



...from the Pastor's desk.

Lent has 40 days. It starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Go ahead, get a calendar and count the days. They add up to more than 40! So how come we say Lent has 40 days? That's because the six Sundays are not counted. They are considered a celebration of Easter, sort of mini-Easters, and are not part of Lent.

On Wednesday evenings in Lent we are going to be discussing a book we will be reading, entitled, "The Purpose Driven Life" by Pastor Rick Warren. The book has 40 short chapters—one for each day of Lent! The reading schedule begins Thursday, February 26th, the day after Ash Wednesday.

I want to share a portion from the introduction to "The Purpose Driven Life."

"YOUR NEXT 40 DAYS... The Bible is clear that God considers 40 days a spiritually significant time period. Whenever God wanted to prepare someone for his purposes, he took 40 days:

- Noah's life was transformed by 40 days of rain.
- Moses was transformed by 40 days on Mt. Sinai.
- The spies were transformed by 40 days in the Promised Land.
- Elijah was transformed when God gave him 40 days of strength from a single meal.
- Jesus was empowered by 40 days in the wilderness.
- The disciples were transformed by 40 days with Jesus after his resurrection.

THE NEXT 40 DAYS WILL TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE.

...I strongly urge you to get one or more friends to join you in reading this book during the next 40 days...Real spiritual growth is never an isolated, individualistic pursuit."

There is more, of course. He encourages the reader NOT to read ahead. Just read one chapter a day. Let it sink in, think about it, pray about it. Mark up your book, underline it, highlight it, write your comments and questions in the margins. And, he points out that the average life span is 25,550 days, and asks if it isn't a wise use of 40 of those days to figure out what God wants you to do with the rest of them?

Rick Warren encourages getting together with others who are reading the book for discussion and questions and ideas and study. That is exactly what we will be doing on Wednesday evenings. Soup and Sandwich at 6:30 pm, then we go into small groups at the round tables by 7:00. There will be discussion starters and questions provided, you will not be on your own! Then we'll wrap up with a short time of worship and be done before 8:00 pm so the Choir can get to their rehearsal.

There are two sign-up sheets in the Narthex. One is for Soup or Sandwiches (or Sandwich "fixin's" and we make our own), and the other is to reserve one of the fifteen books the church ordered. They are \$14.00. Some are already reserved, and they will be in by the time you get this Beacon. If these sell out, you should be able to find a copy at Walmart, Barnes & Noble, Borders, or Benders. Paperback is fine for our needs, and couples can share one book (unless they each want to mark in their own book!).

If you have any questions, please give me a call. All the Wednesdays are right here at Trinity.



Saturday 5 P.M. Worship begins February 28th

Why worship on a Saturday afternoon? GOOD QUESTION! There are as many answers as people that attend afternoon worship services, but there are a few reasons that seem to be the most common:

- Work schedules (especially shift workers or those who work on Sundays).
- Those with any kind of impairment or disability (and those who care for them) often find mornings to be a difficult time to “get going” and get ready for church. By afternoon, things are much easier.
- Many just prefer to have their entire Sunday free.
- Some prefer the more casual service, or the type of music.
- Some are NOT morning people!
- Former Roman Catholics who are used to a Saturday service.

There are many reasons, and it may take awhile to grow this service, but this is a niche waiting to be filled in the town of Newstead—no Protestant Church in the Town offers a Saturday Service. This is unique in the Town, and will quickly become part of Trinity’s identity as we talk about it to friends and neighbors and co-workers.

What can you do to help? There are many things, but the most important is tell people, tell people, and tell people! As I researched adding a service, I was told by other Pastors that one of the best sources of new people was the friends and even just acquaintances of current members. They recommended that members provide names and addresses, and the church would send a letter inviting the friend or acquaintance to the new service. The members would be mentioned once in the whole letter, for example, “... Joe Jones is a member of Trinity and wanted you to receive an invitation to our new Saturday 5 PM Worship Service.” Not threatening at all! I have placed a form at the bottom of this page for your use. The more names you can give us, the more we can do! Please give to Pastor Terry or drop off in the office. Thank You!

Pastor Terry

Saturday Worship Service Prospects

MY NAME: _____

1. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

2. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

****use another sheet of paper for additional names or information****

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH 2009

by Mike Kropelin

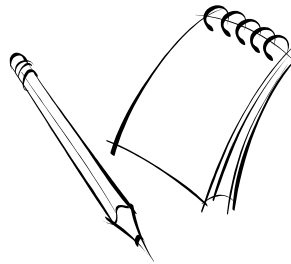
I was thinking tonight how great God is and how he takes care of our every need. Yes, I know it has been cold and snowy, but think about the warm spell we had last week. The sun was shining, the snow piles were getting smaller, the ice was gone from the driveway and the birds were singing. All of these signs tell that Spring is coming. But when is it coming?

