

# Trinity Visitor

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## “MOVING FORWARD AS WE MARCH INTO LENT”

**“Generosity”: Your Candle Looses Nothing When It Lights Another.**

As we March into Lent 2006, we are adopting the theme “Moving Forward.” During Lent, we seek to enhance our commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, to renew our shared commitment to the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church and to grow in our commitment of our personal spiritual gifts, time and financial resources. We are all members of the Body of Christ and individually part of God’s purpose and plan of salvation for the world.

John Maxwell in his book, *The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader*, shares insights on the qualities that help grow us into Christian leaders in our homes, our churches and our communities. US President Calvin Coolidge said, “No person was ever honored for what they received. Honor has been the reward for what they gave.”

Maxwell continues: “True generosity isn’t an occasional event. It comes from the heart and permeates every aspect of leader’s lives, touching their time, money, talents, and possessions. Cultivate the quality of generosity in your life. Here’s how:

1. **Be Grateful for Whatever You Have.** It’s hard for a person to be generous when we are not satisfied with what we have. Generosity rises out of contentment, and that doesn’t come with acquiring more... If you’re not content with

little, you won’t be content with a lot. And if you’re not generous with little, you won’t suddenly change when if you become wealthy.

2. **Put People First.** The measure of leaders is not the number of people who serve them, but the number of people they serve. Generosity requires putting others first. If you can do that, giving becomes much easier.

3. **Don’t Allow the Desire for Possessions to Control You.** People can be divided into three groups: “Haves, have-nots, and have not for what they have.” More and more people are becoming enslaved to the desire to acquire...If you want to be in charge of your heart, don’t allow possessions to take charge of you.

4. **Regard Money as a Resource.** Someone once said that when it comes to money, you can’t win. If you focus on making it, you’re materialistic. If you try to but don’t, you’re a loser. If you make a lot and keep it you’re a miser. If you make it and spend it, you’re a spendthrift. If you don’t care about making any, you’re unambitious. If you make a lot and still have it when you die, you’re a fool- for trying to take it with you.

The only way to really win with money is to hold it loosely- and be generous with it to accomplish things of value. As E. Stanley Jones said, ‘Money is a wonderful servant but a terrible master. If it gets

on top and you get under it, you will become its slave.’

5. **Develop a Habit of Giving.** The only way to maintain an attitude of generosity is to make it your habit to give- your time, attention, money and resources. Richard Foster advises, ‘Just the very act of letting go of money, or some other treasure, does something within us. It destroys the demon greed.’

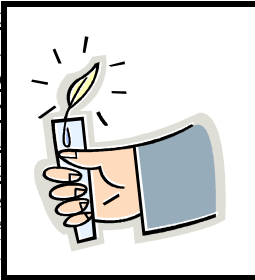
Are you generous? Do you continually look for ways to add value to others? Are you giving money to something greater than yourself? And to whom are you giving your time? Are you pouring your life into others? Are you helping those who cannot help you or give anything in return? Writer John Bunyan affirmed, ‘You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.’ If you aren’t giving in the small areas of your life, you’re probably not as generous a Christian as you could be.

To improve your generosity, do the following:

• **Give something away.** Find out what kind of hold your possessions have on you. Take something you truly value, think of someone you care about who could benefit from it, and give it to them. If you can do it anonymously, even better.

• **Put your money to work.** If you know someone with the vision to do something really great- something that will positively impact the

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**GLOBAL MISSION  
SUNDAY -- THERE'S  
STILL TIME**

February 19 was "Global Mission Sunday." Trinity's global mission projects planned for this year will be financed by the special offering that Sunday and the one held on "Try-A-Tithe Sunday" in October. If you haven't contributed, your gift is needed. "GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY" offering envelopes are in the pew racks. Your envelope can be put in the offering this Sunday or sent to the church office. If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider supporting Trinity's global mission involvement with your special gift.

