



Trinity
Tidings

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Come Away with Me to a Lonely Place.”

Read: Luke 9:28-36; Mark 14:32-42

What kind of company are you when you are alone? Do you listen sympathetically to your own most inward fears and doubts? Are you able to offer yourself encouragement and hope when failures and losses have circled and isolated you even from your closest friend? Can you sit by yourself and be comfortable with the silence?

Luke, the Gospel writer, tells us that Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed (Luke 5:16). Sometimes He took His disciples along. On at least two occasions He took James, John, and Peter with Him to a lonely place for prayer. Those two occasions bracket the church season of Lent.

On the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter, John, and James watched as Jesus stood and talked with Elijah and Moses about events that would soon take place in Jerusalem and on Calvary. In a lonely garden the same three disciples waited and dozed while Jesus prayed fervently to His heavenly Father for strength to complete His mission.

Some people have said that the biggest problem individuals face today is isolation and loneliness in a world with so many encounters but so few connections. God invites Himself into our lonely places. He is ready to sit quietly while we tell Him of the hurt and the loss that has us all wrapped up and cut off from family members and closest friends.

Jesus is comfortable there with us because He was alone in Gethsemane, before Pilate, and on Calvary. While the disciples were busy trying to sort out their priorities and decide what they could do to protect themselves, Jesus, by Himself, took up the fears of all people of every time and place. He carried the failures that crush you and me. He owned the nagging knowledge of guilt that accuses you and me when the stillness of the night will not let us lose ourselves in busyness.

And now, Jesus invites us to come away to Golgotha with Him, to that lonely place of the Skull, to hear His words as he speaks to anyone who will listen — and to those too preoccupied to care! His words ring across the centuries from one lonely hill to thousands of lonely lives. We hear the spiritual mystery of God's love for us and His gift of spiritual life to us.

— Pastor Franke



BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1. Marsha Shelton
- 3/4. Megan Ross
- 3/5. Melissa Smith
- 3/9. Cody Ross
- 3/11. Michael Mendiola
- 3/12. Preston Streight
- 3/12. John Marta
- 3/14. Jackie Moerbe
- 3/14. Don Strasheim
- 3/16. Erm Mueller
- 3/16. Hunter Saenz
- 3/18. Shirley Klein
- 3/19. Larry Hale
- 3/19. Diane Lopez
- 3/20. Nathan Vodicka
- 3/22. Shelby Newkirk
- 3/24. Teri Stapleton
- 3/24. Tiffany Murphy
- 3/24. Tracy Daffron
- 3/25. Roseann Broman
- 3/25. Tom Crow
- 3/26. Jordan Allin
- 3/28. Jenny Hunsaker
- 3/28. Patti Everett
- 3/31. Isabel Petersen

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

- 3/4. Katherine Brawner
- 3/5. Evelyn Strasheim
- 3/5. Kaitlynn Birnbaum
- 3/5. Rylin Helmick
- 3/10. Danielle Arispe
- 3/19. Tammy Gerberding
- 3/22. David Prinz
- 3/22. Christin Vega
- 3/27. Paula Ryan
- 3/30. Connie Roper
- 3/30. Megan Ross

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/10. Jim & Carol Newkirk
- 3/20. Noe & Kim Perez
- 3/24. Charles & Carol Anne Davis
- 3/26. Paul & Vicki Loeffler

Lutheran Hour

- Mar. 6. www.lhm.org
2 Peter 1:16
"Eyewitnesses of His Majesty"
- Mar. 13. Matthew 4:1-11
"Sinful Shortcuts"
- Mar. 20. John 3:5
"Wearing a White Hat"
- Mar. 27. TBA

Reminder

"Mite Box Sunday" is the first Sunday of each month. Just drop your loose change in the wooden Mite Box in the Narthex. Money collected from Mite Boxes supports mission projects of the LWML. Special thanks for your February contributions of \$35.64!

Vital Statistics
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Date	Combined Attendance	Offering
2/6	118.	\$6,858.08
2/13	136.	\$3,211.00
2/20	161.	\$3,007.00

Average Attendance

Feb 09.	104
Feb 10.	146
Feb 11.	138

Directory Changes

- CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE:**
- Ronnie Grant 361-425-7707
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 - M/M Ted Turner, Sr., 361-991-8281
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Shrove Tuesday
PANCAKE SUPPER and Sing-Along



Please join us Tuesday, March 8, for Trinity's Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Sing-Along at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The evening will also include bring-your-own skillet pancake flipping contests for all ages.

