



THE TRINITY TRIBUNE

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From the Pastor's Desk

*"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us."
1 John 3:16*

When you think of February, you can't help but think of Valentine's Day, a day when those who are in love with one another exchange valentine cards and gifts. Most of us know what it is like to be in love, but how many folks really know what true love is, the kind of love that is the most genuine, sincere and reliable.

Sometimes you hear an adult tell a child, "God doesn't love you when you are bad." That is really not true. God always loves us. God loves us when things are going well and when things are going bad. He loves us when we are hurt, frustrated, angry and disappointed. God hates our sins but loves us sinners.

God could have remained in heaven cursing His creatures for spoiling His beautiful handiwork. Instead, He laid aside His divine might and majesty for a while. In the person of His Son, He took our human form and experienced our problems and pains. God tells us what true love is in 1 John 3:16, *"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us."* Did you notice that there is no adjective placed in front of the word love in this verse. John, you see, is describing what real and genuine love is. Love is that most compassionate and heartfelt act that forgives and restores. This is the kind of love Jesus Christ showed us when He went to the cross. He didn't just cry out some empty words from the cross, but His words were connected with action. Love is shown in what we do, in how we treat each other. This forgiving and compassionate love is the kind of love that caused Jesus to lay down His very life for us, it is the most perfect love, the most sacrificial love, the most unconditional love.

So when you tell someone that you love them, that you really love them, be ready to also show them what love is. True love is found in sacrificial actions that show care, compassion and forgiveness. This forgiving love can be the most difficult one to practice. But through Christ's work on the cross we learn that true love seeks to be restored to those we have hurt, offended, and even with those who have hurt and offended us.

Remember how Jesus let the forces of evil take His life. But they did not win out. He conquered them and He came back to life. He did this because He loves us. He wants us to come back to life, to be lifted into the air to meet Him and enter with Him into eternal glory. By trusting in Him through the power of the Holy Spirit we can be sure of living with God forever.

We may be battered and shattered by life's blows. Some of our troubles may never go away. Many things puzzle us. We may think that absolutely nobody cares. But God cares for us right now. Love gives, and Jesus gave us His all through the cross -- God's permanent proof of His amazing love. It may be a cliché, but Jesus is God's valentine sent to all humanity. Jesus is God's most miraculous and awesome way of telling us, "I love you!" May we share that most genuine love with one another as we await our Lord's return.

Your brother and friend in Christ,
Pastor Curtis Deterding

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Philosophy of Ministry

Our primary goal is to bring lost souls into a personal relationship with Christ and strengthen the faithful in their relationship with Christ. We achieve this by education of all members in the true Word of God through worship, Christian education and day school. We believe that through education, spiritual growth will occur and membership in the kingdom will increase.

Lutheran Membership Classes Beginning February 4, 2012

The next Lutheran doctrinal instruction class will begin on Saturday, February 4 at 9:00 am. Classes end at 11:00 am. This class is open to all our members who would like a refresher on the basic teachings of our church and for those interested in becoming members of our church. Those who would like to become members and have attended all the sessions of this class may choose to confirm our faith as their own and become a communicant member of Trinity Lutheran Church. New member and adult confirmation Sunday will be held on May 20th.

Installation Sunday of Newly Elected February 5, 2012

All those newly elected to serve our congregation as church officers and board chairpersons for 2012 will be asked to come forward during the worship service on Sunday, February 5, to be installed as officers and chairpersons of our congregation. Praise and thanks be to God for those officers and chairpersons who will be concluding their time of service. Also, thanks be to God for those who have prayerfully considered, accepted their nomination and are willing to serve in these very important offices in our church.

Ladies Valentine Dinner

All the LADIES of Trinity are invited to a Valentine
Dinner Sponsored by the MEN of Trinity



Sunday, February 12, 2012

10:30 am Punch Social

11:00 am Dinner & Entertainment



There will be a special dinner, great entertainment,
and good fellowship.

LADIES— FREE

MEN— \$20.00

The men take care of everything—
the ladies just enjoy the dinner, entertainment & fellowship!

All ladies of the congregation are invited—PLEASE COME!

(All youth, 17 and under, will be invited to their own special
gathering this day including pizza and games.)

MEN and LADIES ARE ASKED TO PLEASE SIGN UP
IN THE KIOSK TODAY!

Did You Know?

Our Trinity Lutheran Church website was viewed approximately **8,000** times in 2011! The LAMP 2011 Blog was the most viewed page on our website. Most of our visitors were from the United States, followed by Canada and India.

Pastor Lange

Dear Friends in Christ:

Yes, he taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer. If there's one prayer we remember from childhood, and learning it, it's that one. But how is it being used by you? As a martyr? In other words, as the never-fail prayer if you don't know of anything else to pray? Then it becomes nothing but words, words that usually are not even thought about when they are said.

