

**The Ministry News of:
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

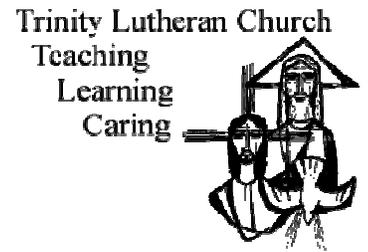
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March 2010



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Newsletter Article March 2010 (From LCMS.org)

Jeff Foxworthy says that if you know all four seasons—almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction—you might live in Wyoming. A lot of other people in wintry states might say the same thing. But in March we observe the beginning of spring. As the trees and bushes bud, the grass starts to turn green, and the soil takes on a smell of new life, we look forward to the beginning of a new cycle with warmer weather and a new start for seedtime and harvest.

Sometimes as God's stewards we may feel that stewardship is more of the same old, same old. But, just as spring starts a new cycle of life, so also Easter with its joy and celebration starts a new cycle of life for us as God's stewards. During the reflective season of Lent we look forward to the joy and celebration of Easter. This is a great reminder that we are "Easter people," that is, people of hope. Hope is stronger than memory. Memory mostly makes us think about past failures, unfulfilled promises, frustration and disappointment, but hope refreshes us with a new start, not just at spring time, but for every new day.

During Lent we reflect on the extravagant love of Jesus as He went all the way to the cross and death as the perfect sacrifice for our sins and failures. Philippians chapter two reminds us: "Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him a name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (vv8-11 NIV)

One day every knee will bow before Christ, even the knees of those who did not believe in Him, and confess Him as Lord of lords and King of kings. Those who do not believe will be forced to bow their knees when they see Jesus coming in glory and then they will go away to everlasting sorrow. By contrast, our knees will bow in humble adoration and our voices will proclaim "How great Thou art!"

Just as the earth comes back to life in spring time, so also we are renewed day by day to live as God's redeemed stewards who freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. This new life is not boring! It is exciting as we experience God's power in our lives and look for opportunities in which we can manage our time, talents, relationships and financial resources in a way that honors Him and provides so many blessings to others and ourselves.

Let's "spring" to new life as God's redeemed stewards who, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, manage all that we are and have to God's glory!

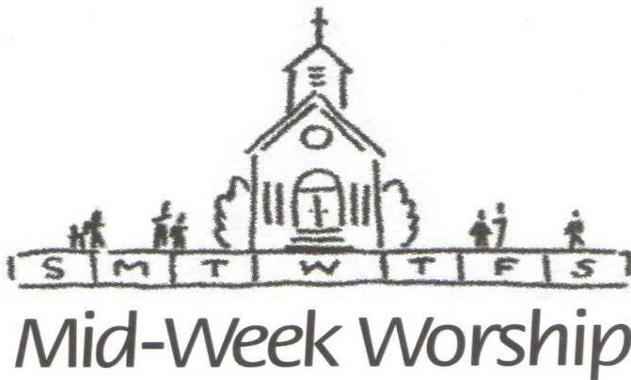
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Please visit at www.TrinityCreston.org. What will you find? the church calendar, newsletter articles, weekly church times, a link to pastor's sermons (text and audio), the favorite hymns list, and much more! You can also enter a prayer request.



March 3 - 7:00 p.m.
 March 10 - 7:00 p.m.
 March 17 - 7:00 p.m.
 March 24 - 7:00 p.m.
 March 31 - 7:00 p.m.

A Measure of our Response to God's Love for January

	Attendance	Communed	Offering
January 3, 2010	86		\$225.51
January 10, 2010	83	67	\$2,246.00
January 17, 2010	75		?
January 24, 2010	106	95	?
January 31, 2010	?		\$1,820.50
Total	350	162	\$4,292.01

Circle Meetings

Rachel Circle will meet at Brenda Bochart's (1104 N Elm) on Tues. Mar. 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Please join us.

Naomi Circle will meet Wednesday March 10th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship hall. We will study "*Relationships 101: Comfort and Compassion*" on pg. 23 of the Winter Quarterly. Please join us for Bible study and fellowship.