***Global Mission Ministry  
Team***



Compared to the vast majority of the world's population, we are a country of great wealth and bountiful resources. As God has blessed us, let us continue to be channels of this blessing to others with strong support of the Hunger Appeal and also generous with our gifts of food stuffs to our local Food Pantry.

You can bring your non-perishable food donations anytime during the month of March. We will deliver the food at the end of the month. Our donation of food for February equaled 255 pounds.

Your envelope for World Hunger donation can be found inside this newsletter and in the pew racks.

There are only so many ways to say, "When I was hungry, you fed me." Trinity has done it over & over.

Thank you for your continued support, and God bless you.

The Hunger Task Force

**THRIVENT PROVIDES SUPPLEMENTAL  
FUNDING FOR TRINITY PROGRAMS**

Through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans "Care in Congregations" program, Trinity Lutheran Church organizations (LYO, WOW, Member Care, Congregational Life, WELCA, Sunday School, Choir, etc.) may apply for grants through fund-raising and hands-on service. If your group desires funding for a special project, please make a request in advance of the project, and I will pass it on to Thrivent. Please send your questions to me at the church office. Thanks.

Carol Horstmann, Brian Schou, Jon Palomaki, Congregational Coordinators  
Jim Horstmann, Committee Members

**NEW 3D—DIET, DISCIPLINE AND  
DISCIPLESHIP—OPPORTUNITY**

Interest has been expressed in beginning another 3D group. 3D—Diet, Discipline and Discipleship is a Christian based weight loss program that has enjoyed success in the past here at Trinity.

Spring is a great time to think about jumping on board for healthier living.

**Things 3D has achieved:**

- Steady, healthy weight loss
- Increased awareness of healthy lifestyle choices
- Increased exercise and feeling of well-being

- Feeling stronger and healthier
- Increased discipline for our daily walk with God through devotions
- Support and encouragement from others within the group
- New and renewed friendships

**3D is a twelve week program which involves:**

- Learning about and committing to a healthy, well-balanced diet
- 30 minutes of daily exercise

- 15 minutes of daily devotions
- Commitment to a weekly one hour meeting
- A willing spirit and an openness to a more disciplined way of life

Cost: approximately \$50.00/ person

Please call Julie Blew at 762-3624 for more information. An informational and sign-up meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21st at 7PM for all who are interested. Meeting time will be determined by the group itself upon forming.

**WELCA**

**Anna Unit**—would welcome any woman of the congregation interested in warm fellowship and opportunities for service. We meet at 7:15 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at members' homes. Every meeting includes Bible study from Lutheran Women Today magazine. Our unit participates in the various WELCA activities such as serving coffee hours, assisting with funerals, etc. Our special projects include delivering the altar flowers each Sunday to members of the congregation who are hospitalized or in nursing homes. We also adopt a family at Christmas through

LSSI and enjoy shopping and wrapping gifts for them. Twice a year we facilitate the Equal Exchange Coffee sales and send the profits to World Hunger. Please call Judy Dwyer 799-5334 or Judy Rullman 762-5173 if you would like to visit one of our meetings.

**Lydia Unit**—Lydia was an independent and successful Jewish business woman, known to the people as "seller of purple". She was also a spiritual leader. While she may not have held any church office, she was a spiritual person, and others looked up to her.

We, of the Lydia Unit, are not "sellers of purple", but we do

feel the spirituality that comes from meeting with our friends and learning more about the Bible.

The Lydia Unit, though small, has a close bond and we would like to share that bond with more women of the church.

Our project is to furnish canned foods for the local food pantry. We also assist with the coffee hours, funeral luncheons and wherever we are needed. We meet the third Monday of each month, September through June, at 9:00 am, joining staff in their devotions in the chapel and moving to the multipurpose room. Come join us!

