



# Trinity Messenger



*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" (Luke 2:14)*

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**"Making Known the Love of Christ"**

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## From The Pastors



### Convinced by Reality

"He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

For our pastors' article this month we invite you to read the following Easter devotion written by the Rev. Bo Giertz, former bishop of the Lutheran Church in Sweden. The devotion is found in the book, To Live with Christ: Daily Devotions by Bo Giertz, pp. 282-283).

"Luke says he 'followed all things closely for some time past' (Luke 1:3) and recorded the events 'just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us' (Luke 1:2). So at the end of his Gospel, Luke summarizes the events after the resurrection.



John's narration is far more detailed. He relied mostly on his own memory and preserved many details we would not otherwise know. For example, when Peter ran to the tomb, Luke doesn't mention John, but that doesn't mean Peter went alone. This is shown a little later in the story about the journey to Emmaus, when Cleopas says, 'some of those who were with us went to the tomb' (Luke 24:24).

The events of Easter morning come as a complete surprise. Confusion and commotion ruled as people ran back and forth, to and from the tomb. Each of the witnesses had their own experiences in the course of events. Mary Magdalene had her story to tell. Peter and John saw things in their own way. The other women at the tomb clearly had not seen everything all at once. Some of them could tell about a young man in white clothes inside the grave. Others spoke about two men who stood before them in shining clothes. That's the way it always is when eyewitnesses recount surprising occurrences, where one thing happens after the other. No one person sees everything. Afterward, you have to try to reconstruct the sequence of events, but it is precisely the variations in the accounts of what happened that prove you are dealing with eyewitnesses. If all the accounts said the same thing, we might suspect the ac-



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Monday at 6:00 pm  
Family Education Hour 9:30 am

**Bible Classes**  
(throughout the week)

**Trinity Lutheran School**  
3-K thru 8th grade

## From the Pastors, cont'



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As it is, we have the opportunity to experience the complete amazement, commotion, confusion, and doubt that the witnesses experienced on Easter morning. We also have the overwhelming joy when, 'by many proofs,' (Acts 1:3) it is shown to be true that Jesus rose from the dead. It was no longer a matter of speculation, nor was it a matter of the expectations the disciples had that inclined them to see visions and believe rumors. They were just as reluctant as we are to believe that someone could be resurrected from the grave. They were men of reality. And it was for this reason they were convinced by reality and could say, 'This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses' (Acts 2:32)." Have a blessed Easter!

In Christ,

Rev. Timothy J. Mech  
Senior Pastor

Rev. John M. Berg  
Associate Pastor

### The Nave and Beyond

- Please invite family, friends, and acquaintances to Trinity's Holy Week and Easter Services. If you know of someone who does not have a church home please let us know and we will contact them. This is a great time of year to reach out and make known the love of Christ to those in our community!
- Note the times for the Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday (10 am and 6 pm), Good Friday (1 pm and 7 pm), Easter Sunday (6:30 am - Sunrise Service, 8:30 am and 10:30 am – Festival Service).
- Please return your Easter Thank offering boxes to the church on Easter Sunday.
- Join us for breakfast in the Gym on Easter Sunday anytime from 7:30 am – 10:30 am.
- Invitations to join us at Trinity have been mailed to 10,000 members of our community.



## From the Principal



### Trinity Lutheran School – Making Known the Love of Christ

#### A Day in the Life of . . .

Think of a normal day in your life. Yes, I know, we don't have many normal days, but choose the most normal day you've had recently. Now, let's compare your day with a normal day in the life of a student at Trinity Lutheran School. The workday (school day) is as follows:

- The supervisor (teacher) prays for wisdom and guidance (from the Master Teacher) as she prepares for the tasks to be accomplished with the workers (students).
- The workday begins in prayer with all coworkers and supervisors.
- The team of workers in each room studies the Word of God, and opportunities are provided to make life applications.
- Workers encourage a fellow worker and remind him of the great love that Jesus has for him.
- Tasks are completed and lessons are learned which prepare the worker for life outside the company (school).
- The worker provides willing and selfless help for another coworker who is in need.
- The whole company of believers join on Wednesdays for a Chapel Service.
- Workers join in prayers before and after lunch to the Provider (Our Father) of daily bread.
- A conflict between coworkers is settled with the assistance of a supervisor through the proper use of Law and Gospel. Forgiveness is requested, and forgiveness is willingly given.
- The workday ends with the workers joining to share their prayer requests. One worker then incorporates the requests into a closing prayer.

