



Trinity Trumpet

REFLECTION

January 29 Readings
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28
February 5 Readings
Isaiah 40:21-31
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

CALENDAR

Wednesday 1/25
10:30 Text Study
5:45 Wed. Night Café*
6:30 Faith Walk*
6:30 HS Youth Group*
6:30 Wt. Loss Class
6:30 Adult Choir Practice
Thursday 1/26
6:30 Journey into Prayer*
7:30 AA
Friday 1/27
Saturday 1/28
8:00 Men's Breakfast
Spiritual Care Training*
Sunday 1/29
8:00 & 10:30 Worship
9:15 Coffee Hour
9:15 Sunday School
11:30 Annual Meeting
6:00 Movie Study*
Monday 1/30
8:00 WWW*
6:00 Girl Scouts (Smart)
Kinship Event*
6:45 Scouts (Noard)
Tuesday 1/31
9:03 Staff Meeting
3 & 5:00 TOPS
6:30 Journey into Prayer*
6:45 Beth Moore Study
7:00 Gateway
Wednesday 2/1
10:30 Text Study
5:45 Wed. Night Café*
6:00 SG Calling
6:30 Faith Walk*
6:30 HS Youth Group*
6:30 Adult Choir Practice
6:30 Wt. Loss Class
6:30 Fellowship Meeting
6:30 KOK Choir Practice
Thursday 2/2
6:00 Gateway Lg. Group*
6:30 Journey into Prayer*
7:30 AA
Friday 2/3
Saturday 2/4
Olene Family Event
Sunday 2/5
8:00 & 10:30 Worship
9:15 Coffee Hour-Rolls
9:15 Sunday School
9:15 Prayer Shawl Ministry
Monday 2/6
8:00 WWW*
6:00 Girl Scouts (Smart)
6:45 Scouts (Noard)
Tuesday 2/7
9:03 Staff Meeting
11:00 Elim Home
3 & 5:00 TOPS
6:30 Journey into Prayer*
6:30 Scouts (Rice)
6:30 Tiger Cubs (Scepurek)
6:45 Beth Moore Study
Wednesday 2/8
See Calendar



Pastor Christie's Chronicles

*"We give you thanks O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life."
(prayer for the newly baptized, ELW p. 231)*

The relationship between a God-Parent and their God-Child is life long. Paired together in baptism, we read in our ELW that sponsors promise to "nurture the God-Child in the Christian faith as they are empowered by God's Spirit and to help the God-Child live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church." This is a pretty tall order and one that usually isn't and should be taken lightly. It's also the reason we as Pastors encourage families seeking baptism for their children to choose carefully those who will be their children's sponsors. Aside from church responsibilities, God-Parents often accompany their God-Children in other ways as caring mentors giving guidance and love. My God-Parents are my Uncle John and Aunt Peggy. I have a picture album with the progression of my growth in the church and my God-Parents are in every picture. There is the picture of me as a tiny baby in a white gown held between both of them. Next there is the one of me in my first communion robe standing at the altar with them. After that are pictures of confirmation, my college sending service and my wedding. Finally there is a picture of my ordination, a very special photo for many reasons. Mostly because after my father died, my God-Father, made sure I knew he was always there for me, even when I had become an adult and moved away. On the day of my ordination it was my God-Father who placed the stole upon my shoulders, and after the service gave me a beautiful pectoral cross—the very one I wear each Sunday. When I opened the box he simply said to me, "your dad would be very proud." To me, this is what the God-Parent, God-Child relationship is all about. Relationship. Relationship in Christ, and in life. Which is why, on Sunday February 5th we will be lifting up this relationship in church. Simply to acknowledge how important God-parents are and to say thanks for what they do, what they represent and what they mean in the lives of the baptized.

In peace, Pastor Chris

God's Abundant Grace

God's Abundant Grace requires no New Year's resolution. It has and will always be there for you. You will have the resources you need, the forgiveness of your sins, the steadfast support of a God who unconditionally loves you and everlasting life. We hope that you reach all of your aspirations in 2012 and that God's Abundant Grace is evident in all that you do. **We ask that you join us on January, 29th at 11:30 for the Annual Congregational Meeting;** in concert with that day we will be having the first "Try-a-Tithe" event of the year. Please prayerfully consider sharing 10% of your financial resources from that week. Your gifts will allow our ministry to not only operate, but to grow and strengthen our ministries in 2012. Annual reports are available for your review!

Valentine Care Packages Every year our fellowship committee in partnership with the Sunday School Ministry create Valentine

Care Packages for our shut-ins, college students, and those serving in the military. If you'd like a package sent to your loved one please email a current address to Toni at trinity@sherbtl.net by February 1st.