Contact Maxine Neels at 755-6409

# Notes on the Journey

As I write, Lent is approaching. In my country grade school, that meant fish sticks on Fridays. Amongst us kids at the school, we heard that Catholics always had fish on Fridays. We thought that might be alright though, because Mrs. Abraham made great fish sticks. At church that meant Wednesday worship in the evening. I remember being a bit worried about Lent. It was dark and sad, I thought. In some way it was mysterious too, and that was all right. God was mysterious.

I'm getting ready for Lent again. As a pastor I find that I am especially challenged to have it be a spiritually awakening time for me – a time to attend to my own personal spiritual growth and care. It is way too easy to be concerned about everybody else's care but my own. But that shouldn't be the case. The image I have in my head is of the airline steward instructing the passengers to put on their own oxygen masks as they drop from the ceiling, before they put the mask on someone else. I guess that is true for us pastor-folks. If I'm not praying, how can I ask anyone else? If I'm not tithing or worshiping, or reading scripture or what ever else – how can I ask anyone else to do the same?

In the past few years I have tried to do something for my self-care for Lent (e.g., journaling, earlier bed time, reading, exercise), instead of taking something away (e.g., chocolate, desserts). This year I'm combining two things that will promote my physical wholeness and spiritual wholeness. (Remember my earlier "shingle lifting" experience?!) Now, I am

going to combine doing my physical therapy exercises with memorizing scripture!

I've always gained from memorizing scripture but usually did so a few verses at a time. This time I want to memorize a whole story, and I've picked the story of the resurrected Jesus appearing to the believers on the Emmaus Road. (I include the scripture here, in case you are curious or even adventuresome and want to work/walk/exercise along with me.) I truly believe that God wants us to be whole – inside and out!

Strengthening on the journey,  
*Pastor Laura*

## Luke Chapter 24

### The Walk to Emmaus

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>f</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.<sup>g</sup> <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth,<sup>h</sup> who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.<sup>i</sup> Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these

things took place.

<sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

<sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah<sup>j</sup> should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

<sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us<sup>k</sup> while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

<sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*"...Jesus himself  
came near and went  
with them,"*



## THANK YOU

I just want to thank the Youth Group for thinking about my family and myself during a rough time. I know they are also having a troubled time right now. Jennie, Robyn and Dana and Myself just want to say thanks.  
Love Bev Graham

**Congregational Resourcing Event**  
Saturday, March 11th is the Congregational Resourcing Event at Kishwaukee community College in Malta, IL. This event is full of workshops that bring practical ideas and resources for congregations.

Everyone is encouraged to come, learn, share, and take something home to help his or her local congregation. Peter Marty, host of Grace Matters (the radio ministry of the ELCA), will be the keynote presenter. This year's theme is "Woven Together by Grace." More information and online registration is available at [www.nisynod.org/cre](http://www.nisynod.org/cre) or contact Anne Williams at 309-762-3624..

## FROM THE EDUCATION MINISTER'S DESK...

Adult Education Just Keeps Getting Better!

I have to admit that adult education is one of my favorite things. Every time I get a chance to teach I jump in and have a blast every time! (I adore teaching everyone of all ages, really...) We have had a rash of amazing and insightful classes recently. From classes on Paul and prayer to the creation and evolution and religions all over the world, Trinity's got it all! Add to this a recent daylong retreat on spiritual gifts, TWO Lent learning opportunities and upcoming spring learning opportunities (more news on this as Lent progresses),

we've got the whole week covered.

This month on Sunday mornings we've got a whole range of classes being offered.

- Pastor Joel will be teaching a class on the **Book of Revelation** in the chapel all month long.
- Dr. Rachel Magdalene is back! She'll be leading a three week session from March 12<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> on **the archaeology of the Bible** meeting the multipurpose Room.
- Do you want to know what's going on the schools in our area? Join

Joe Vermiere March 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in the Blessed Beginnings Room.

### **March 5<sup>th</sup>:**

- **Jump Start your Journey!** All parents and grandparents or guardians of Sunday School aged children (preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to the Multipurpose Room for conversation and information with Pastor Laura, Anne Williams, Education Minister and Sunday School Shepherds and teachers.