As you can see, Trinity's students are extremely blessed as they go to work, I mean school, every day. As they move through their learning activities (reading, math, English, social studies, science, music, foreign languages, spelling, handwriting, p.e., and art), they are surrounded by the Word of God and with people who willingly share the love of Christ. During the 180 days of the school year these students are receiving valuable spiritual training that will prepare them well for a life of service to their neighbors and the world. Thank you, Trinity, for providing a church and school for the families and children of Sheboygan. Parents, thank you for nurturing faith in your children. Praise be to God for His all-embracing love that He shows so wonderfully to the children at Trinity as He trains them for lives which will make known the love of Christ.

Mr. Becker

*Greg Becker*

Principal



## Music Notes



The Lakeshore Chorale will present a concert here at Trinity on Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the best of American music—from classics to Broadway and everything in between. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. Watch the church bulletin for more information.

The next month will feature many concerts at Concordia University, Mequon. The Kammerchor will have its final concert under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Kosche before his retirement on Saturday, April 18 at 2 p.m. The farewell concert will feature alumni singers from Dr. Kosche's former choirs. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble will perform on Sunday, April 26 at 3:30 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers will perform on Sunday, May 3 at 3:30 p.m. All concerts are held in Concordia's chapel. Students 18 and under are always admitted free; adult admission is \$7.

The Mixed Choir would love to welcome new members to the choir as we prepare music to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We rehearse every Thursday evening from 7:35 to 8:30 p.m. in the music room. Come and join us!

Trinity students will present the musical melodrama "Rogue of the Railway" on Tuesday, May 12 at 6 p.m. at the Weill Center. Join us in a journey back in time to Dakota Territory in the 1880s. Will our beautiful heroine, Dakota Melody, be rescued in time from the speeding Night Express? Will the deceitful villain Sillas Scavenger be able to sell his snake oil to the unsuspecting townspeople? Find out at the show. We hope to see you there!

### Here is the upcoming music schedule at Trinity:

Apr. 1	6:00 p.m.	Handbells
Apr. 5	8:00 a.m.	Mixed Choir
	10:45 a.m.	Cherub Choir (Gr. 1-2)
Apr. 9	10:00 a.m.	Trinity School Grades 6-8
	6:00 p.m.	Mixed Choir
Apr. 10	1:00 p.m.	Faculty and Staff
	7:00 p.m.	Mixed Choir
Apr. 12	8:30 a.m.	Mixed Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Mixed Choir
Apr. 19	10:45 a.m.	Trinity Singers (Gr. 6-8)
Apr. 26	8:00 a.m.	Joy Choir (Gr. 3-5)
	10:45 a.m.	Handbells

## Library



### "APRIL SHOWERS BRING READING HOURS"



Stop by the church library and look for the perfect book for a rainy, spring day! It may be fiction for fun, pictures for looking or reference for study and personal growth.

Now during Lent and Easter, follow Jesus to the cross and victory over death with one of the many books, videos and music selections display by the bulletin board.

#### New to our library:

**4 CD set:** "Heirs of the Reformation" Treasures of the Singing Church

#### Adult Fiction:

"The Justice" by Angela Hunt

"The Assignment" by Mark Andrew Olson

### "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK"

April 12-18

## Showcase 2009



### TRINITY SHOWCASE 2009 WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

This year's showcase realized approximately \$7500. This is about \$1500 more than we raised last year. A portion of the money will be used by the PTL to help the school purchase a few much needed lap top computers for our teachers. We could not have done this without you! Thank you for your donations and your participation in the Trinity Showcase. It was a great day of Christian fellowship enjoyed by all! We hope to see you next year at the 2010 Trinity Showcase! Get your acts together!



## Flower Sale



### 2009 TRINITY STUDENT FLOWER SALE



Flowers can be ordered through any Trinity School student or by using the order form available in this newsletter or in the Church Lounge. Please place the order form, along with your payment, in the red box by the church office door or turn in to the church or school office. Flowers are supplied by Don Caans. Orders and payments are due by April 15th.