With that in mind, please give the following your consideration as we conclude the Epiphany season of the church year and begin the season of Lent. It has the title "You and The Lord's Prayer."

I cannot say OUR, if my religion has no room for others and their need.

I cannot say FATHER, if I do not demonstrate this relationship in my family living.

I cannot say WHO ART IN HEAVEN, if all my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.

I cannot say HALLOWED BE THY NAME, if I, who am called by His name, do not try to be holy.

I cannot say THY KINGDOM COME, if I am unwilling to give up my own sovereignty and accept the gracious and righteous reign of God.

I cannot say THY WILL BE DONE, if I am resentful or unwilling to have it in my life.

I cannot say ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN, unless I am truly ready to give myself to His service here and now.

I cannot say GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, without expending honest effort for it or by ignoring the genuine needs of my fellow man.

I cannot say FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US, if I continue to harbor a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say LED US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot say BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL, if I am not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer.

I cannot say THINE IS THE KINGDOM, if I do not give the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.

I cannot say THINE IS THE POWER, if I fear what my neighbors and friends may say or do.

I cannot say THINE IS THE GLORY, if I am seeking my own glory first.

I cannot say FOREVER AND EVER, if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.

I cannot say AMEN, unless I honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer."

The next time you pray this prayer, please think about these things.

Pastor Lange

TRINITY BRIEFS



Christ- Our Passover Trinity's 2012 Lenten Celebration



*"Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed," writes Paul to the Corinthians.
"Therefore let us keep the Festival"*
I Corinthians 5:7-8

Every year Jewish people around the world celebrated the Passover to remember how God delivered their ancestors when they were slaves in Egypt. The heart of the Passover festivities is the seder meal when the lamb is eaten and participants tell the story of how their ancestors painted lamb's blood on their doorframes. Wherever the angel of death saw blood around a door, it passed over without killing the firstborn within.

Jesus is God's final and greatest Passover Lamb. Because of His sacrifice on the cross, God's wrath and judgment against our sin passes over us forever!

This Lent we are going to get ready for the Easter 'feast' by exploring how the various elements of the Passover meal (Seder) point to Jesus and explain what he has done for all people. Our special midweek Lenten liturgies will include parts of the actual Passover Seder meal. We will all get to taste the various foods used in a Passover every week as part of our time together in worship. Plan now to be with the Lord in worship every week.

February 22	Blood Markings	Marked for Salvation (Ash Wednesday)
February 29	Washing of Hands	Cleansed by a Servant
March 7	Bitter Herbs	The Bitterness of Suffering
March 14	Unleavened Bread	Sin Removed
March 21	Charoseth Sauce	The Burden of Betrayal
March 28	Cups of Wine	Cups of Wine
April 5	The Covenant Meal	Seder/New Meal (Maundy Thursday)
April 6	Behold the Lamb	The Sacrificed Lamb (Good Friday)
April 8	Easter	The Feast of Victory

"THANKS" from the Crafters

The Trinity Crafters have completed another year of sewing, stitching, painting, crocheting, knitting and etc. We had good sales at all of our craft shows.

Our crafting group continues to grow! Many members of the congregation help us by embroidering at home or by contributing craft items or supplies. We thank you!

The wood crafts depend on the skills of Cal and Helen Johansen. They take our patterns, provide the wood, and then return the wooden pieces cut to perfection and ready for painting. Thank you Cal and Helen.

Thank you to all who helped load the cars, set up, and staff our craft sale booths and then take down the booth when the show ends. We especially thank Susanne Halverson who has helped for several years.

The profits from our craft shows are used to help finance various projects within our church. The crafters appreciate the willing support of so many of our congregation's members through out the year.

Baby Shower in Honor of Stephanie Schmidt

You are invited to an open house baby shower in honor of Stephanie Schmidt (Kevin Schmidt's wife) on Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. Stephanie is registered at Target.



Go Green! E-Newsletter Reminder

We have started emailing the monthly Trinity Tribune to those that have elected to receive an e-newsletter. We currently have 30 households that receive the e-newsletter. Due to increasing postage costs and cost of paper products, we would really like to encourage anyone with an email address to consider this option.

To begin receiving your monthly newsletter via email, please contact Laura in the church office at 218-736-4869 or email trinity@prtcl.com.

Thank you to all who have already accepted this invitation to receive this newsletter electronically!

-Church Office

LWML Circle & Monthly Meeting Update

- Circle 1 will meet on Wednesday, February 1st at 1:30 pm at Clara Boldt's residence.
- Circle 2 will meet on Thursday, February 2nd at 1:30 pm at the church with Jan Prause hosting.
- Circles 3 & 4 will meet on Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 pm at Shirley Pribbernow's residence.