**Lutheran Social Services of Illinois** presentation by Lynda Vogt in the Blessed Beginnings Room.

## CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

### **Required Meeting for all 2<sup>nd</sup> year students**

Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Founders Hall for all students intending to be confirmed in April and a parent/guardian. We will be measuring for robes and getting all the last minute details sorted. If you cannot attend you must call Anne Williams before the event at 762-3624.

### **Sundays in March:**

Required Sunday School!!! The month of March is our last unit of required Sunday School. We will be doing a year end review! Join us in the Faith Builders Sunday School Room.

### **The Great Confirmation Cookie Caper!**

Get ready to have a blast at the third annual Cookie Caper on **March 19<sup>th</sup>** right after 11:00 worship. We'll eat pizza, package cookies and deliver them all over the Quad-Cities!



## JUMPSTART YOUR JOURNEY

Are you...

- Wondering how to help your kids grow in faith?
- Wondering what we do in Journey of Joy that is new this year? (and why we do it!)
- Wondering what to do on Sunday mornings if your family is gone for travel or sports on some weekends and back on others?
- Wondering if you can share your ideas for Journey of Joy?
- Wondering when you can share your gifts for ministry—Journey of Joy—Summer Sunday School—Vacation Bible School?
- Wondering how you can connect what happens on Sunday mornings with the other six days of the week?
- Wondering what happens during the summer for kids and families with Vacation Bible School and on Sundays?

Did you answer "yes" to one or more of these questions?

Then join us!

Who: All Journey of Joy Parents/Grandparents/Guardians and Journey of Joy Shepherds and Teachers

When: Sunday, March 5th  
10:00 — 10:50  
(Learning for All Ages Time)

Where: Multi-purpose Room

Leaders: Pastor Laura

Anne Williams,  
Education

Mary Palomaki, 5th  
grade Shepherd

## ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES DURING LENT

***Lent is Here! So are Lent Devotional Books, Pick One UP!***

The Devotional Book is available in the narthex by the church office or in the Education Minister's office.

We invite you to join us for the next six weeks for a Lenten journey. You have two opportunities to study,

learn and reflect with others from Trinity.

### **Wednesday Evenings: From the Edge of the Crowd by James Sargent**

5:00 pm: Dinner in the Multipurpose Room

5:30 pm: Lenten Learning (you are welcome to eat while learning!)

6:30 pm: Worship in the

Sanctuary.

Childcare available.

### **Tuesday Mornings: Coffee and Conversation: A Lenten Exploration of Spirituality**

10:30 am in the Lounge. We started February 28<sup>th</sup>, but you are always welcome to join us anytime in Lent!