Our Easter Garden

Easter flowers are needed, and will be appreciated for Easter Sunday, April 4. The Worship/Altar committee is looking for lilies and other spring blooming plants to beautify our chancel. We can order them for you, or you may bring your own. Watch for instruction/order forms which will be found as a bulletin insert and on the table in the Narthex.

If you want the committee to order your plant, you must return the completed form and payment to the church office no later than Wednesday, March 24. You may put it the offering plate, or give it to an usher.

If you are bringing your plant, please have it at the church no later than Friday, April 2. Thank you.



Daylight savings time begins March 14th.

OFFICE DEADLINES

Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday at noon.
Newsletter Deadline for the April "Chimes" is
Friday March 19th



F.L.O.C.K. Will meet
Wednesday March 24th at 6:00p.m.

Fellowship Time Following Lenten Services: There will be a short fellowship time following each Lenten service with refreshments served by various members or groups within the church. If you are interested in serving one of the nights please sign up in the narthex. There is no free will offering--just time for fellowship.

There will be no Trinity meetings during Holy Week March 28 - April 3

A delegate is needed to attend the camp auxiliary annual meeting for Camp Okoboji on April 10, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.. If you are interested, contact Gene Cook.

The Worship/Altar Committee met on January 26th with Pastor Watt. We reviewed our policies and procedures. Pastor discussed the church year as it relates to the work of the committee. Pastor Watt also discussed the general theme of Teaching, Learning, Caring (TLC), and how it relates to our mission here at Trinity.

The Board of Ed will meet Monday March 1 at 6:30 p.m.

LCMS World Relief and Human Care Funds another 44,000 lbs of Food for Haiti

Greetings in Jesus Name,

LCMS-LCC Missionary Ted Krey just sent this brief update:

1. Wednesday-Food stuffs to Port au Prince arrived safe and sound to Pastor Thomas Bernards church without incidence. There was some confusion about the two finding each other at the border, but by noon they were able to connect. 22 000lbs of food.
2. Thursday-Foodstuffs to Jacmel arrived at the congregation of Rev. Marky Kessa. The driver ...after some difficulties at the border and a few later and emails, he was permitted to cross. 22 000 lb of food.
3. Three big pots for cooking and 200 metallic plates were delivered to Jacmel along with 50 tents. Food for a food station at the church.

Praise God for the work that He has performed thus far. May He continue to guide our efforts in all things.

in Christ,

DR Team
Missionary Pastor Ted Krey
(LCMS-LCC)

Good news from CEO missionary Anna Meyer in Taiwan.

“A couple of weeks ago, I was driving my scooter to the home of my friends Yule and Yiwen to eat lunch with them. As I was turning left onto their street, another scooter came from behind and scraped up against the left side of my scooter. It wasn't a bad accident. (Praise the Lord!) The other lady did fall over with her scooter and got a scrape, but I was unaffected. The other lady was as mad as a hornet though. My initial thought was that she would simply drive away in a huff and neither one of us would think anything of it (except maybe to be even more careful in this crazy traffic). Well, it was not to be. This lady wanted to make sure that things were all taken care of in a complete and formal way. Her mother, husband, and children all showed up within minutes. I tearfully called my friends from down the street and they came to help me work things out.

“The lady insisted that we call the police and go to the hospital with her to make sure everything was alright. We couldn't leave for the hospital, however, until the police arrived and put together a report. After a while, the first police officer arrived and said that we needed to wait for the special traffic police. I couldn't believe the hassle this was becoming. I felt myself getting really annoyed and discouraged, but prayed silently that God would give me patience and somehow shine through the situation-despite my tears and annoyance. When the traffic police arrived, they recorded an interview with me about the accident, drew a diagram of the accident site, took pictures, gave me a breathalyzer test, and had me sign some documents. After about two hours, I was finally able to sit down to lunch at my friends' home. Thankfully, Yiwen had volunteered to go to the hospital with the lady while I was doing my interview with the police, so I did not have to go there, but as Yule, Annie (their daughter), and I sat down to lunch, Yiwen still wasn't back.

