)

James Kister, Jeffrey Dorow, Nathan Kister, **Need Vo.**

Readers

Apr 3	Judy Boncher	Lorna Dorn/Kay Odegaard
Apr 10	Debbie Breen	Nita Williams
Apr 17	Erick Jensen	Lois Small
Apr 22 7pm	Steven Krueger	Ron Williams
Apr 24	Joyce Schoepel	Millie Mohr

Altar Care

Readers

Apr 4	Jean Haese	Judy Natz
Apr 10	Nancy Scheuerman	Kay Odegaard
Apr 17	Need Vol.	Need Vol.
Apr 24	Craig Christensen	Marita Wagner

Altar Care

Communion Assistants

Apr 3	Kathy Kuck
Apr 10	Gerald & Sandy LeMoine
Apr 17	Erick Jensen & Sharon Helms
Apr 22 7 pm	Steven Krueger & Ron Williams
Apr 24	Lou & Joyce Schoepel

Communion Assistants

Apr 3	Jean Haese
Apr 10	Tom and Nancy Scheuerman
Apr 17	Gail Romenesko & Need Vol.
Apr 24	Craig & Lisa Christensen

Greeters

West Entrance

Apr 3	Peter & Jeanne Beckley	Lois Small
Apr 10	Gerald & Sandy LeMoine	Phil Johnson
Apr 17	Jim & Janet Hemmen	Dorice Feltheim

East Entrance

Greeters

West Entrance

Apr 3	Gail & Blake Romenesko	Lisa Dorn
Apr 10	Tom/Nancy Scheuerman	Judy Van Elzen
Apr 17	Steve & Dena Krueger	Kay Kempainen

East Entrance

Apr 22 7pm **Need Volunteers**

Apr 24 Ken & Marilyn Schukencht Erick Jensen

Apr 24 Dan & Glennis Schuelke Shirley Jooss

Fellowship Hour (Between Services)

Apr 3	Lois Small
Apr 10	Tom & Debbie Breen
Apr 17	Dena Krueger
Apr 24	Need Volunteer

Pew Racks

Mar 27 & Apr 3	Gloria Howe
Apr 10 & 17	Carolyn Jones
Apr 24 & May 1	Terry Howe

Acolytes

Apr 3	Need Volunteer	Brian/Lori Guttormsen
Apr 10	Need Volunteer	Jann Seidl
Apr 17	Need Volunteer	Sue Ruppel
Apr 22 7 pm	Need Volunteer	Not Scheduled
Apr 24	Hannah Arntsen & Nikki Bouzek	Kathy Kuck

Children's Time

Acolytes

Apr 3	Samantha Wojnowski	Amy Kopischke
Apr 10	Need Volunteer	Jennifer Cornelius
Apr 17	Hannah Arntsen & Nikki Bouzek	Amie Olson
Apr 24	Need Volunteer	Amy Driscoll

Children's Time

Send acolyte reminder cards Lee Ann Still

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LOAVES & FISHES

Mar. 7 Need Volunteer

Mar. 14 Sharon Radke

Mar. 21 Need Volunteer

Mar. 28 Need Volunteer

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH INCOME AND EXPENSES THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2011

Total Income:	\$31,357
Total Expenses:	<u>24,724</u>
Net gain for the current year:	\$ 6,633
Equity Level (available cash):	(\$35,948)
Remaining mortgage balance:	\$92,307

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

TRINITY'S CHURCH COUNCIL

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

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