

**WELCOME TO TRINITY**  
**125 YEARS –**  
**“THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS”**  
 Pastor: Jonathan Offt  
 Deaconess: Carol Goldfish  
 Principal: Vernon Piering

Worship service is on Mediacom Channel 18 Friday evening at 8 PM and on ImOn (McLeod) Channel 5 Thurs. afternoon at 2 PM


**Attendance Feb 14<sup>th</sup> – Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 PM	93
Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 AM	154
Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30 AM	184
	Total	431
Ash Wed	Noon & 6 PM	277
Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday School	40

**Collections Feb 13<sup>th</sup> – Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
 Fund 1: \$ Budget: \$12,503.00  
 Fund 2: \$0.00

**WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS**

Exodus 34:1-35	03-02-09
Exodus 35:1-36:38	03-03-09
Exodus 37:1-38:30	03-04-09
Exodus 39:1-40:38	03-05-09
Leviticus 1:1-17	03-06-09
Leviticus 2:1-3:17	03-07-09

 **TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLES** – Last opportunity for you to pick one up **TODAY** for the discounted cost of \$21. Join Trinity members who are reading through God's Word during our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

**THE BIBLE AND CREATION** – TODAY is the final class of Christianity and Evolution in the church fellowship hall starting at 9:15 AM. Marv Frerking, scholar on the subject, is leading the class.

**ALMOST THERE!** – In late 2008, Trinity took the time to listen to the audio New Testament. We have committed as a church to help sponsor an audio New Testament for people in the country of Yemen. To date, \$764.29 has been received. Our goal is to raise \$948, which means we are almost there. Please consider giving to this ministry as we think outside our own walls, lives, and country in order to give others the gift of life in the Word of Jesus Christ!

**SMILE & SAY CHEESE!** - It's time for Trinity's picture directory. Picture times will be in late March and in April. There will be people available to help you sign up for a time after each service in either the library or the West wing.

**Attention YOUTH**  
 March Activities:  
 Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 – 12:00 am: High School city-wide Christian youth activity. Check out [www.3-13-09.com](http://www.3-13-09.com). We currently have one driver that can take up to 6 kids. These spaces are registered with the website and you can sign up with Trinity Lutheran Church. Cost is \$10 and is taken via credit card at the time of registration. We will meet at a set location that evening and go on a city-wide scavenger hunt and meet up with other youth for snacks and awards. If you try to sign on and the registration is full, OR if you are a parent and are willing to drive, please contact Tracy.

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Youth Group  
 Sunday, March 15 – Youth Group  
 \*\*\*To better communicate, we would like to start gathering e-mail addresses for youth families. If you would like to receive e-mails regarding upcoming events, please send an e-mail to Tracy and we will add you to the distribution list.  
 Contacts: Leon Kroemer, 363-3349 or Tracy Freeze, 390-4542 [tracyfreeze@imonmail.com](mailto:tracyfreeze@imonmail.com)

**FOR LIFE:** This is a wake-up call that really does catch people's moral imagination...The whole notion of manufacturing human or semi-human life for experimentation and destruction goes to the core of human dignity." Nigel Cameron, Pres. of Institute on Biotechnology & the Human Future, commenting on hybrid embryos in *Christianity Today*. **Life Quote from Lutherans For Life** 888-364-LIFE. *Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the right of the poor and needy*" (Proverbs 31:8-9).

**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES:** Whether you are an office worker, a business executive, a homemaker or a farmer, you likely have goals for your work. You probably have specific, intentional ideas about what you will do during the coming year to make your work succeed. Why not apply this excellent thinking and planning to the success of your marriage and/or family? This week, pray, think, and talk about your plan for ensuring "success" in your relationships. What will be your intentional plan to strengthen and improve your relationships in 2009? Lutheran Family Service of Iowa (319-393-1000)

**ALASKA VBS.** Will you answer God's calling to "Feed my Lambs" in Alaska at St. John Lutheran Church in Palmer, Alaska, July 18-28? Contact Brad or Roberta Lowery to share God's love with His little children, 396-0529.

**ATTENTION LADIES:** Please mark your calendars for **HIS WOMEN SEMINAR**, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Crowne Plaza. This year's speaker is Liz Curtis Higgs and the recording artist is Daniel Kirkley. They are expecting that tickets (cost \$30) will go quickly. Contact Shirley McCord, 365-4961 for tickets as soon as possible.