A decision was made by the LWML to hold future meetings at 7 pm to accommodate Trinity's working women.

We cordially invite you to join us for Bible study and fellowship.

MINISTRIES

JOY Fellowship

“Joy” Fellowship will be on Monday, February 20, 2012. Everyone 55 and older is invited to join us for the 11:30 am lunch followed by the program.

Joe and Barb Peloquin will be sharing their recent trip to Germany and the surrounding area.

Please join us for lunch and presentation. Sign up on the yellow sheet in the kiosk center in the narthex. We would like dessert. If you are willing to bring a dessert to share, please sign up on the bottom of the yellow sheet. Thank you!

Gene & Jan Prause

Minnesota Veterans Home

Come and join the Fellowship Board on Saturday, February 18th, at 1:30 pm at the Veterans Home. We will be assisting with the activity for the day and then will serve dessert. The residents really appreciate the attention they get from the outside groups that come in to help them. Sign up in the kiosk to join us.

-The Fellowship Board

Update on Haiti

- Building Homes and Hope in Haiti, a WR-HC project in partnership with the ELCH, has built Lutheran villages in Jacmel, Beaudouin, and Leogane. The villages include 67 homes and two six-unit apartment buildings with a total capacity for some 300 people. Each village is connected to a ELCH congregation.
- A long-term medical strategy includes four medical clinics and one dental clinic located throughout Haiti in partnership with ELCH and LCH. Haitian medical personnel run the clinics with support from Mercy Medical Teams of volunteers from the United States. WR-HC funds purchased medicines and supplies to combat the cholera epidemic.
- Building Homes and Hope for Haiti is on of seven major collaborative projects made possible by more than \$5.6 million donated to LCMS WR-HC.
- One of the greatest outcomes of this terrible disaster has been the ministry that has come out of the mercy where people are turning to Christ, being baptized, joining the local Lutheran churches in Haiti.
- Entire families have left the practice of voodoo and have been baptized into Christ.

Our LWML Mites at Work

- Lutheran Braille Workers Plate Embossing Device—\$100,000 (National LWML)
- Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination- \$10,000 (MNN District LWML)

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.”

Psalm 32:8

SPARK Sunday School

January focused around the sanctity of human life through the Old Testament story of Baby Moses. Moses is a great reminder that God has a very special plan for each and every one of us. God placed some very special women to help take care of Moses; just as he gives us family members and friends to help take care of each other. As we enter the month of February, we will be learning about The Sower. Come and find what that is all about!



All children, preschool through grade 8, are welcome to SPARK Sunday School at 10:30 am each Sunday!

In Christ,
Sue Heidorn

Confessional Lutherans for Christ's Commission God's Gift of the Law and Gospel

We know what a precious gift the Gospel is.

How does the Law fit into our lives? Why can it also be considered as a gift? How do the Law and the Gospel work together to impact us daily in our Christian life?

Attend the CLCC conference to hear how the Law is also a gift which makes the Gospel for us that much sweeter. The day will be broken into 6 sessions with lunch provided. There will also be a short worship service and devotions at the end. Everyone is invited.

When: Saturday, February 4, 2012

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 Park Street, Garfield, MN

Time: Registration and check-in from 8:30 am to 9:00 am
Sessions from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Cost: \$15.00 per person (includes lunch)

For additional information contact Kari Anderson at 320-763-5897 or Pr. Ethridge at 320-834-2248. A registration form is available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

LWML P.R.A.Y.E.R. Service

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

P– Praise God for His goodness and blessing.

R– Remember that I am a sinner and that I have a Savior.

A– Ask of any and all things that are on my mind.

Y– Yield these concerns to God's wisdom and gracious working.

E– Excitement is a result of surrendering concerns to God.

R– Rejoicing is the expression of our trust that God is in control.

Join us on Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 pm for our prayer service. A lunch will follow.



Audio Sermons are Available Online

Starting with the August 21st sermon, audio sermons will again be made available on the Trinity Church website at www.trinityff.org/church/category/audio-sermons. You can download these audio sermons to your computer, listen to them online, and/or subscribe to the podcast.

Heart Healthy Sunday

For your privacy, the blood pressure checks will be taken in the cry room to the left of the sanctuary entrance. We have two nurses available for checking your blood pressure. Therefore, one of them will be in the cry room on the second Sunday of each month.

Applying Bible Principles

There are some wonderful principles in the Old Testament which apply to present-day Christians. One of these is found in Deuteronomy 8:10-18. Stated in contemporary language, it says, "When you have eaten and are full, and when your cars, houses and bank accounts multiply, don't forget where it came from: Remember the Lord your God."

