

APRIL 2010

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MISSION STATEMENT: Trinity is a
community of Christ providing a
foundation of God's love to grow
and learn together.

Dear Trinity members and friends,

Our Easter worship will be framed with two Christmas hymns. We'll begin with "O Come All Ye Faithful" and we'll end with "Go Tell it On the Mountain". In between we'll sing Easter hymns like "Jesus Christ is Risen Today". This continues our Lenten theme of "Cradle to Cross" in which we have been reminded that the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus are all a part of the same story....the story of God's amazing grace.

Notice the words in v.4 of "O Come All Ye Faithful"

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing,
O Come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

These words could be describing Jesus' resurrection as well as his birth. On Easter we celebrate the great surprise that God had for us in the new birth of Jesus from the tomb. In our Easter alleluias, we praise and adore him.

Our closing hymn will have the familiar refrain: *Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere, go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!* These words will send us out into our family, workplace, school and community with the good news that Jesus' resurrection also brings a new birth for us. In our baptism, we live in this resurrected life of Jesus. We know his gracious gifts of forgiveness, healing, strength and life. What a wonderful message we have to share with people everywhere!

May your Easter season be filled with blessings!

Peace,

Pastor Donnita K. Moeller

WORSHIP NOTES

Thursday, April 1, Maundy Thursday
worship @ 7pm.

Friday, April 2, Good Friday Worship
@ 7pm.

Sunday, April 4, Easter Breakfast @
8-9am and Easter Worship @ 9:30am.

Sunday, April 11, we'll welcome new
members during church and fellowship.

Sunday, April 18, "Tanzania Sunday"
remembers our companion congregation,
Mbagala Lutheran Parish in Tanzania.
We'll also celebrate the baptism of
Michael Carter Thomas. A Special

Offering will be taken for the Dave Stephens Memorial Habitat Build.

A Wine Tasting Party! The Worship Committee is hosting a Wine Tasting Party on Friday, April 16th. We'll be tasting wines from local wineries to choose a wine for communion. Watch for further details.

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT

The High School concert choir will perform at Trinity on Wednesday April 21st @ 7:30pm. Come and bring your friends!

UPDATES

Updates for Kay Chambliss can be found at Caringbridges.com. Her account name is KayChambliss.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The **Sunday School offering** during Lent will go to help the recovery from the earthquake in Haiti. If you'd like to make an additional offering for this cause, you may write a check to Trinity with "Haiti" in the memo line.

There will be **no Sunday School on Easter, April 4th**.

The 7th & 8th grade confirmation class will meet on Wednesday April 14th from 7-8pm.

The Adult Sunday School class will continue their studies from the Gospel of Mark and the last week of Jesus' life.

Youth are beginning plans to attend the next Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2012!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who turned in their Time & Talent sheets and Offering Commitment cards! The Time & Talent sheet information will soon be collated and used by committees to find

volunteers for various projects. Thanks, too, to all who helped with the Chocolate Buffet.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The new pictorial directories are in! If you had your picture taken you get a copy of the directory. They have been placed in your mail boxes in the Narthex. New members will also receive a copy of the directory.

Take a look also at the new pictures in the hallway. There is a new composite picture that includes everyone in the directory. We'll also be taking pictures of new members. It's a great way to get to know new members!

WELCA

Esther Circle Thursday, April 15 @ 7pm at RoseMary McElhinney's home

Ruth Circle Friday, April 16 @ 1:30pm at Dolores Kunde's home

We'll be using Lesson 8 from the April Lutheran Woman magazine.

April 10- **Cluster Gathering** @ Christ the King in Iowa City. If you are interested in going, call Alma Chapman @ 732-3562.

April 17- Lutheran World Relief Truck Looking Ahead:

May 1- **May Fellowship Luncheon** at Trinity at Noon. Program: "Domestic Violence" with speaker Alda Buresh. Tickets for the Luncheon can be purchased from Alma Chapman or Betty Thumma

NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, April 11th we will welcome new members to Trinity. New members are: Matt & Renee Fonteyne and their children Corrine, Logan & Olivia, Brit Montgomery, Ryan Montgomery. Be sure to stay for

Fellowship and greet these new members.