“When Yiwen got back, we were glad to see her, asked her how things went, and talked about a lot of different things around the lunch table until after a while she commented, ‘Oh, that police officer came to the hospital after he talked with you and was asking about what you do. I said you were a teacher and missionary. He asked about what church you go to. I told him and he said that he knows where that is. Maybe he will go to Friday Night Bible Study.’ I was stunned. I exclaimed about how amazing that was. But Yiwen wasn't finished. ‘Oh yeah,’ she continued, ‘and that lady's husband told me that he doesn't really have any religion and he would be interested in learning more about Christianity.’ ‘What?’ I asked incredulously. ‘Yeah, I told him to read the Bible. He said they didn't live close enough to go to your church.(They had been staying with the lady's parents in town). But he said he might look for a church close to their home.’

“What had proved to be a very frustrating day until that point suddenly turned in to one of the brightest days of my year. God protected us in the accident so no one was seriously hurt and then, He was able to turn around the frustrating experience and use it for good! Please pray for the police officers I met that day and for the lady, her husband, and their family. Please pray that God would lead them to hear His Word and come to faith! Praise the Lord!



Palm Sunday

March 28th

Cans For Camp

Trinity will participate in this annual fundraiser for Camp Okoboji by accepting the cash you receive when you return empty cans for redemption. Please bring all offerings to worship and place them in the can so marked at the back of the church.

Thank You!

TALK RADIO FOR THE THINKING CHRISTIAN

Have you been listening to Issues, Etc.? Issues, Etc. is a live radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.



REMEMBER THE LUTHERAN HOUR

March 7 Luke 13:4-5
“Does God Love You?”
 Does God love you? It’s easy to think so, when times are good. But think what about when problems pile up, difficulties descend, and miseries multiply?

March 14 Luke 15:1-2
“The Sinners Friend”
 Throughout His early ministry, Jesus proved Himself the Friend of sinners. He reached out to those who needed Him most.

March 21 Phillipians 3:8
“A Big Loser”

Coming Soon!

March 28
“To Be Announced”

Listen on the Web at www.lutheranhour.org
 Hear the broadcast available to our military at:
www.lutheranhour.org/AFN/listen.htm

(For updates, check www.lhm.org)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>City</u>
6:30 a.m.	KFAB	AM 1110	Omaha
6:30 a.m.	KWBG	AM 1590	Boone
9:30 a.m.	KJAN	AM 1220	Atlantic
9:30 a.m.	KDLS	AM 1310	Perry
7:30 a.m.	WHO	AM 1040	Des Moines

The Lutheran Hour comes to you through the outreach of the International Lutheran Laymen’s League

March Assignments

ACOLYTES

- 3 - 7:00 p.m. Alex Brown
Dorian Peterson
7- 9:00 a.m. Devon Peterson
Danielle Riley
10 - 7:00 p.m. Kessler Tomas
Jay Wolfe
14 - 9:00 a.m. Cali Foglesong
Alexandra Bird
17 - 7:00 p.m. Reagan Brown

21 - 9:00 a.m. Ashtyn Riley

24 - 7:00 p.m. Jacy Eklund
Madison Peterson
28 - 9:00 a.m. Dorian Peterson
Hannah Watt

