



TRINITY LUTHERAN
 4560 Glendale Avenue
 Toledo, OH 43614

March 2011 **NEWSLETTER**



Join us at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evenings, March 9th (Ash Wednesday), 16th, 23rd, and 30th for Lenten Worship

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS the 20TH OF THE MONTH AT 5:00 PM!
 MOVING? Please let us know your new address! Thank you.**



*The Mission of Trinity Lutheran is sharing Jesus Christ
 through worship, education, and fellowship.*



Website: www.trinitylutheran.org

Sunday Worship at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion on First and Third Sundays
 Monday Worship at 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion on First and Third Mondays
 Contemporary Worship on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion on Second and Fourth Sundays




Adult Bible Class and Kingdom Quest at 9:15 a.m.
 Office Phones --- 419.385.2651 or 419.385.2301

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Traditional Worship Services are Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings
 Contemporary Worship is at 10:45 in the gym
 Communion is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the traditional services and on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the contemporary service

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Join us for Lenten Worship each Wednesday at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. beginning Ash Wednesday, March 9th Soup Supper will be served from 5:00 to 6:45 each Wednesday</p>		<p>1 7:00 Praise Team 7:00 High School Youth Bible Study at Voormans'</p> <p>Lutheran Schools' Week</p>	<p>2 6:30 am Women's Prayer 9:00 Don Wharton Concert 10:00 Revelation Bible Study 5:30 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>3 9:00 Quilting 6:30 Brass Players 6:30 Adult Bells 7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>4 TLS Grandparents Day 8:35 am Chapel School Ends at Noon</p> <p>All Ohio Basketball Tourney</p>	5
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A Higher Things Conference in 2011



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!!!

FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN A FUNFILLED, CHRIST CENTERED LEARNING OPPORTUNITY THIS SUMMER
CONTINUE READING...

WHO? All High School Youth.

WHAT? A regional, Lutheran, High School Youth Gathering held in Bloomington, Illinois. A few days of fun, friends, learning and more.

WHEN? July 12-15, 2011

WHERE? Bloomington, Illinois. (A beautiful, yes sarcastic, 6 hour drive from Toledo.)

WHY? To learn more about our faith, have a great time with fellow Christians and of course enjoy a 6 hour van ride with Pastor Voorman. (Again, sarcastic.)

PRICE? The conference cost, including meals and housing, is \$325 per person...fundraising events are being planned.

(For more information or to sign-up talk to Pastor V!)

March Newsletter

Pastor Carr's Page

Ash Wednesday & the Lenten Season Begin March 9, 2011

Good News in the Ashes

Ash Wednesday. In the Christian church, the first day of Lent, occurring 6½ weeks before Easter. In the early church, the length of the Lenten observance varied, but eventually it began six weeks - 42 days - before Easter. But this provided only 36 days of fasting (because Sundays were not supposed to be fast days). So, in the 7th century, four days were added before the first Sunday in Lent in order to establish 40 fasting days, in imitation of Christ's fast in the desert.

The custom of using ashes today is from an old ceremony. Christians who had committed grave faults were obliged to do public penance. On Ash Wednesday the Bishop blessed the hair shirts (of the itchy uncomfortable sort!) which they were to wear during the forty days, and sprinkled ashes over them which had been made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, (including Psalms 6; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130; & 143) the penitents were turned out of the holy place because of their sins, as Adam and Eve were turned out of the Garden of Eden because of their disobedience. They did not enter the Church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by doing penance for forty days and receiving sacramental absolution. Later on, the practice came to include ALL Christians in recognition that, "ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

One of the penitential Psalms. The 51st is well known:

"{1} Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. {2} Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. {3} For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. {4} Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. {5} Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. {6} You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. {7} Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. {8} Let me

hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. {9} Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. {10} Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. {11} Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. {12} Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. {13} Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. (Psalm 51: 1-13).