FENCE UPDATE

Thomas Hall has agreed to contact Dana & Charlie Martin to help with the details needed before beginning to build the fence. Tentative plans are being made to build the fence this summer. The fence is being built so that the family can enjoy time outside with their son, Blake, who has autism.

HABITAT BUILD

A **Special Offering** will be taken at several churches on Sunday April 18th as a way to show our enthusiasm for the Habitat Build to happen in Tipton this summer. Be part of this opportunity to support the Dave Stephens Memorial Build by donating to the special offering at Trinity.

A **Silent Auction** will also be held for Habitat on April 18th at Trinity during our Fellowship time. Donations of “gently used” items, baked goods and crafts are needed.

Council has set a goal of \$500 to be raised by Trinity. Help us reach this goal!

CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES

Plans have been made to attend the Circa 21 performance of “Church Basement Ladies: A Second Helping” on Sunday May 16th. A sign up is in the Narthex. Sign up and pay Heather McCullough by the end of April.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Thursday April 22nd at 6:30pm @ A Place to Land to discuss, Heart in the Right Place. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Anyone wishing to make prayer shawls, baby caps or baby blankets will meet on Monday April 26th at 7pm. We can teach you to knit or crochet! The prayer shawls are given to people who are in the hospital or facing a difficult time in their lives. The baby caps and blankets are sent to missions or hospitals.

FAITH & LATTE

Faith & Latte is a gathering of women to strengthen our faith and encourage the building of relationships. All women of the congregation and invited!

Women of the congregation and friends are invited to make dog biscuits on Thursday, April 29th @ 7pm. Ingredients will be provided to make dog biscuits that will be donated to the Tipton Animal Shelter. We’ll have “puppy chow” for our snack!

NEW JANITOR

Many thanks to Joe & RoseMary McElhinney who have served as the janitors for Trinity during the past few years. They have done a fabulous job. As they have retired from this job, we have hired a new person. Kay Linbaugh will begin working on March 29th.

If you have any questions or comments about the work of the janitor, please put them in writing and put them in Eric Newton’s mailbox in the Narthex. He is chair of the Human Relations committee which will be in conversation with Kay regarding the job.

MICROPHONE CABINET

From time to time the microphone system is left on after worship. If you discover this, the cabinet is by the piano. There is a red switch on the bottom shelf in the cabinet, just switch it off. Thanks.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

Thanks to Jodi Byrd and Keith Chapman for agreeing to the Trinity's delegates at the Synod Assembly in Des Moines in May.

FOODS RESOURCE BANK

Over \$800 was raised for FRB at the Soup Supper held at ST. Mary's during the Tipton Tour of Lights in December. Thanks to all who donated, helped work or attended the supper!

COUNCIL MINUTES-February 2010
(the complete minutes are on the bulletin board in the hallway)

Devotions: a look at Isaiah chapter 2, led by Pastor

Treasurer's report accepted

Pastor's report was given.

Committee reports:

Education: Pool party scheduled for March, offering to go to Haiti, youth are talking about the next Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2012.

Companion Congregation Committee: planning a Tanzanian Sunday in April

Worship/Tech: suggestions will be sought from a Projection company for our projection & screen project; wine tasting party in April, "Cradle to Cross" as Lenten theme.

Property: sump pump replaced

Old Business:

New members will learn the counting money routines.

Plans began for completing the fence for the Martin family this summer.

New Business:

Youth will build a wall for the Habitat house. A Silent Auction for Habitat will be on April 18th.

Council set a goal of \$500 for our church towards the Habitat build.

MSC to purchase programmable thermostats for the sanctuary so

volunteers who lock/unlock the doors will not need to adjust the heat for Sundays.

Council gave consent for "Circles of Support" to meet at Trinity.

Easter breakfast to be @ 8am with worship @ 9:30am.

Mike August & Mike Pelzer will be the "Property on call" people when problems at the church need to be addressed in a timely manner.

Charline Thumm, secretary

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Council met briefly after worship on March 7th to discuss the need for a new janitor. Council members will talk to other organizations in town to see who does their cleaning and bring names to next Council meeting.

THANK YOU

Dear Trinity family,

Thank you very much for the blanket for Andrew. It is so special to have a blanket made with so much love and care. It will be a unique keepsake for many years for Andrew.

Thank you for welcoming our family and making us feel at home at Trinity. God's blessings! John, Marla, Jeremiah & Andrew Todd