In truth, all that we have comes from God. He determines what we will receive, whether it be money, gold, silver, houses, land, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, etc. It all belongs to Him in the first place, and He entrusts it to us. According to David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29, riches, honor, power, and wealth all come from God.

That's why there is no such thing as a self-made man or woman. Oh, we have to do our part. God's plan is not that we just sit around praying and reading the Bible all day long so that what we need to survive will miraculously drop into our hands. We're not just to pray for our "daily bread," but we're also to get up each day and work for it! That's why the Apostle Paul stated clearly, "If a man will not work, he shall not eat" (2 Thes. 3:10). But in reality, the amount of money and wealth which we receive is determined by God. According to His divine will and knowledge, He entrusts to each of us the amount which He knows will be best for us.

What should be our reaction to our financial state? Some might pray, "Dear Lord, you must have made a mistake concerning me and my finances. Please give me more money." Others might try to circumvent God's design for their lives by trying to win the lottery or to obtain large sums of money through some other means. Mature Christians, however, will realize God's infinite wisdom far surpasses their limited perspective. They will accept with a thankful spirit what God has entrusted to them and seek to honor God by their living and by their giving.

The Daily Dozen A Great Resource for Christian Parents

The Board of Education is making this resource available to Trinity families. It is designed for parents to use as a self-study. Listen to how this book is described by the author, Jim Otembra, Pastor and Family Counselor.

Ideally, our families have been created to be "little churches" where our children hear and see the Gospel lived out on a daily basis. Of course, none of us is perfect, and living our Christian values in our families can be difficult. The material in this workbook has been created so that families may come to see the great power and hope of Christ and that old attitudes and actions that once worked against the family can actually be healed in the Spirit. We can learn new attitudes and action that help our families become these little churches.

A copy of this book will be kept in the church office for your perusal. Just let Pastor or Laura know if you would like to order a copy for your family. This resource is absolutely wonderful and gives parents a lot of helpful insights on parenting and how to make it a most fulfilling and rewarding vocation.

Worship and Fun at Lutheran Island Camp

An organizational meeting to have a day at Lutheran Island Camp on August 19, 2012 was recently held and the planning is moving forward. We will have our Sunday worship service, a pot luck picnic, along with fun and games at LIC on this special day. Our next planning meeting is on March 3, 2012. Please plan on coming to this meeting if you are interested in helping us plan. Mark August 19th on your calendar now!



"Like" Trinity Church & School on Facebook



Attention Facebook users! You can now find Trinity Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran School on Facebook! Please search for these pages on Facebook or use the link on the church and school websites (www.trinityff.org) to "like" these pages. Trinity ACT also has a Facebook page. For the ACT page search for "Trinity ACT" and request this group as a friend. Get up-to-date news and announcements right on your Facebook home page.



BOARDS

Salvation Army Statistics October 2011 through December 2011

Utilities Assistance (electricity, gas, propane, oil, water, sewer)
Assisted 23 families (83 people) totaling \$2,276.93.

Local churches helped with \$2,757.21 for utilities for 26 families (68 people).

Rent/Deposit Assistance

Assisted 12 families (28 people) with rent totaling \$1,542.00.

Local churches helped with \$2,314.00 for 19 families (34 people).

Gasoline Vouchers (\$15.00 in Holiday Station gas vouchers)

Assisted 40 families (84 people) with vouchers totaling \$679.72.

Local churches helped with \$235.00 for 10 families (29 people)

Thrift Store Vouchers

\$4,542.54 was distributed in vouchers for 126 families (266 people). This included 574 household items, 52 furniture items, and 814 clothing items at no charge.

The Soup Kitchen served:

4,174 nutritious meals were served at the noon community lunch program. There were 373 snacks served during the After School Program.

Salvation Army's MOST IMMEDIATE NEED is help with the noon community lunch program each Monday and Friday during the week.

Food preparation begins at 9:00 am. If you can help, please call Nancy Diiro at 219-739-9692.

THANK YOU!

Minot Flood Recovery

The Minot Reconstruction Trip has been set for February 29 through March 4, 2012. The next meeting in regards to this trip will be held on Sunday, February 19th at 7:00 pm at the church. The Board of Global Outreach invite and encourage our Trinity youth to participate in this mission opportunity.

Greeters' Gathering

The Local Outreach Board has added a number of new greeters to our greeters list and we feel it is a wonderful time to have a "Greeters' Gathering." All greeters are invited and encouraged to attend a gathering on Saturday, February 25th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the church. Rolls, coffee, and juice will be served. We have some new ideas we would like to discuss and we will welcome any of your ideas or questions also. We will also offer a thought-provoking life style situation to which you will want to respond. Mark your calendar now to join us on February 25th.