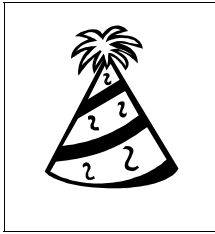
# March 2006

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
**Each Wednesday this month 12:10—Noonday Prayer, Chapel 4:00—Celebration Ringers 4:35—Alleluia Ringers 5:00—Lenten Dinner 5:30—Learning 6:30—Worship with Holy Communion 7:15—Praise Ensemble 7:30—Trinity Choir			1** <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 8:30am-Up 'N Adam, Eve 12:10-Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary 7:30pm-Children's Education Ministry Team	2 1:00-Alternatives for the Older Adult	3	4 8:00am—Men's Lenten Breakfast 10:00-WELCA Lent Brunch & Worship 10:30-LOMC Meeting
5 8:30-Worship with Holy Communion 9:30-Fellowship 10:00-Learning 10:00-Journey of Joy Forum 11:00-Worship with Holy Communion 11:30 LSSI Event 12:30-Bowling Grades 2,3,& 4	6 No Blessed Beginnings 9:00— Staff Devotions & Meeting 3:30-Worship Leadership 6:00-Girl Scouts	7 10:30-Adult Bible Study 6:00-Member Care Cards 7:00-1st Tues. Leadership Teams	8** 11:00-Strength for the Journey 7:30-LYO	9 9:00-Library Workshop 1:00-Alternatives for the Older Adult	10 Blessed Beginnings Friendship Friday	11 Congregational Re-sourcing Event 8:00am—Men's Lenten Breakfast 10:30-Chronic Pain
12 8:30-Worship with Holy Communion 9:30-Fellowship 10:00-Learning 11:00-Worship Roemer Baptism	13 9:00 Staff Devotions & Meeting 11:00—Member Care 3:00-Child Abuse Council	14 9:00-Conv. & Communion 9:00-Senior Board Meeting 10:30-Adult Bible Study 6:30-Trinity Council	15** April Trinity Visitor Deadline 7:30-LYO	16 1:00-Alternatives for the Older Adult 1:00-TLC Book Club 7:15-Anna Unit	17 5:00-Wedding Rehearsal	18 8:00am—Men's Lenten Breakfast 8:45-New Member Class 11:00—Fonger/McCabe Wedding
19 Blew Baptism 8:30-Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30-Fellowship 10:00-Learning 11:00-Worship w/ Holy Communion 12:00 LYO Pizza Fundraiser 12:00-Confirmation Cookie Caper	20 9:00 Staff Devotions & Meeting	21 10:00-ARC 10:30-Adult Bible Study 12:00-Executive Board 5:30-Trinity Supper Club 6:30-Human Resources 6:30-Blessed Beginnings Board 7:00-3D Info Meeting	22** 11:00-Strength for the Journey 7:30-LYO	23 Prison Visit 1:00-Alternatives for the Older Adult	24 12:00-PEO Group, Luncheon following	25 8:00am—Men's Lenten Breakfast 10:30-Chronic Pain
26 8:30-Worship with Holy Communion and Alleluia Ringers 9:30-Fellowship 10:00-Learning 11:00-Worship with Alleluia Ringers	27 Blessed Beginnings Spring Break 9:00 Staff Devotions & Meeting 7:00-The Good Book Club	28 10:30-Adult Bible Study 6:30-Mutual Ministry	29** No LYO	30 1:00-Alternatives for the Older Adult	31	

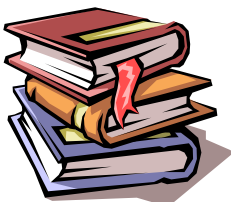
### Wednesday Lenten Services and Events

- **Wednesday, March 1st**—Ash Wednesday Services with Holy Communion at 12:10 and 6:30
- **Wednesday March 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th**, 12:10 Noonday Prayer, Chapel
- **Wednesdays at 5:00**—Lenten Dinner
- **Wednesdays at 5:30**—Learning
- **Wednesday March 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th**, 6:30 Worship with Holy Communion
- **Saturday March 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th**—Men's Lenten Breakfast
- **Tuesday, March 7th**—1st Tuesday for Ministry Leadership Teams



## Baptism

*Brody Michael Meyers was baptized at the 8:30 service on Sunday, February 26th. His parents are Michael and Mindy Meyers, and his sponsors were Kevin and Lisa Gorgal*