**Flower pickup is Friday, May 22nd 1:00-5:30 pm at the Ministry Center.**

Hanging baskets are \$21, 4 ½ inch geraniums for planting at \$3.50 each or \$39.00/dozen and Flats are \$16 each. See order forms for available varieties and colors.

## Stephen Ministry



### STEPHEN MINISTRY CONFIDENTIALITY (CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH)

One final point regarding confidentiality involves the Stephen Ministry model of Supervision, which at Trinity, we call Peer Support. At our Peer Support meetings, confidentiality is also a key element. Peer Support happens twice monthly so that Stephen Ministry Caregivers can provide the best quality care possible to their care receivers. In Peer Support meetings, the focus of discussion is on the relationship between the Stephen Caregiver and the Care Receiver, rather than the details of what is going on in a care receiver's life. By not revealing a care receiver's name or any significant details, confidentiality is maintained; and the peer support becomes a place where Stephen Ministry Caregivers can support and encourage one another in ministry while they provide the best quality care to their care receivers. It's a model that has enabled life-changing ministry to happen in thousands of Stephen Ministry congregations around the world since 1975.



Why all this talk about confidentiality? To build your trust in Stephen Ministry. It is a high quality care giving ministry that you can count on should you ever have the need. Confidentiality is a cornerstone of good ministry---and of our Stephen Ministry at Trinity.

If you have an issue that concerns you and that you might benefit from a Stephen Caregiver, please talk to a pastor, Roger Buck, Dennis or Marlene Fors, or Lois Heronemus. They can discuss it in confidence with you.

## Holy Week Services



### Maunder Thurs. April 9 10 a.m./6 p.m.

"The Upper Room"  
Mark 14:12-26

### Good Friday, April 10 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

"The Devil is Defeated"  
John 19:30

**Tenebrae Service—7:00 pm Service**

### The Resurrection of Our Lord April 12

#### Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.

"The Empty Tomb"  
John 20:1-18

### Festival Service 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

"Death is Defeated!!!"  
Mark 16:1-8

**Easter Breakfast will be served in the Gym  
7:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

**There is no Monday service on April 13, 2009**

## From the President



I've decided to talk about some of the local missions of our church in this month's newsletter. One organization is our LWML group.

In January, the LWML collected money in their large mite box offering to support Joe Hoem and his family at the seminary. They collected about \$100 for the Hoem family. They will be having another large mite box offering at the end of March which will be used to support our congregation's food pantry.

Our food pantry is another local mission we support. In the current rough economic conditions, food pantries throughout Sheboygan are stressed because of the increased need. You can support ours by dropping off food in the grocery cart in the Lounge.



By the time you read this report, we will have hosted another Emmaus meal at the Salvation Army. It's a way to serve some of those less privileged in our community, and a way to show God's love to those people. We take hand made placemats created by our Trinity day school children to use at these meals. The placemats all "make known the love of Christ."

These are just a few of the ways you can get involved in the local mission of Trinity.

Yours in Christ,  
Jeff Kelm

## Piece of Eden



## Plant Sale

Spring will soon be here! This means it will soon be time to think about getting into the dirt and getting our gardens ready. The plant sale needs your help. We need your plant starts and divisions to make our sale a success.

Pots and plant labels are available in the Lounge. Examples of types of plants needed: grasses, perennials, ground covers, fruits & berries, flowering plants, hostas, ferns,



herbs. Funds raised from this sale to be used for grounds upkeep at the Church and Ministry Center.

**Dates to remember:**

April 22 - organizational meeting (7p Ministry Center)  
 May 6 - organizational meeting (7p Ministry Center)  
 May 13 & 14 - plant drop off (6-8p)  
 May 15 - plant drop off and sale set up  
 May 16 - Plant sale & brat fry (8a-2p)

**Things you need to know:**

1. Pot your plants **at least** one week prior to sale
2. Label your plant
3. Water plants before delivery
4. Drop off plants at the Ministry Center

For more information, contact Gary Melcher (458-4795) or Darlene Mech (467-1724).