-The Local Outreach Board

World Relief and Human Care Sunday Sunday, June 10, 2012

World Relief and Human Care Sunday at Trinity will be on June 10, 2012. The theme for the day is "Lutheran Malaria Initiative." We have the opportunity to donate money to provide malaria nets to hang over the beds of those in Africa. The nets are only \$10.00 a piece. The goal for Trinity is 100 malaria nets. Check out the Human Care bulletin board in the narthex for a malaria net sample and more information.



Why the Lutheran Malaria Initiative?

Why the Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI)?

- Luther: Jesus took on our flesh; we "take on" our neighbor's flesh by helping the needy.
- "By this we know love, that Christ laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (1 John 3:16)
- "Whatsoever you have done to the least of these my brethren, you have done also to me." (Matthew 25:40)
- There are more than 18 million Lutherans in Africa. More than 800,000 people around the world die of malaria each year, and most of them are children.
- The U.N. Foundation (not the U.N.!), sought out Lutheran World Relief (Baltimore) as one of some 200 possible organizations, and the LCMS because of: 1. Excellence in delivery of services 2. significant American constituency and 3. our Lutheran partners —doctors, nurses, churches, clinics, Sunday schools "at the last mile" in Africa where people suffer from malaria.
- When we strengthen our African Lutheran partners, they tell others about Jesus!
- Shouldn't we be doing things to help people here in the US? Yes! We do that too!
- Malaria is preventable and treatable.
- The education, prevention, and treatment efforts going on right now in places like Tanzania are working!
- What about DDT? Governments make policy and argue about chemicals. Meanwhile, we have the means to severely reduce malaria deaths now. Let's do it in the name of Jesus!
- "They can't hear the Gospel if they have died of malaria"
- Learn more at www.lcms.org/lmi and join me in giving generously to LMI!

Pastor Matthew Harrison
President, LCMS

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Classroom News

The New Year has been very new and exciting for us in Pre-school. We have welcomed a new student as well as a teacher's Aide, Arianna Hershner, to our classroom. It is very exciting to have new friends in our program. January has found the 3 & 4 year olds working on their shapes; we have even started to make a shape book. The 4 & 5 year olds are working on the letters Ll, Mm, Nn and Oo and it is so fun to watch them grow and learn their letters. In Jesus time we have been talking about stories of Jesus as a child. The kids really enjoy talking about Jesus being "their" age. Now that winter has arrived we are also having fun making winter crafts. You will see some snowmen and snowflakes decorating the hallway. Our exciting event for the month of January was when the PTL served a pizza lunch for our students and families. It was a great time for all the students and a nice surprise for their parents; it was also a nice time for the families to visit.

In Christ,
Mrs. Bredenberg

Scholastic Book Fair Coming Soon!

In conjunction with National Lutheran School's Week our **Scholastic Book Fair** is scheduled from **March 4th through March 11th** and we're thrilled to offer this educational experience to our students. This year's theme is **Book Fair Luau: It's a Reading Celebration!** We hope the students will be excited about books and reading.

We invite your family to participate by visiting us during Book Fair week. You and your child will get the chance to purchase bestsellers like Newbery and Caldecott Medal-winning books, chapter books, picture books, and hundreds of other items only available at the Scholastic Book Fair.

I'd also like to invite you promote our **Online Book Fair** to your family and friends. This would be an **easy fundraiser** for our school as well as promoting reading to our children. The Online Book Fair opens up participation to families and friends, and makes it convenient for parents who are not able to attend the Book Fair in person, or who want to browse an expanded title selection. All profit from our Online Fair sales will be added to our total Book Fair profit as Scholastic Dollars.

Check out the following information about the Online Book Fair features:

- Online Book Fair available **March 10, 2012 – March 30, 2012**
- Visit: scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs
- Convenient - available **24/7** before, during and after Book Fair week. You decide the schedule.
- Increase participation - students invite family and friends who cannot attend
- All online orders increase our school's total sales and profit
- **Expanded selection** - all ages, hundreds of titles, great gifts, Spanish titles, and series sets
- Easy distribution - all orders arrive in one shipment to **Trinity Lutheran Church and School** bagged and labeled.

We look forward to seeing you anytime during Book Fair hours and thank you in advance for supporting this important reading event to get books in the hands of students. Mostly thank you for believing in books and in the importance of reading!

Jo Ann Deterding
Scholastic Book Fair Chairperson

First Friday Fun February 3, 2012

DO you know that parents of young children in this community are looking for places where their kids can run and play indoors during the winter months?

DO you know that **Trinity** is **reaching out** to these families?

HELP WITH OUR OUTREACH IS SIMPLE!

Just cut out the box below and give it to any family with children ages 0-5 years old.