**Prayer Chain:  
309-762-3624**

# Happy Birthday!

- 4—Caroline Anthony, Heidi Colton, Richard Eckhardt, Benjamin Griffith, Margaret Roehrs, Frank Verfaillie
- 5—Kelly Giovanine, Betty Kruse, Lureta Stafford
- 6—Jacob Crotty, Karen Neder, Matthew Nimrick, Marissa Piehl, Abigail Ryser, Virginia Schwieder
- 7—Ashley Smith, Beverly Boettcher, Ralph Stephenson, Craig Tigerman, Anne Williams
- 8—Robert Lazenby III, Jennifer Mitchell
- 9—Kiah Barnes, Mary Carson, Joanne Cravero, Michael Dechert, Julie Schneider
- 10—Dennis Hild, Melissa Scott, Abbey Weis, Rena Wils, Colby Zank
- 11—Patrick Barnes, Matthew Benson, Jayne Osborne, Mitchell Peterson, Holly Schou
- 12—Genevieve Anthony, Kristi Johnston, Marcia Judickas, Sharon Peterson, Katherine Schilb
- 13—Kathy David, Joseph Lamont
- 14—Kimberly Abbott, Alan Efflandt, Aubrey Foulk, Bernard French, Carol Funk, Lukas Johnson, Waldtraut Landis
- 15—Alexander Carson, Laura Carson, Katherine Deadmond, Mary Heinzman, Jennifer Roderick, David Suman, Anne VanSpeybroeck
- 16—Michael Allison, Addison Campbell, Eric Loff, Julie McCafferty, Sarah Turner
- 17—Nancy Devilder, Kacie Keller, Matthew Layman, Nathan Martin, Rita Rehder, Daniel Sutterman
- 18—Daniel Decker, Benjamin Frieden, Kathleen Hegg, Alissa Ruud, Laura Wildermuth
- 19—Signe Nelson, Kelly Roemer, Stephanie Schulte, Ethel Siegfried
- 20—Brian Magnusson, Michael Sutterman
- 21—Jennifer Garlach, Jennifer Kramer, Ruth Suman
- 22—Everett Anderson, Susan Lee, Barbara Newberg, Dorothy Reedy, Marilyn Rosenberg, Henry VanNote
- 23—Alexander Johnson, Anne Larsen, Kimberly Toland
- 24—Britney Fox, Graham Garlach, Lindsey Nelson
- 26—Kevin Blackall, Josephine DeWitte, Verlee Dismer, John Michaletti, Jonathan Ruud
- 27—Alex Basala, Elise Benson, Tim Burbridge, Christopher Hall, Joel Sommers, Carter Stephenson, John Vinsel
- 28—James Flick
- 29—Lindsey Sutter
- 30—Nancy Hultquist, June Peterson, Heidi Schultz
- 31—Richard Iavarone, Zachary Layman, Sherry McBride, Brittany Meredith

## Belated Birthdays, Sorry We Missed You!

- Feb. 18—Melissa Barnes, Emma Tews, Kelly Vinsel
- Feb. 19—Patricia averill, Fred Langrehr, Kirsten Lester, Shelby Resler
- Feb. 20—William Deadmond, Vikki Hankins, Amy Roehrs, Alexandria Tiedge
- Feb. 21—James Gale, Jeremy Suman
- Feb. 22—Gregory Blew, Samuel Cavins, Cindy Wildermuth
- Feb. 23—Jorel Justus, Penny Knox, Elizabeth Lee, Katherine Smith
- Feb. 24—Howard Braren, Marilyn Johnson, Rachel Milroy, Phyllis Sinksen, Brian Wils
- Feb. 25—Janice Baner, Nicholas Rollick, Joshua Weinle
- Feb. 26—Cindy Bender, Christopher Larsen Jr.
- Feb. 27—Christian Meyer, Abigail Sutterman
- Feb. 28—Dalton Klundt
- Feb. 29- (Leap year birthdays) Richard Johnson, Marissa Lindell, Cole Neder
- March 1—Annette Larsen, Michael Maffie
- March 2—Matthew Magee, Mark Watt
- March 3—Michael Anthony, Kristofer Lester, Amy Owens, JoAnn Stribling

## HELP!

The World Mission Ministry Team is again packing kits for Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries, and they need your help. The following items are still needed for these kits. **Please put your donations in the box labeled Lutheran World**

**Relief under the World Mission bulletin board in the lower west narthex.**

### HEALTH AND AIDS/HOSPICE KITS

- Bar soap—bath size—wrapped
- Toothbrushes—adult
- Toothpaste—(5 or 7 oz)

### SCHOOL KITS

- Blunt Scissors
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Rulers with inches on one side and centimeters on the other

**If you have questions, call Joan Ribbeck – 788-8058.**

## LIBRARY LINES

It is easy to lose sight of our pastors' humanity. They are the directors of our worship with God. They stand, elevated, in the pulpit each Sunday and reveal God's messages to us.