**Thrivent Giving  
 Plus**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY GIVEN TO  
 THRIVENT'S GIVINGPLUS PROGRAM!**

If you are a Thrivent member and would like to participate in GivingPlus and need information about this matching program, please contact the church or school office (458-8246 or 458-8248). Thank you to:

Lois Bolgert	Caroline Jens	Richard Thieme
Amanda Buck	Kimberly Buck	Peter Buck
Harold Holt	Eileen Mockert	Rosalie Rusch

## News &amp; Notes



**Stephen Ministry Peer Support Dates:** Stephen Ministry Peer Support will meet on April 6 & 20 at 6:30 at the Ministry Center.

**Emmaus Meal:** Thanks to all who helped serve the Emmaus Meal for the community at the Salvation Army on Saturday, March 21. Trinity is scheduled for the Emmaus Meal next on Sept. 5, 2009.

**2009 Cloquet, MN Servant Event:** The next meeting of youth and adult leaders attending the 2009 Cloquet, MN Servant Event is Friday, April 3 right after school at the Ministry Center (TLMC). Please bring your registration forms and \$50 non-refundable deposits.

**2009 Red Lake, Ontario Servant Event:** The April meeting for the 2009 Red Lake Servant Event is Sunday evening, April 6, at 7 pm in the Ministry Center (TLMC). Please bring your registration forms and \$50 non-refundable deposits.

**Easter Breakfast:** Trinity's middle school youth will be serving the Easter Breakfast this year. The times are: 7:30 – 10:30 am. The menu includes breakfast casserole, muffins, juice, milk and coffee. A free will offering will be taken to support the 2009 Summer Servant Event to Cloquet, MN.

**LWML News:** The LWML Mites collected in February benefited the Seminarian Joe Hoem and his family. The Mites collected in March were for our food pantry. Thank you Trinity for your generosity!

Please consider donating your gently used or new toys and books for all ages to Trinity's Childcare Program. If you have questions about certain items, contact Amy Janke (451-9845).

The LWML assembled 23 Health kits at our last meeting. We will continue to collect: **Hand Towels** (dark colors preferred), **Adult Toothbrushes** and **Wide Toothed Combs**.

**Landscape Help Needed:** Watering and weeding Trinity's landscape will soon be under way. The Church's landscape has been divided into separate zones to hopefully make the tasks easier and quicker. Volunteer sign up sheets for the various zones are available in the lounge. Each zone will require 2-3 people. What a great **family** volunteer opportunity! Contact Debra Kelm (803-0704) for more information.

Official Acts



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Baptism:

Elijah William Leibham, son of Pete & Sarah (Schmitz) Leibham was baptized on March 1, 2009.

Micah Thayin William Schultz, son of Casey & Melissa (Bartoszewicz) Schultz was baptized on March 16, 2009

Funerals:

Daniel Fjeldstad died on February 21 and a funeral was held February 24th

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Preparing Christian Leaders - One Student At A Time

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is also a member of:

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Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Philippians 4:8

YTD (February 28, 2009) RECEIPTS: \$70,510.03
YTD (February 28, 2009) EXPENDITURES: \$110,115.21
Deficit (February 28, 2009): \$39,605.18

VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS:
Vision: Making Known the Love of Christ
Mission: Trinity is dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ within and through its church and school.

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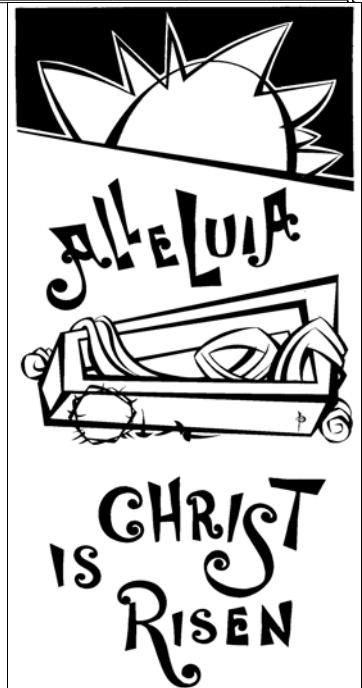
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Sunday, April 12, 2009**

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"The Empty Tomb"  
John 20:1-18

**Festival Service 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**  
"Death is Defeated!!!"  
Mark 16:1-8

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