We need volunteers to help set-up/decorate, cook, and clean-up. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact Brooke & Cody Ross at #815-9395. We look forward to seeing you there!



Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 13, 2011

S p r i n g
forward 1 hour

Emilie's TLC Quilting Group

will meet in the Parish Hall, at 9:00 AM each Tuesday in March, *except Shrove Tuesday*, to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We gladly accept donations of material and sheets throughout the year. Come and join us

WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

Paul Stevenson, our new Evangelism Chairman, is creating an E-mail database for Trinity. You are encouraged to send your E-mail address directly to Paul at pstevenson1326@yahoo.com. This channel of communication with the congregation is a key tool in keeping you informed about our church events/activities.

OUR LENTEN THEME: "A Great Exchange Indeed"

It was with the incarnation of the Son of God that the great exchange took place: "He took up our flesh and took on our sin, that we might receive the righteousness of God." On Ash Wednesday, March 9, we will consider "**Adam: Dust of Death.**" In the Garden of Eden, the man Adam exchanged the breath of life for the dust of death, but God in his everlasting love for humanity promised to change things back again. He would do it through one of Eve's children, who by his death would release us from the dust of death.

Mid week themes will follow this schedule:

- March 16 – "**Abraham: Priest of Moriah.**"
- March 23 – "**Moses: Prophet of Atonement.**"
- March 30 – "**Samson: Blemished Sacrifice.**"
- April 6 – "**David: Champion of Israel.**"
- April 13 – "**Esther: Queen of Lots.**"

Holy Thursday will continue the Great Exchange series with "**Jesus: Passover Lamb,**" followed on Good Friday with "**Jesus: Victim of Sin.**"

Please join us for Lenten Worship Services at 7:00 PM.

Mary Martha Circle



The next Mary Martha Circle (LWML) Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8th, at 11:30 AM. All women are invited to attend. Priscilla Robertson will be the topic leader.

Fun Fund Raiser for March: Put 2¢ in the bag for each letter in your name.

LWML is collecting used postage stamps for WORLD RELIEF. The stamps are sold for money to help defray shipping costs for quilts, sweaters, etc. Foreign, commemorative and limited edition stamps are especially desired. Cut used stamps from envelope, leaving 1/4" all around the stamp.

LWML also collects eyeglasses for Lions Club. Look for both collection baskets in the Narthex.

Be sure to check out the various assorted greeting cards available for only 50¢ each, including a new supply of Confirmation cards. See Bea Crawford for special orders of Rada Mfg. Products.

- Diana Amo, Reporter

Tabitha's Table Circle of L.W.M.L.

Dear Ladies of Trinity Lutheran Church

We hope you have taken the time to view **Tabitha's Table Circle** info board in the Narthex these last couple of weeks and will consider joining us at our "table" for Bible Study, projects, and fellowship. As our Circle continues to increase in numbers so will our services here at Trinity and elsewhere.

Order form for the Lutheran Women's Quarterly is available near this display.

The second exhibit, **Mitey Change for Almighty Change**, encourages you in your mites collection and offering. Go to www.lwml.org to download your own 'traveling mite box' label that can be pasted on a small potato chip can and carried in the cup holder of your car for that spare change.

You are welcome to join us Thursday, March 3, 7pm in the Parish Hall; Bible Study discussion is from the Lutheran Women's Quarterly entitled "**Simply Jesus**", re-evaluating our to-do list. Bring a non-perishable item for CC Food Pantry and your mites contribution.

See also the LWML News in each edition of the Lutheran Witness to see how we and others are 'Serving the Lord With Gladness!'

**Lutheran World Relief
"Personal Care Kits"**

Mary Martha Circle is now collecting bath-size bars of soap, any brand in original wrapper, for LWR.

Please place soap in basket in Narthex, from February through April. THANK YOU!

Trinity's 66th Anniversary

The Fellowship Committee will be serving cake and punch, during fellowship time, on Sunday, March 27, in celebration of Trinity's 66th Anniversary.



Come celebrate God's Blessings with us!