"Home to Harmony" by Philip Gulley (Fic/Gul) is an enjoyable story about pastor Sam Gardner, his return to his hometown, and his

relationships with the charming characters of this small town. As Sam narrates his own story, he is revealed as a friend, a father, a son, a husband, and a regular person. His journey back to Harmony is alternately endearing, humorous, and touching. This book wonderfully reminds us that pastors are people too.

**The Good Book Club** meets Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Pompeii by Robert Harris.

**The TLC Book Club** March 16—East of Eden by John Steinbeck. All TLC meetings are held in Trinity's lounge at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in the discussions. Hope to see you there!

## EVENTS AT TRINITY

**Dig Deeper During Lent**

Looking for a chance to dig deeper during Lent? Could your spiritual life use more focus and discipline? Join "Coffee and Conversation: A Lenten Exploration of Spirituality." This small study and discussion group led by Jane Bahls will meet Tuesdays at 10:30 in the church lounge.. Participants will read *The Clearing Season: Reflections for Lent* by Sarah Parsons and put its ideas into practice. Sign up Sundays between services.

**Lenten Soup Suppers**

The Congregational Life Ministry Team has organized SOUP SUPPERS to be held in the All Purpose Room on **Wednesday evenings during Lent.** The meal will be served from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. with the Lenten Learning Sessions at 5:30 p.m. and the Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m. It is with the cooperation of several Ministry Teams and Trinity groups that we are able to provide this opportunity to worship God. We hope everyone will come and enjoy fellowship and sharing with each other during these six Wednesday evenings. Any questions should be directed to Diane Swayne, Chairperson of Congregational Life at 796-0740.

**Trinity Supper Club**

Trinity Supper Club begins meeting again on March 21st at 5:30 pm in Founders Hall. Watch future Sunday bulletins for more information and ticket sales or call Lucille Almquist at 794-1580.

**Up 'N Adam, Eve**

*Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am*

**Meeting at Intouch Day Care Center, 4011 Avenue of the Cities, Moline For breakfast and a tour!**

Tickets \$3.00 available March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> In Founders Hall

Or call either Julie Blew at 762-3624 or Al Hansen at 762-1734

**Trinity Churchmen's Lenten Breakfasts for All Trinity Men start Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Come to The Multi-Purpose Room. Coffee served at 7:30 during gathering time. Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m. Men from the Illinois Quad Cities ELCA Churches are invited to join with us. Worship at 8:30 in the Chapel. A different Pastor gives the Homily each week. No reservation is needed but a donation of \$ 3.00 is welcomed. We welcome "First Timers". We continue on five more Saturdays, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18th, 25th, April 1st and 8th in Founders Hall. Please join us.



All women of Trinity Lutheran Church and guests are invited to attend the **WELCA Annual Lenten Brunch and Worship Saturday, March 4 at 10:00 a.m.** in Founders Hall. A sign up table will be in Founders Hall on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Sister Audrey Cleary from the Prayer and Spirituality Center will be the speaker and will lead us in worship in the Chapel. Ruth Unit will be providing a delicious brunch—so come and enjoy good fellowship and the inspiration provided by Sister Cleary. Reservations can also be made by calling Diane Beam, 797-6867

**LSSI Listening Event**

During the education hour on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois will be presenting an informational session on *the power of LSSI*. Lynda Vogt will be describing the impact on our local community and the entire state of Illinois. As the largest social service agency in Illinois, Lutherans and friends of LSSI are walking in the word of our Lord and living the Gospel. Don't miss this opportunity to understand the power of our social ministries in action.

As a bonus, Pastor Fred Aigner, PhD will be delivering the sermon on this day. As CEO/President of LSSI he is known for his engaging style and life application of God's word. It will be a special day as we learn and celebrate our work in our community.