Faith in Life Series

On Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Crossing we will be hearing from Rev. Dr. Rick Nelson, Board Chair of Lutheran World Relief. Rev. Nelson will be talking with us about the work of Lutheran World Relief and how we can continue to support and uphold that work. In support of Rev. Nelson's visit we are asking folks to participate in the Lutheran World Relief Malaria Initiative! The Malaria Initiative is an unprecedented campaign to mobilize U.S. Lutherans to help end malaria deaths in Africa. Just \$10 can provide a family with a Malaria Kit which includes a treated bed net and proper education on its use. Let's see how many Trinity

can give to Rev. Nelson on February 8th! Please make checks payable to Lutheran World Relief and give to Toni in the church office!

Trinity Goes to the Movies Now Showing "John Q" January 29th at 6:00 p.m. at Trinity Crossing.

Altar Flowers

The 2012 Altar Flower sign up chart is posted near the office door - please sign up in memory or in honor of someone you love! The cost is \$15

Spiritual Care Training

Saturday, January 28 from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm, Dan Osborn will facilitate a Spiritual Care Training for those interested in strengthening visitation skills, beginning or growing congregational care in the church or an local ministry. The training will be held at Trinity Crossing and the cost is \$10 and materials and snacks will be provided. All are invited.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



ELCA Youth Gathering

We will be serving Caramel Rolls on the following Sundays: February 1, 19 and March 4, 18

Lenten Soup Suppers

The youth going to New Orleans in 2012 will be serving soup suppers beginning February 29th. There will be a sign up in the narthex soon.

Meetings

All youth going to New Orleans will be meeting on the following Sundays: Feb. 12, Mar. 18 and Apr. 15 in the church library at 9:15. May 20th at Camp Onomia.

Youth Ministries: *"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity."* 1 Timothy 4:12

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kids of the Kingdom Choir
 All are invited anytime! Our next practice will be on Wednesday, February 1st.

VBS - Kids Club
 We are in search of someone who can lead our VBS program the last week of July and someone who can organize our Kids Club summer program! If interested please contact Jill Miller at 856-6014

Shoebboxes
 Thank you to all those who donated shoeboxes and paper towels rolls to the Sunday School craft room! No more shoeboxes or paper towel rolls are needed.

Small Book Shelf needed in the Sunday school area! Please contact Jill Miller 856-6014

FAITH WALK

Wednesday Night Café
 We are in need of families to serve/prepare a meal during our Wednesday night café. If you are interested please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Be a Faith Walk Guide
 Our 7th grade boys are in need of a small group guide to teach with Jennie Ruth Warren on Wednesday nights at 6:30 through February 15.

Mark your Calendars!
 Confirmation Camp at Camp Onomia is June 10-15, 2012!

Faith in Life Series
 All parents are expected to attend with their child - more information is on the front of the Trumpet

HIGH SCHOOL

Cardia Deo: "Sent"
 We are Called, Gathered, Equipped and Sent to share the Heart of God in the world. This retreat is held at Big Sandy Camp in McGregor and includes Bible studies, servant events, worship, mystery event, camp life. Join us March 2-4, 2012. See Pastor Marty for more information.

Minnesota Swarm: We will leave after 2nd service on Sunday, February 12 and have lunch on the way. Game time is 2:00 at the Excel Center. Cost \$22 + food. Call or message Pam Ross at 763-670-4407 to reserve your ticket.

Wednesday Night Youth Group - 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Crossing. Grab a friend and join us!



Prayers: *Jesus said, "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you."* John 17:20-21

Members: Amy Noehre, Bob Braun, Don Lacher, Ginny Twetten, Jean Laing, Jean Miller, Jim Dery, Mark Anderson, Marlys Hanson, Mary Newton, Paul Roth, Wes Kral

Friends: Alta Gardner, Barb Raw, Bonnie Knutson, Christian Jenson, Connie Irlbeck, Del Peterson, Donovan Smith, Ed Sharp, Eugene Brochu, Gary Ribí, Gene Hoeft, Gillian Kruse, Hannah Refsell, Henry Karsten, Irene Iverson, Jamie Hammer,

Janice Omtvedt, Jeff Schintgen, Jessica Saunders, John DeRuyter, John Janzen, John Pace, Joseph Leatherdale, Joy Burkley, Joyce Remus, Judy Refsell, Karina Bruns, Kyle Peterson, LaVerle Albu, Lea Rule, Linda Jacobson, Lori E. Peterson, Luanne Hammerstrom, Maddie Green, Natasha Omtvedt, Ray Haack, Rebecca Anderson, Rick Taylor, Robin Schmidt, Ryan Hamers, Sam Steirmagel, Sandy Stumne,

Shanon Kuykendall, Shelley Scheffel, Shirley Templin, Tom Mostellor, Westy Lee

Military: Andrew Anderson, Travis Blumer, Lucas Cyr, Michael Anderson, Ashley Brede-mus, Steve Zimmerman, Steven Owens, Dan Swanson

Congregational Sympathies to Gerald Nichols, Helen & Jesse Durant, Chuck & Patty Walsh, and Kent & Sharon Malcolm