



Trinity Trumpet

REFLECTION

January 15 Readings
 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
 John 1:43-51
January 22 Readings
 Jonah 3:1-5, 10
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Mark 1:14-20

CALENDAR

Wednesday 1/11
 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 1/12
 6:45 Scouts (Noard)
 7:30 AA

Friday 1/13

Saturday 1/14
 8:00 Men's Breakfast

Sunday 1/15
 8:00 Worship
 9:15 Coffee Hour
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship
 Piano Recital (afternoon)

Monday 1/16
 Martin Luther King Day
 8:00 WWW*

Tuesday 1/17
 9:03 Staff Meeting
 3 & 5:00 TOPS
 6:45 Beth Moore Study

Wednesday 1/18
 10:30 Text Study
 5:45 Wed. Night Café*
 6:30 Faith Walk*
 6:30 HS Youth Group*
 6:30 Wt. Loss Class
 No Adult Choir Practice

Thursday 1/19
 9:00 Trinity Women/Circle
 6:45 Scouts (Noard)
 7:00 Eagle Scouts
 7:30 AA

Friday 1/20

Saturday 1/21

Sunday 1/22
 8:00 Worship
 9:15 Coffee Hour-Rolls
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship

Monday 1/23
 8:00 WWW*
 6:00 Scouts* (Rice)

Tuesday 1/24
 3 & 5:00 TOPS
 6:30 Scouts* (Rice)

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

What's your Resolution?

Every New Year the majority of us make some form of a resolution as a means of improvement in our lives. The most common are to lose weight or get more exercise. My track record with resolutions hasn't been sterling by any means. With lofty goals in mind, I come out of the gate like I'm running a forty yard dash race instead of pacing myself for long term improvement. Early on I achieve results only to fall back into the pattern I was hoping to improve upon. Let's face it change is very hard for all of us. The easiest thing to do is continue what we have been doing, what we know, what we are comfortable with. Change requires conscience effort, dedication and a clear vision towards an attainable goal. I think my demise can be attributed to not setting milestones along the way. I have an end result in mind, but no blueprint on how and when I should get there. My work environment certainly doesn't operate this way. Great effort is placed into long-term strategic planning and the establishment of benchmarks associated with improvement. So this year I am taking a page from that model. I spent time considering my resolution goals and how and when I plan to get there.

Yes, weekly exercise is one of my resolutions, but strengthening my Faith life is my main goal for 2012. I invite you to join me on this one and I have a few ideas for you to consider. How about praying one more time per week for someone outside your family? How about watching one less movie or sporting event per month and in its place you read a devotion or scripture lesson as a family? Invite one new person to join you for worship this year. Volunteer for one event that takes you out of your comfort zone. Look into joining a committee. Share the news of God's Abundant Grace with no reservation to someone you meet this year. How about participating in a "Try-a-Tithe" for a week or more this year? Identify one relationship in your life that requires improvement and make it happen this year. How about devoting one day this year to your spouse, a family member or friend and make it all about them when they least expect it. How about utilizing technology to remind you of your faith goals and resolutions to keep you on track? Pray to God daily for the strength and resolve to meet these goals.

The items above are realistic for me. Why not put your Faith life front and center as we head into a New Year? Sit down as a family and establish your Faith goals in scripture knowledge, service and giving. **God's Abundant Grace** requires no 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. I hope that you reach all of your aspirations in 2012 and beyond and that God's Abundant Grace is evident in all that you do.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 29th and in concert with that day we will be having the first "Try-a-Tithe" event of the year. I ask that you 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. Thanks for all that you do and may God continue to Bless your lives with abundance, Cory Miller

Care Packages to be sent!

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@sherbnet.net by February 1st.

Liturgy Day 2012
 Join us as Fr. Mike Joncas and Marty Haugen will present *Psalms in Christian Liturgy* at St. Andrew's Church in Brainerd on February 18th. The cost is \$25 and includes 9-3 p.m. workshop and lunch! All music ministry and liturgical

ministers are invited to attend! Come the night before on February 17th when Fr. Mike & Marty will be singing your favorite and some new music selections ~ World Premier of "Sacred This Banquet, Holy Our Feast" and more! Join us at Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd at 7:30. Contact Pastor Chris if interested.

Hunger Retreat
 Region 3 Hunger Retreat at Luther Crest Bible Camp, near Alexandria January 26-27, 2012. The retreat begins with lunch at noon, though registration will be open from 9 am on. We will finish with lunch on Friday.

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

Meals Ala Car
 Thank you to those who volunteered to bring meals to those in need during the month of January. Larry & Patty Jo Budeau, Arnold & Jo Alferness, Bruce & Sandi Lacher, John & Arlys Bastys, and Arnett & Ardys Alferness.

Annual Meeting
 The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29th after the second service. Annual reports will be ready for your review January 22nd.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



ELCA Youth Gathering

God has called each of us to be not-so-secret agents in the world. The 2012 Synod Journey to the ELCA Youth Gathering will send our youth "agents" and their adult leaders on a mission to discover the possibilities God has for us. Trinity has 19 "Agents" preparing for their journey in July when they will travel to the Gulf Coast of Mississippi to Practice Discipleship through fellowship, service and worship before joining the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Thank you for your continued prayer and support.

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, January

Vacation Bible School
 We are in search of someone who can lead our VBS program the last week of July! If interested please contact Jill Miller at 856-6014

Shoebboxes
 Sunday school is in need of shoeboxes for a fun project - if you can contribute please leave them in the SS area upstairs! Thanks!

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. Please contact Pastor Chris with questions.

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

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.



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, Bea Nichols, Bob Braun, Dar Durant, 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 Ribbi, Gene Hoefl, Gillian Kruse, Hannah Refsell, Henry Karsten,

Irene Iverson, Jamie Hammer, Janice Omtvedt, Jeff Schintgen, Jessica Saunders, Jim Walsh, John Beauchamp, 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 Steirnagel, Sandy Stumme, 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