USHERS

- Bill Magers
Paul Kearney
John Wolfe
Jacob Wolfe

ORGANISTS/PIANISTS

- 3 - 7:00 p.m. Sharon Eklund
7 - 9:00 a.m. Sharon Eklund
10- 7:00 p.m. Julie Lang
14 - 9:00 a.m. Julie Lang
17 - 7:00 p.m. Janette Lang
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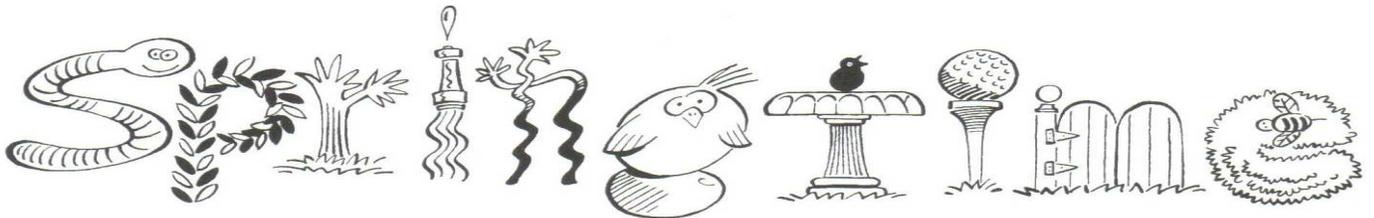
Phil Wardenburg

FINANCE TEAM

- Bill Magers
Paul Kearney

ATAR COMMITTEE

Steve & Judy Bradley



**BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH**

1. Karen Ellis, Velma Lorenz
3. Katelyn Foglesong
8. Jim Hagen
13. Randy Ringsdorf, Brigitte Brus
16. Pat Barkalow, Pauline Young
20. Alexandria Riley
21. Aaron Chapman,
23. Freida Porter, Lana Bird
26. Gabriel Brus, Eddie Tomas
27. Jonah Brus
28. Jennifer Coffman, Paul Kearney

Train a Child in the way he should go....Proverbs 22:6

What better way to train a child than to give them an opportunity to join the fun for Cub Weeks at Camp Okoboji on July 18th-24th. The Camp Auxiliary is giving away scholarships for a week at camp for children who will have completed grades 3-6 as of June 2010.

The path is so simple. Follow these simple directions.

Make available our application to children in your church. Children need to be members of a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church.

They must in their own words-100 or less tell our board why they would love to go to camp this year. If they are selected, the auxiliary will pay the cost to attend Cub Weeks.

Applications must be received in the camp office no later than March 29, 2010. Our board will then review the applications and make their selections.

The children selected will be announced at the Camp's Annual Meeting that will be held April 10, 2010. They will be notified of their selection later and given the necessary information to complete their application to Cub Week.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report
February of Fiscal Year 2010
Responsibility: All
Fund: 01 - General

	February Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of Budget
Income				
Minor: Group 00				
Books (Income)	7.00	143.00	0.00	0.00%
Building Fund (Income)	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00%
Doughnuts (Income)	-17.02	8.98	0.00	0.00%
Envelopes (Income)	6,452.75	17,757.68	0.00	0.00%
Fellowship Hall (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Hati Missions (Income)	0.00	65.00	0.00	0.00%
Interest Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Mauer Qtrl Dist (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Misc. Income	10,477.41	12,322.41	0.00	0.00%
Newsletter (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Organ Fund (Income)	150.00	600.00	0.00	0.00%
Plate (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Preschool Rent (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Sunday School (Income)	0.00	16.00	0.00	0.00%
Word for Today (Income)	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00%
Youth-Pop Machine(Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Group 00 Total	17,090.14	30,958.07	0.00	0.00%
Total Income	17,090.14	30,958.07	0.00	0.00%

Expense				
Major: World Missions / Minor: World Missions				
District Support	916.67	916.67	5,500.00	16.67%
World Missions Total	916.67	916.67	5,500.00	16.67%
Major: World Missions / Minor: Direct Support				
Deaf (Pr Konkel)	62.50	62.50	375.00	16.67%
Hati (LCMS WR-HC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Spanish (Pr Vogel)	62.50	62.50	375.00	16.67%
Direct Support Total	125.00	125.00	750.00	16.67%
Major: World Missions / Minor: Local				
Ministerial Alliance	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00%
Local Total	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00%
Major: Preaching the Gospel / Minor: Pastor				
Fica Offset (SET)	222.16	444.32	2,640.00	16.83%
Health and Pension	1.00	2,485.57	16,822.00	14.78%
HSA Deduction	108.70	108.70	0.00	0.00%
HSA Expense	108.70	108.70	2,500.00	4.35%
Parsonage Utilities	240.00	480.00	3,000.00	16.00%
Pastor Salary	2,795.30	5,699.30	34,500.00	16.52%
Professional Expenses	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00%
Retirement	0.00	0.00	1,800.00	0.00%
Pastor Total	3,475.86	9,326.59	67,262.00	13.87%