First Friday Fun

Open Gym

First Friday of Every Month
October 2011 through March 2012
9:00 am to 10:30 am

at Trinity Lutheran Church & Preschool
1150 W Cavour Ave, Fergus Falls, MN

For more information:
218-736-4857
trinity@prtcl.com
www.trinityff.org/school





ACT YOUTH



Did you miss the A.C.T. lock-in in January? If so, we missed you! Look at some of the fun and fellowship we had. Hope to see you at the next youth event! Watch the Sunday bulletins and look for your newsletter in the mail for more dates and details.

The Polar Plunge is coming up February 24th-26th. For more information contact Dan Carlson. Information on more youth events will be coming soon to your mailbox!

Join us for **youth group**
EVERY Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm!

MISSIONARY MOMENT

Bruce and Sarah Wall serve through LCMS World Mission in Latin America. They are based out of Peru, but their ministry touches the entire Latin America region. Bruce serves half time in church planting in Peru and the other half of his time is dedicated to helping Latin America missionaries and partner churches identify current and future needs for GEO missionaries. Bruce is also tasked with assisting in the development of lay mission resources to help equip Latin American laity for mission work in their communities. In Peru, he works with the LCMS mission team as an evangelist, confirmation teacher and volunteer missionary coordinator.

Bruce came to faith through the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church in Mountain Home, Idaho, which became his hometown after his dad retired from 22 years of service in the USAF. Sarah is the daughter of an LCMS pastor who served in Canada and is now serving in Nebraska. Sarah was born in Quesnel, British Columbia, Canada, and grew up on Vancouver Island before her dad took a call to Nebraska. Her home congregations were Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Goehner, Neb., and St. John's Lutheran Church, Cordoza, Neb. Bruce and Sarah both attended Concordia University Nebraska, Seward, Neb., where they met. They then relocated to Orlando, Fla., where Bruce taught at Orlando Lutheran Academy and Sarah taught at Trinity Lutheran School. Bruce and Sarah later moved to St. Louis, Mo., when Bruce began working for LCMS World Mission, first in the Mission Responders unit, and then as director of the Short-term Missionary Program. Bruce and Sarah have three children, Stephanie, Benjamin and Elijah. Their home congregation in St. Louis is Our Savior Lutheran Church in Fenton, Mo.

Please pray for the Wall family as they begin to serve the Lord in the new mission start in Peru and other countries in Latin America. Ask God to guide them in their transition to life in Peru and to give them the capacity for learning Spanish, so they might communicate effectively. Pray for Sarah and the baby's health, and for the entire family as they are about to experience having a baby in a different country.

Financial support can be sent to LCMS World Mission, PO Box 790089, St. Louis, MO 63179-0089 or by calling 1-888-930-4438. All checks should be made payable to *LCMS World Mission with Wall* written on the memo line.

Go to <http://sbwall.wordpress.com/> to reach Bruce and Sarah's blog.



A Valentine from Jesus

I love you.
You are mine.
Your name is written upon my heart.
Your prayers are precious to me.
Your life is in my hands.
I am always with you.
I am nearer to you than
your own heart.
I gave my life so that you
might forever live with me.
All I ask in return is your love.

Be my Valentine,
Jesus

P.S. *"You are precious
in my sight,
and honored,
and I love you."*
Isaiah 43:4

♡	<u>Serving Him</u>	♡
When you <u>know</u> Him, you can't help but		
<u>LOVE</u> Him. When you <u>LOVE</u> Him,		
you can't help but		
♡	<u>Serve Him!</u>	♡

MEMBER LIFE

February Birthdays of Our Physically Limited

- February 2 Mae Haugen
215 E. Skogmo Blvd. Apt# 114
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
- February 8 Patrina Carlson
1916 Deer Valley Rd.
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
- February 19 Mabel Knutson
222 N. Whitford, Apt # 515
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

*Let's shower them with birthday cards on their "special day!"
Thank you for caring and sharing Christ's love.*

MEMBER LIFE

First Nation Children we prayed for over the past month...

Norway House #1: June, age 9; Brandon, age 7; Brian, age 5; Victor, age 7; Shaylin, age 8; Adelle, age 5; Augustine, age 5; George, age 3; Loreta, age 9; McLure, age 8;

Norway House #2: Anakin, age 10; Montana, age 6; Hannah, age 8; Dominic, age 9; Daryn, age 10; Darian, age 10; Bre-don, age 7; Robin, age 6;

Norway House #3: Toby, age 6; Cherese, age 9; Alesha, age 12; Terrell, age 5;

Shamattawa: Rogerina, age 9; Glenda, age 6; Tiana, age 6; Jarell, age 5; Carily, age 4; Ricarda, age 10; Terrance, age 3; Vernon, age 11; Karl, age 9; Vernal, age 9; Sherelle, age 9; Serenity, age 12; Aiden, age 7;

Pray For...