**Substitute Sunday School Teacher Needed:** We a long-term substitute within our 3rd grade Sunday School class. Our full-time teacher will be

on an extended family vacation during the months of May and June and we will need a caring and energetic individual to lead during these months.



**STEWARDSHIP – WHAT IN THE WORLD:** God doesn't expect us to be perfect stewards, but He expects us to have attitudes that desire to praise and serve Him. Jesus didn't say, "Blessed are those who achieve their potential and never make a mistake," nor did Jesus say, "Well done, good and successful servant." What Jesus did say was, *"Blessed are the poor in spirit...those who mourn...the meek"* (Matthew 5:3-5). He also said, *"Well done, good and faithful servant"* (Matthew 25:23). In our humanity, it is easy for us to make a mess of things, but we please the Lord when we, through faith, willingly use our time, talents, and treasures to help others and His Church.

**LIVING SINGLE AGAIN** a friendship/support group will meet again on March 8th, 7PM, at Bethany Lutheran Church, for speaker Ralph Palmer, on "Positive Attitude You Want, You Can Get it". Contact Bonnie Teggatz, 368-8348, for additional information.

**CARE BOXES FOR OUR MILITARY MEN:** We plan to send care boxes to troops. The cost to ship this box is \$12.95. We can put anything we want in this care box. If you would like to help, we will be sending them to 10-12 men from our church. You can stop by the church office with your offerings. Questions, call Rose McDonald 366-6743 or Dori Stanek 845-3030.

**GRIEF SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN:** Hospice of Mercy offers "Discovering Life's Treasures" providing help for families to promote healthy mourning and healing. Children in grades 1-8 and their parents are welcome for this monthly gathering which meets March 8, at the Hospice House of Mercy, 315 18<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hiawatha. Pre-registration, 398-6735, is required.



**Vacation Bible School** for students Pre-K through 5th grade is scheduled for the week of June 15 from 9-11:30 AM at Trinity Lutheran School. We are in the process of assembling a team of leaders - our VBS cannot go forward without a fully-assembled team. To date, we still need leadership in the K-5 VBS in the following areas:

**Crafts:** The kids love crafts and, therefore, crafts is an integral component of the VBS day and needs enthusiastic leadership. The craft materials for this year's VBS have already been purchased and are on site. **One adult and two youth helpers OR two adults** are needed to lead this segment. This is a fun activity to lead and much of the prep work (choosing and purchasing materials) has already been completed. Please step up and help if you can!

**Recreation: One adult and two youth helpers OR two adults** needed to lead the kids in games/activities during the VBS day (outdoors if weather is nice, in the school gym if weather is poor). Again, the kids are very enthusiastic about this activity, and it is great fun to lead. "Leader's choice" on the games/activities played. Access to school sports equipment (balls, cones, goals, etc.)

**Tribe leaders: Adult and youth graduates of 6th grade and above** needed to chaperone/guide small groups of VBS participants through their day. No preparation involved except to show up and bring your enthusiasm.

Please contact Susan Benya at [jsbeny@msn.com](mailto:jsbeny@msn.com) if you can help with K-5 VBS. Please contact Angie Bragdon at [angbragdon@yahoo.com](mailto:angbragdon@yahoo.com) if you would like to help with Pre-K VBS. The needs are similar.

*Registration forms for VBS will be posted after Easter. It is important that we have a complete team of leaders assembled by this time!! Please don't assume that "someone else" will step up and do this important work!!*

**Woman-to-Woman**, a radio program, hosted by Phyllis Wallace, airs on Sunday mornings, 7:30 AM, KXEL-1540 AM. March 8th program is "Boys

Should Be Boys!" Growing up used to mean tree houses and football. Now, violent videos and glamour girls leave parents reeling at their sons' behaviors. *In Boys Should Be Boys: 7 Secrets To Raising Healthy Sons*, pediatrician Dr. Meg Meeker helps us get them back on track. **The Lutheran Hour**, broadcast Sundays on WMT (600AM) at 6:30AM & WHO (1040AM) 7:30AM. Speaker, Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus' message on March 8<sup>th</sup> is "A Good Reason To Die". If you don't stand for something, you're bound to fall. Find out what we mean! (Romans 5:7-8)

**Today's Sunday School lesson focuses on the Bible story of when Jesus calls a storm (Mark 4: 35 - 41).**

This story is preceded by several parables about the kingdom of God. The crossing of the Sea of Galilee, though a true story, also serves as a parable, one that is acted out. This body of water is particularly susceptible to such sudden squalls, as the one that befalls the disciples.