Now getting back to my statement that God is great, just think about how he created all of this and then gave his only son to die for us so that we could have life ever lasting with him in heaven. When I think about this past week and the plane crash in Clarence Center I have problems understanding how God could let this happen. Fifty lives gone in an instant. I was reading a book tonight that said that God never promised to shield us from dying. He has though , provided a place for us with him. I have heard it referred to as our "great reward". In other words when we are called we should be happy to go and not be afraid. Sure, our families and friends will miss us and some will even shed a few tears. But life will go on, just like it will for the families of the crash victims. I would like to think that all fifty people who perished were prepared to meet God. Are you prepared if you should be called? Remember we do not know the day or the hour that God will call us home.

Next week February 25th, is Ash Wednesday, please come and join us for worship. Why not give some consideration to joining us each and every Wednesday night during Lent for Bible Study and a short worship.

Prayerfully yours,

Mike Kropelin



UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25th

7:00 pm -Worship

Starting Saturday, Feb. 28th

5:00 pm Worship Service/ Communion
every Saturday

Wed., March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8

6:30 pm-8:00 pm-Lenten Soup & Study

Sunday, March 8th

10:45 am-Girl Scout Sunday

Saturday, April 4th

4:30 pm-Spaghetti Supper

Maundy Thursday, April 9th

6:00 pm-Seder Supper

Good Friday, April 10th

6:00 pm-Simple Supper
6:30 pm-Movie- "The Passion" followed
by a brief worship.

Easter, April 12th

7:00 am-Sunrise Worship Service
8:00 am-Breakfast
10:45 am-Festival Service

Sunday, April 19th

6:00 pm-Talent Auction

TRINITY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Many of you have heard of HEARTS & HANDS, Faith in Action of the Akron-Newstead area. This great organization is based on hours of volunteers offering their services to take people to their doctor's appointments, shopping, and other needed errands who no longer are able to drive. Volunteers visit with homebound people, either in person or via telephone. Volunteers will help the elderly with yard work, repairs around their home, or the installation of a new appliance, etc. Although the volunteers are great in number, there is also a paid staff who are

needed to keep things running smoothly and to schedule all the volunteers for the tasks at hand.

Letters were sent out asking for donations to help this Community Service Organization keep operating, as well as to expand its services. So, we, the Sunday School Staff of Trinity is asking you as a parent to first talk to your children about helping others, and second to encourage them to bring odd change they can collect through returning of pop cans, doing odd jobs around the house and receiving payment for the work, or allowing them to use

some of their allowance to help with our Lenten collection.

The children will receive more information each Sunday during Lent and will be complimented for filling a heart with coins. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Donna Kumpf and she will try to answer them as thoroughly as possible. We sure would like to fill our heart with coins as Jesus fills our hearts with joy!



WANTED

Wanted: A 4-Drawer file cabinet for the Sunday School Teachers' Resource Room. Currently the file cabinet in that room is 2-two drawer units, one has drawers with sides, the other unit has no sides. This makes it very difficult to store items in. If you have a file cabinet that you wish to donate or trade, please contact the church office. The teachers are trying to reorganize the room so the newly purchased round tables can be stored there as well as the rectangular tables without taking up room for our Sunday School supplies.

20-30 SOMETHINGS

Every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am the "younger crowd" is meeting for Bible Study led by Erik Polkowski.

Please stop in for coffee and conversation while your kids are in their Sunday School class.



WEBSITE UPDATES-WWW.TRINITY-LUTHERAN-CHURCH.ORG

Chuck Lowder, Trinity's WebServant has been working on our website to create a more secure email process. To help prevent the spam and email viruses, a human interaction will have to take place before sending information. This is done by the sender who will have to enter a "security code" that is shown before submitting emails as spy software can't read the coding.

Chuck has made email forms to fill

out when submitting information to the following areas:

CONTACT US. On the "Contact Us" page you can choose who you would like your email to be sent to: Office/Erin, WebServant, Pastor Terry or Council.

HISTORICAL & EVENT ARCHIVE. On the "Picture Archive" page there is a How-To document for sending pictures.