All those prayed for over the past month...

- Alice Fick's (Charlene Hendrickx's mother) family and friends as they mourn her death and celebrate her eternal life with Christ.
- Shelly Minge's family and friends as they mourn her death and celebrate her eternal life with Christ.
- Betty Quam's family and friends as they mourn her death and celebrate her eternal life with Christ.
- Don Town's (Dick Anderson's brother-in-law) family and friends as they mourn his death and celebrate his eternal life with Christ.
- Donald Anderson's (Dick Anderson's brother) family and friends as they mourn his death and celebrate his eternal life with Christ.
- Elroy & Arlene Anderson, who celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary on January 3rd.
- Al & Marcie Koennicke, who celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary on December 20th.
- Wayne & Sarah (Schimming) Goerd, who were united in marriage at Trinity on January 1st.
- Rory Jon, who was born to Angela (Schmidt) & Ryan Tharaldson on December 23rd.
- Steve Froehlich, who is recovering at home following a hospital stay.
- Monie Ferber, who fell and is in the short stay unit.
- Jeff Dawson, who had neck surgery and is recovering at home.
- Viola Frees, who fell and broke her hip.
- Meta Schwarz, who was hospitalized with atrial fibrillation.
- Clarence Hess, who had emergency gallbladder surgery.
- Sue Breen (Mike Breen's mother), who is recovering at home from a broken neck.
- Ruth Luhman, who is still battling sever muscle pain.
- Karin Zahnnow, who is receiving therapy for severe back pain.
- Lindsey Briese (Eric's wife), who will be having a caesarean on Wednesday, January 25th.
- Viola Frees, who fell and broke her hip and continues to recover from surgery.
- Alice Fick (Charlene Hendrickx's mother), whose health is declining.
- Allan Schmidt (Gary Schmidt's father), who is recovering from triple by-pass surgery.
- Charlie Kirchoff, who is in the late stages of prostate cancer.
- Don Peterson, Ron Fitzner's brother-in-law, who has been placed in hospice care due to cancer.
- Cindy Wegner, who is finishing up radiation and chemo treatments for brain and lung cancer.
- Delaine Neubauer, who had surgery to repair broken bones in her ankle and is receiving therapy.
- Herb Beske, who is undergoing chemo treatments for cancer.
- Dawn Koennicke, (Marcie & Al Koennicke's daughter) who continues to recover from chemo treatments.
- Mel Hughes, Shari Sorkness' father, who is dealing with progressive supranuclear palsy.
- Aggie Froehlich, who is receiving treatment for a chronic carcinoid tumor.
- Physically Limited: *Herb & Penny Beske, Clifford Boese, Wallace Boese, Patrina Carlson, Donald Elshaug, Viola Frees, Helen Freier, Neil Gerhardson, Beryl Hames, Lucille Harworth, Horold & Mae Haugen, Lorise Hume, Gladys Kenyon, Mabel Knutson, Janette Koebornick, Vivian Kugler, Wally Lubben, Don & Ruth Luhman, Alpha Mahler, Frances Max, Harriet Meyer, Delaine Neubauer, Alma O'Meara, Art Schmidt, Harold Schoening, Martha Schultz, Meta Schwarz, Gertrude Smith, Elsie Soronen, and Marion Unger.*

Call our prayer chain with special requests you might have during the week. Phone numbers are on the back of the bulletin. If you would like to be included in Sunday prayers, please fill out the prayer request form in the mailbox by the church office.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16

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Television

Trinity worship 10:00 am Sun Channel 8 (local)
6:30 am Tues Channel 8 (local)
6:30 pm Tues Channel 8 (local)

Radio

Trinity worship 10:00 am Sun KJJK 1020 AM
KFUO Devo 8:30 am Mon www.kfuoam.org
The Bible Study 10:00 am Thur* www.kfuoam.org
Lutheran Hour 7:30 am Sun KFGO 790 AM
10:30 am Sun KBRF 1250 AM
4:30 pm Sun KFNW 1200 AM
Issues Etc. 6:00 pm Sun KKOK 95.7 FM

Internet

Trinity website www.trinityff.org
LCMS website www.lcms.org

**Only first Thursday of the month.*

Worship Schedule

Sundays

9:00 am—Sunday Worship
(Communion on the 1st, 3rd &
5th Sundays of the month)
10:30 am— Adult & Teen Bible Class

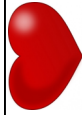
Wednesdays

7:00 pm— Worship
(Communion following the 1st &
3rd Sundays of the month)

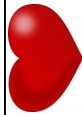
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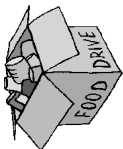
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February