The disciples cry out, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" (Mark 4:38) He we find Jesus, sleeping contently at one end of the boat, while the boat is quickly filling with water! The fear of the disciples had nearly crowded out their faith, though they still knew the One to whom they should appeal.

Jesus answers their prayers with His words. Then, having demonstrated that He does indeed care for them, He reveals that love by calling them to repentance and faith. "Why are you so afraid?" He asks. "Have you still no faith?"

Why does He do this? To teach us to live by faith, to trust that even in the darkest hour, He who is the Light is still with us. He loves us in stillness and in storm, night and day, health and sickness. His own suffering for us is true

testimony that God will never leave us, never forsake us.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN'S SPRING BLOOD DRIVE:** Watch for details. Our spring blood drive will be held on May 5, 2-6PM in the fellowship hall. GIVE BLOOD—HELP SAVE A LIFE!!

**Those serving the Lord THIS weekend:**

**Elder:** Ben Koehn  
**Communion Assistants:**  
 6:00 AM – 10:30 AM Elders  
**Altar Guild:**  
 6:00 AM & 10:30 AM –  
 Darrell & Diane Peterson,  
 or Deanna Acord, or Ethel Baker, or  
 Leonard & Gwen Timm  
**Greeters:**  
 6:00 PM South Door Carl Gloe  
 North Door Barbara Kienast  
 West Door Annalou Johnson  
 8:00 AM South Door Lowell & Judy Schroeder  
 North Door Ellsworth & Dorothy Voelkers  
 West Door Les & Irene Haerther  
 10:30 AM South Door  
 North Door Lillian Hoyum  
 West Door Dennis & Sandy Burns  
**Acolytes:**  
 6:00 PM Marris Taylor & Katie Kuch  
 8:00 AM Logan & Taylor Steffans  
 10:30 AM Madeline Freeze & Lauren Grier  
**Readers:**  
 6:00 PM Mary Becker  
 8:00 AM Lois Nord  
 10:30 AM Bill Galvin  
**Ushers:**  
 6:00 PM Team 2  
 8:00 AM Team 6  
 10:30 AM Team 10  
**Organist:**  
 6:00 PM & 8:00 AM Lois Nord  
 10:30 AM Forgiveness

**Those serving the Lord NEXT weekend:  
 (Mar 7<sup>th</sup> & Mar 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009)**

**Elder:** Steve Bruzek  
**Communion Assistants:**  
 8:00 AM Ernie Bena  
**Altar Guild:**  
 8:00 AM – Diana Koehn & Barb Koehn or  
 John & Stephanie Kreutner or  
 Ron & Lois Henderson  
**Greeters:**  
 6:00 PM South Door Jerry & Peggy Schneekloth  
 North Door Arlene Fintel  
 West Door Gertrude Barkwill & Doris  
 Smith  
 8:00 AM South Door Gary & Connie Cannady  
 North Door Mary Waterhouse  
 West Door Annalou Johnson  
 10:30 AM South Door Miquie Bruzek  
 North Door Dawn Taylor  
 West Door Charlene Anderson  
**Acolytes:**  
 6:00 PM Nicole & Tyler Votroubek  
 8:00 AM Colton Visek & Alysha Bruner  
 10:30 AM Keagan Schroeder & Jessica Aeillo  
**Readers:**  
 6:00 PM Dee Smith  
 8:00 AM Vonnie Andrie  
 10:30 AM Dana Oxley  
**Ushers:**  
 6:00 PM Team 3  
 8:00 AM Team 7  
 10:30 AM Team 11  
**Organist:**  
 6:00 PM & 8:00 AM Donette Piering  
 10:30 AM Forgiveness



*(If you would like to place flowers on the altar after Easter please sign up on Flower chart in South entry. )*