You can use this for submitting historical information or submitting event information.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T SUBMISSION. Found at the bottom of the main page is a place where committee's can submit an upcoming event for advertising purposes. Copies of this submission will be received by the Advertising Committee, Erin in the Office and Pastor Terry.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—MARCH 09

March 1, 2009

Worship Assistant	8:00-Helen Smith	10:45-Erik Polkowski
Scripture Reader	8:00-Brianna Jurewicz	10:45-Candy Kruschke
Communion Assistant	8:00-Lisa Kaminski	10:45-Diane Vogt
Greeter		10:45-Linda & Bill Lawire

March 8, 2009 Girl Scout Sunday

Worship Assistant	8:00-Donna Kumpf	10:45-Tammy Johannes
Scripture Reader	8:00-Sharon Waff	10:45-Girl Scouts
Communion Assistant	8:00-Paula Kropelin	10:45-Girl Scouts
Greeter		10:45-Girl Scouts

March 15, 2009

Worship Assistant	8:00-Helen Smith	10:45-Flo Goeseke
Scripture Reader	8:00-Ruth Knerr	10:45-Rachel Kitt
Communion Assistant	8:00-Mel Knerr	10:45-Shirley Schoenwetter
Greeter		10:45-Helmet Bauder

March 22, 2009

Worship Assistant	8:00-Donna Kumpf	10:45-Diane McMullen
Scripture Reader	8:00-David Hofmeier	10:45-David McMullen
Communion Assistant	8:00-Lisa Kaminski	10:45-Gretchen Bruning
Greeter		10:45-Brian Nehrboos

March 29, 2009, 5th Sunday, One Service

Worship Assistant		10:45-Helen Smith
Scripture Reader		10:45-Dale Kruschke
Communion Assistant		10:45-Sue Campbell
Greeter		10:45-Betty Sugg

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH...

The mark of community is not the absence of conflict.

It's the presence of a reconciling spirit.

We can have a rough and tumble meeting with someone but because we are committed to each other, we can leave slapping each other on the back saying, "I am glad we're still on the same team."

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 st -	Collin Rehwaldt
5 th -	Nina Freas
8 th -	Donna Kumpf Bethany Brown
10 th -	Lois Kruschke
14 th -	Marjorie Pohl Nicolena Fazio
15 th -	Melissa Polkowski
17 th -	Don Hoffmann Pat Backes
18 th -	Rebecca Bruning Maguda Samantha Francis Kerry Leonard
19 th -	Brenden David
21 st -	Ben Blasko Daniel Eckerson
22 nd -	Renee Cummings
23 rd -	Carrisa Jones Michele Covell
24 th -	Paul Day
28 th -	Laura Pingitore



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

19 th -	Heather & Merle Coleman
20 th -	Mel & Ruth Knerr
30 th -	Bill & Linda Lawrie

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?

Let us know...

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TRINITY'S TALENT AUCTION

Believe it or not, it has been 20 years since Trinity first introduced the idea of a Talent Auction to its members. This has proven to be a great time for our families and our visitors. There have been a few changes over the 20 years, such as no suppers preceding the auction. The donations may vary year to year but they remain handcrafted items, baked goods, services, dinners, etc., all donated by our members and friends of Trinity.

This year's auction will be held on SUNDAY, APRIL 19th, beginning at 6:00 SHARP!

Donation Forms are available below as well as on the narthex table. Please return your slips no later than Sunday, April 5th. If you are donating two or more of an

identical item, please list these as a, b, c, etc. (ie. 5 dozen of fresh picked corn would read, 1a-one dozen fresh picked corn, 1b-one dozen fresh picked corn, 1c-one dozen fresh picked corn, etc.). This numbering system hastens the auction along and anyone wishing to receive that one dozen corn knows he/she can bid on it.

Items will be on display one week prior to the auction on April 12th.

There will be slips available for Silent Bids at a later date. Watch for them if you cannot attend the auction in person.

Don't miss out on one of Trinity's fun times with friends, neighbors and relatives. Mark your calendar, invite your friends, and most of all fill out a donation slip or two.

What is your special talent?

TALENT AUCTION

Sunday, April 19th

6:00 pm

Trinity South Newstead

MEALS
 Pies
 Afghans
 REPAIRS
 Babysitting
 Lawn Mowing
 Flowers
 Soup

DONATION SLIP 2009



It's time again to collect our talents for Trinity's Annual Talent Auction! Talents may be donated by anyone, of any age, and in any category. Your talent need not be available at the auction, but it is helpful to have as many items as possible that evening.



Name _____

I am donating my time/talent of _____

Please list each talent on a separate sheet and return to the church no later than Sunday, April 5th. There is a box in the narthex to collect your talent slips. Thank you!

Auction-April 19, 2009

LADIES OF TRINITY

The Ladies invite you to join them on Monday, March 16th at 10:00 am, as they study the Book of Ruth. The business portion will center around the final decisions on the Spaghetti Supper to be held Sat., April 4th. Donations will be needed for this fund raiser. See announcement in the Beacon.

The Ladies Group is small, (with about 5-6 ladies attending regular monthly meetings), but they do realize many of our younger women are working and some of our older women are hesitant to drive in winter months, but all are invited to share in the activities.

A calendar of events has been printed for your convenience to keep you aware of the Ladies' fund raisers, meetings, and days out. Look for it to appear on the Narthex table.