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
January 2012 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	March 2012 S M T W T F S 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	**Go online to www.kfuoam.org to listen	1 1:30 pm Circle 1 3:45 pm Jr. Confirmation 3:45 pm Bible History Class 4:45 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Worship 7:15 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm Dartball Practice	2 10:00 am KFUA Bible Study** 1:30 pm Circle 2 6:30 pm PTL Meeting 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Elders Meeting 7:00 pm Circles 3 & 4	9:00 am to 10:30 am First Friday Fun- Open Gym Time Jr. Confirmation Retreat at LIC	4 2:00 pm -4:00 pm Stephanie Schmidt's Baby Shower	
5 5th Sunday after Epiphany Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School	6 8:30 am Devotional KFUA** 6:30 pm Bible Study at River Bend Apts. 7:00 pm Small Groups Bible Study 7:00 pm Dartball @ St. Paul's, Fergus Falls	7 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 1:00 pm Crafters 6:00 pm School Board 7:00 pm Brd of Fellowship 7:00 pm Local Outreach Brd 7:00 pm Brd of Education 7:00 pm Brd of Stewardship 7:30 pm Board of Youth	8 3:45 pm Jr. Confirmation 3:45 pm Bible History Class 4:45 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Worship 7:15 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm Dartball Practice	9 9:00 am Circuit Pastors at Our Redeemer, Moorhead, MN 7:00 pm Church Council	10 Jr. Confirmation Retreat at LIC	11	
12 6th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Ladies Valentines Dinner	13 8:30 am Devotional KFUA** 6:30 pm Bible Study at River Bend Apts. 7:00 pm Small Groups Bible Study	14 Valentine's Day 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 1:00 pm Crafters 1:00 pm Quilters 7:00 pm Human Care Board 7:00 pm Global Outreach	15 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE 3:45 pm Jr. Confirmation 3:45 pm Bible History Class 4:45 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Worship 7:15 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm Dartball Practice	16 8:00 am Shepherd's Network 7:00 pm LWML Prayer Service	17 Men's Retreat @ LIC thru Sunday the 19th	18 1:30 pm Veteran's Home Fellowship	
19 7th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 7:00 pm Minot Recovery Mtg	20 President's Day NO Preschool 8:30 am Devotional KFUA** 11:30 am JOY Fellowship 6:30 pm Bible Study at River Bend Apts 7:00 pm Small Groups Bible Study	21 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 1:00 pm Crafters 7:00 pm Dartball Practice	22 NO Bible History Class 11:30 am Ash Wednesday Worship 12:15 pm Lent Lunch 3:45 pm Jr. Confirmation 4:45 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship 8:15 pm Choir Practice	23	24	25 9:30 am Greeters Gathering	
26 8th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School	27 8:30 am Devotional KFUA** 6:30 pm Bible Study at River Bend Apts. 7:00 pm Small Groups Bible Study	28 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 1:00 pm Crafters 7:00 pm Dartball Practice	29 NO Bible History Class 11:30 am Lent Worship 12:15 pm Lent Lunch 3:45 pm Jr. Confirmation 4:45 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Lent Worship 8:15 pm Choir Practice	 4th Sunday is FOOD SHELF Sunday			



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Daily readings for February, 2012

- 1—Luke 2:29-32 / Exodus 1-3
- 2—Psalms 59 / Exodus 4-6
- 3—Psalms 60 / Exodus 7-9
- 4—Psalms 61 / Exodus 10-12
- 5—Psalms 62 / Exodus 13-15
- 6—Psalms 63 / Exodus 16-18
- 7—Psalms 64 / Exodus 19-21
- 8—Psalms 65 / Exodus 22-24
- 9—Psalms 66 / Exodus 25-27
- 10—Psalms 67 / Exodus 28-30
- 11—Psalms 68 / Exodus 31-33
- 12—Psalms 69 / Exodus 34-36
- 13—Psalms 70 / Exodus 37-38
- 14—Psalms 71 / Exodus 39-40
- 15—Psalms 72 / Leviticus 1-3
- 16—Psalms 73 / Leviticus 4-6
- 17—Psalms 74 / Leviticus 7-9
- 18—Psalms 75 / Leviticus 10-12
- 19—Psalms 76 / Leviticus 13-15
- 20—Psalms 77 / Leviticus 16-18
- 21—Psalms 78 / Leviticus 19-21
- 22—Psalms 79 / Leviticus 22-24
- 23—Psalms 80 / Leviticus 25-27
- 24—Psalms 81 / Numbers 1-3
- 25—Psalms 82 / Numbers 4-6
- 26—Psalms 83 / Numbers 7-9
- 27—Psalms 84 / Numbers 10-12
- 28—Luke 2:29-32 / Numbers 13-15