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Major: Preaching the Gospel / Minor: Pastoral Services				
Guest Speaker	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00%
Pastoral Services Total	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00%

Major: Worship and Parish Admin / Minor: Worship and Parish Admin

Bank Charges	0.00	20.00	100.00	20.00%
Bulletins & Inserts	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00%
Candles & Communion	3.94	3.94	600.00	0.66%
Conferences and Conv	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00%
Copy Machine	0.00	400.18	3,300.00	12.13%
Musicians	75.00	75.00	1,800.00	4.17%
Offering Envelopes	0.00	0.00	425.00	0.00%
Office Supplies	22.51	38.43	2,000.00	1.92%
Postage	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00%
Southwest Circuit	0.00	0.00	850.00	0.00%
Worship Committee	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00%
Worship and Parish Admin Total	101.45	537.55	10,625.00	5.06%

Major: Christian Outreach / Minor: Christian Outreach

Lutheran Witness	33.66	33.66	150.00	22.44%
Publicity	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00%
Tract/Portals of Prayer	0.00	0.00	700.00	0.00%
Word for Today	420.00	420.00	5,260.00	7.98%
Christian Outreach Total	453.66	453.66	6,360.00	7.13%

Major: Christian Education / Minor: Christian Education

Audio Visuals	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00%
Bible Class	134.86	134.86	250.00	53.94%
Christian Ed Workshop	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00%
Church Library	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00%
Confirmation Class	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
Devotional Materials	0.00	81.90	25.00	327.60%
Fellowship Supplies	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00%
Rally Day	0.00	0.00	375.00	0.00%
Recognition & Awards	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00%
Summer Bible Camp	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00%
Sunday School	189.68	189.68	600.00	31.61%
Vbs	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00%
Christian Education Total	324.54	406.44	3,575.00	11.37%

Major: Stewardship Materials / Minor: Stewardship Materials

Stewardship Materials	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00%
Stewardship Materials Total	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00%

Major: Youth Ministry / Minor: Youth Ministry

Counselor's Resources	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00%
F.L.O.C.K.	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00%
Jr. Youth	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00%
Sr. Youth	0.00	0.00	800.00	0.00%
Youth Ministry Total	0.00	0.00	1,390.00	0.00%

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Major: Congregational Property / Minor: Congregational Property				
Electricity & Gas	1,242.68	1,242.68	10,700.00	11.61%
Garbage Collection	26.85	145.72	1,300.00	11.21%
General Supplies	0.00	0.00	1,375.00	0.00%
Insurance	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00%
Internet & Telephone	186.10	311.38	2,300.00	13.54%
Lanitor	0.00	200.00	2,400.00	8.33%
Loan Interest	0.00	0.00	800.00	0.00%
Loan Principal	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00%
Parking Lot	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Rest Control	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00%
Repairs & Maintenance	46.18	69.04	2,000.00	3.45%
Snow Removal	145.50	145.50	500.00	29.10%
Water	0.00	48.19	600.00	8.03%
Congregational Property Total	1,647.31	2,162.51	31,475.00	6.87%

Major: Non-Budget / Minor: Books and Bibles

Books and Bibles	1,306.88	1,306.88	0.00	0.00%
Books and Bibles Total	1,306.88	1,306.88	0.00	0.00%

Major: Non-Budget / Minor: Maintenance

Building Repairs	1,146.00	1,146.00	0.00	0.00%
Maintenance Total	1,146.00	1,146.00	0.00	0.00%

Major: Non-Budget / Minor: 1001 Orphans

1001 Orphans LCMS-WRHC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
1001 Orphans Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total Expense	9,497.37	16,381.30	128,087.00	12.79%

Income Less Expense 7,592.77 14,576.77 -128,087.00