**Connections: LYO News**

Ash Wednesday  
March 1st  
No LYO

Wednesday  
March 8th  
7:30 pm  
LYO, LYO Room

Wednesday  
March 15th  
5:00—6:00 pm  
Prepare and serve  
Lenten Dinner  
7:30 pm  
LYO, LYO Room

Sunday  
March 19th  
Pizza Lunch Fundraiser  
after 11:00 am Service

Wednesday  
March 22nd  
7:30 pm  
LYO, LYO Room

Wednesday  
March 29th  
No LYO  
Spring Break

Wednesday  
April 5th  
7:30 pm  
LYO, LYO Room

Wednesday  
April 12th  
7:30 pm  
LYO, LYO Room

Easter Sunday  
April 16th  
LYO Breakfast  
Fundraiser

Call Theresa Scott at  
309-762-7446 or  
Pastor Laura at 309-  
762-3624  
for more information!

## TRINITY ENDOWMENT FUND

One of the many assets of Trinity Lutheran Church is the Trinity Endowment Fund. Our recent annual Report reflects the Fund activity during the past year (see pages 41—43 for details). The annual distributions include grants to ELCA programs (at home and overseas), Trinity

Lutheran Church capital improvements/special causes (not included in the budget), scholarships to our members who are pursuing higher education and community outreach.

The Endowment Team meets quarterly with the next meeting scheduled for late

April. Requests may be submitted at any time—no later than April 1, 2006, to be considered at the April meeting.

Please direct any questions to the Church office at 762-3624. The Endowment Fund does represent a gift that keeps giving!

-The Trinity Endowment Team



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## “MOVING FORWARD” IN 2006”

At our Annual Meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> those members attending supported a Special Appeal for an extra financial commitment from Trinity members to fulfill our Faith Commitment for our staff, youth programs, ministries and calling a new senior pastor.

This Stewardship campaign will begin Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at both worship services. Pastor Jeff Clements, assistant to Bishop Wollersheim will be our guest preacher. He will give an update on Trinity’s Senior Pastor call process and challenge everyone to renew their Faith Commitment to Trinity through a new or additional financial pledge during this Lenten season.

Members will receive a “**MOVING FORWARD, SPECIAL APPEAL DURING LENT 2006**” card with a letter further explaining this need. Church attendance increases during Lent and you are especially invited to come and hear Pastor Clements.

This “Moving Forward” campaign will be only four weeks long culminating on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to your prayers, partnership and participation.

For the Stewardship Team,  
Jim Scott, Chair

### *Lenten Midweek Worship— Wednesdays at 12:10 & 6:30 pm*

Come worship with us during midweek Lenten services as we rediscover God’s Story of Salvation through the Biblical stories of Creation (3/8), The Flood (3/13), The Testing of Abraham (3/22), The Red Sea (3/29), and The Valley of Dry Bones (4/5). Confirmands are encouraged to be in attendance.

The Wednesday evening experience will begin with a 5:00 pm supper, 5:30 pm education hour featuring the book, “From the Edge of the Crowd: Meditations on the Book of Luke” and 6:30 pm Holden Evening Vespers.

LYO and Trinity Choir Rehearsal will follow at 7:30 pm.

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lives of others- provide resources to accomplish it. Put your money to work for something that will outlive you. (e.g. Trinity’s Mission and Ministry)

- ***Find someone to mentor.*** Once you reach a certain level in your generosity, the most valuable thing you have to give is yourself. Find someone to pour your life into. Then give them time and resources to become a better leader.” Faith mentoring is exactly what Trinity’s purposes “Lead all to Learn” (Children’s and Youth Ministries) and “Gather all to Grow” (Adult Spiritual Formation) encourages.

Sharing God’s Abundant Generosity, **Pastor Joel**

**Please see the accompanying article on our “Moving Forward” Lenten stewardship appeal.**