You are invited to attend the Spring Assembly Tues., March 31 at Zion Lutheran Church in Clarence Center. The Ladies will meet at the church at 6:15 to carpool to Zion. They will view with their sisters in Christ, a DVD, "Created in God's Image" and discuss ways to share the story of the Women of the ELCA to others. A sign-up sheet will be posted for your reservations and intent of attending.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Saturday, April 4, 2009

4:30 pm-?

Trinity Lutheran Church

given by the

Ladies of Trinity

To assist Trinity in its continued ministry both within the church and in the community.

A sign-up sheet for donations will be posted along with a listing of helpers needed.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

Trinity Lutheran Church has the honor of hosting Girl Scout Sunday again this year on Sunday, March 8, 2009 during our 10:45 am service. Many young ladies from local Girl Scout troops will participate in our service as greeters, readers, ushers

and acolytes along with serving communion and singing in the choir. A light reception will be held in the fellowship hall following the service. All are welcome to join us! Any questions, please contact Trinity at 542-9828.

MANY THANKS!

On behalf of the Good Samaritan Fund (Pastor's Discretionary Fund), a heartfelt thanks to all who donated to the Souper Bowl Offering. Sad to report, Trinity's record of picking the winner has been broken. Trinity collected \$134,

(\$56-Arizona, \$31-Pittsburgh, and \$47-undecided). Unfortunately the game was 35 seconds too long which caused Trinity to pick the loser instead of the winner. There's always next year! Thanks again!!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for:

Ken Mekeel, Jim Roehling, Clare Bauer, Chuck Lowder, Ray Francis, Robert Bolling, Gloria Cinotti, Phil Nice, Kelly Clinard, Steven Guttridge, David Dresser, Bruce Beyer, Helen Bluman, Brady Williams, Sally Utz, Denise Goatsey, Carolyn Nosky, Elise Farrell, Reed Hunter, Peter Kogut, Claire Jones, Dorothy Wood, David Adamczak, Pat Overhoff,

Jeri Nawojski

And the families of:

Annette Pyc, Linda Yaeger, Louise Ball, Millicent Lotz, Dale Pohl, Victims of Flight #3407

We remember our homebound:

Daisy Graff, Margaret Baker, Bill Nehrboss and Joshua Schmidt.

Funerals were held for

Annette Pyc
January 28, 2009

and

Linda Yaeger
February 4, 2009

celebrating their lives and the new life they're both experiencing in Jesus Christ.



We welcomed into the Lord's Family through Sacrament of Holy Baptism on February 8, 2009 **Makayla Love Higgins** daughter of Alicia & Keith Higgins

USED CLOTHING DROP BOX

Nearly \$175 has been collected so far from the Used Clothing Drop Box! All proceeds go to Trinity's Youth Group. Thank you for your donations. Please tell your friends and neighbors about the clothing and paper recycling bins at Trinity.

Accepted Items at the Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed

All Clothing
Shoes
Sneakers
Belts
Purses
Blankets
Sheets & Pillowcases
Drapes
Stuffed Toys

St. Pauly Mission is a locally owned company and a member of the Better Business Bureau. Their mission is to get USEABLE clothing to people who can use it, here in the U.S. and in Third World Countries.

PAPER RECYCLING BIN

Accepted Items at the Green and Yellow Paper Retriever Bins

Newspaper
Magazines
Shopping Catalogs
Old Mail
Office & School Papers
Envelopes

Not Accepted: Cardboard, Phone Books, Cereal & Soda Cartons, Food Wrap & Containers, Tissue Products, Plastic, Glass

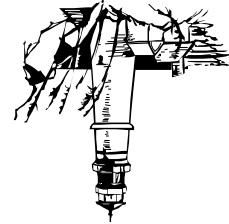
ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: When is the last time you have done something to strengthen the most important relationship in your life? Lutheran Marriage Encounter has some new and exciting Western PA weekend locations for 2009 -- please check them out, and make plans to attend a weekend this year! These special and beautiful weekends run from Friday evening at 8 p.m. to Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. and are designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES. The spring weekend will be April 17-19 (the weekend after Easter) at the Olmstead Mansion and Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA. This lovely facility is located 20 miles southeast of Warren, PA in the Allegheny National Forest. The fall weekends are: September 18-20 at the Sequanota Retreat Center in Jennerstown, PA, and October 16-18 at the Radisson Hotel in Sharon, PA -- just an hour north of Pittsburgh. All costs including housing, meals, and supplies are covered by a \$45.00 per couple registration fee plus a confidential contribution you are given the opportunity to make at the end of the weekend. Resolve to give your marriage the priority it deserves by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend this year! Space is limited, so sign up for the spring weekend now! Go to the national website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org for more information or to register online, or contact Western PA Chair couple Fred & Julie Schamber at: fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 am and 10:45 am
Sunday School (ages 3-adult): 9:15 am
Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.TRINITY-LUTHERAN-CHURCH.ORG