With that as background, we ponder again the tortured words of King David following his adulterous union with Bathsheba, the murder of her husband Uriah, (read about it in II Samuel 11) and finally the subsequent confrontation with the prophet Nathan where his sin was pointed out: (read about it in II Samuel 12:1-14) "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

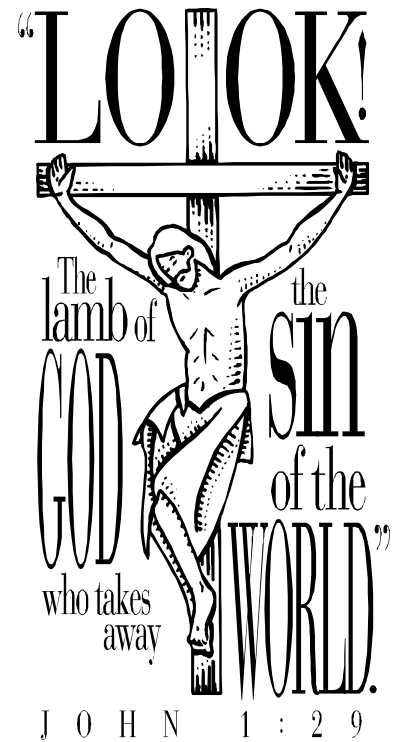
LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday is March 9th

March 9	4:30 & 7:00 p.m.
March 16	4:30 & 7:00 p.m.
March 23	4:30 & 7:00 p.m.
March 30	4:30 & 7:00 p.m.
April 6	4:30 & 7:00 p.m.
April 13	4:30 & 7:00 p.m.

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Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me." With the ashes placed on our foreheads, our sin is quite literally "before" us, and we echo the Psalmist's prayer. Ashes. The residue of a burned-out fire. Nothing would seem so appropriately symbolic of the less-than-spectacular state of humanity. Gray and lifeless, ashes make it clear that something is not right, that human beings have settled in the dust and settled for the worst. James Harnish tells of a seminary professor who asked each new group of seminary students, "What made you feel that God was calling you into the ministry?" And sometimes some poor, unsuspecting soul would say, "Well, I like working with people." The professor usually looked the student right in the eye and said, "George, you have not met many of the people you are going to be working with, have you? Some of them just are not all that nice." (6) And we know why. That perennial feature of the human situation to which our lesson calls us - sin. Clint McCann, in his work on the Psalms in *The New Interpreter's Bible* notes, "Any good history book is mainly just a long list of mistakes, complete with names and dates. It is very embarrassing." And this is especially true of the Bible. Israel's story is a long list of mistakes. King David's story is very embarrassing. So is the behavior of the disciples in the Gospels. So is the situation of the early church, as is painfully obvious in the letters of Paul. So is the history of the Christian church throughout the centuries. So are the denominational and congregational lives of the contemporary church. So are the details of our own life stories, if we are honest enough to admit it. In short, Clint writes, "Psalm 51 is not just about Israel or David, it is also about us! It is about who we are and how we are as individuals, families, churches -- sin pervades our lives. It is very embarrassing." That is the bad news. What could be more appropriate to consider this Lenten season!

But I do not want you left wanting - here's the rest of the truth. You see, Psalm 51 is not just about human nature; it is also about God's nature. "Steadfast love...abundant mercy" are the phrases we encounter. And the good news is that God is willing to forgive sinners and is able to re-create people. Israel's life as a nation is an example. David's life is an example. Yes, sin is a powerful and persistent reality, but God's grace is an even more powerful and enduring reality. By the grace of God, a persistently disobedient people become partners with God in "an everlasting covenant." (Isaiah 55:3) By the grace of God, dull and disobedient disciples of Jesus become known as those "who have been turning the world upside down." (Acts 17: 6) By the grace of God, Saul, the former murderer, becomes Paul, ambassador for Christ. And by the grace of God, you and I can be made CLEAN AND new as well. And THAT is good news indeed.

Join your fellow worshipers and friends in Christ as together we walk the Lenten journey that leads us beyond our sin with all its ugliness to the cross - to the tomb first sealed and then opened- to the new life we have in the Resurrection of our Lord . Come to God's house each Wednesday and Sunday - make the commitment now!

Lenten Devotion Booklets Available at both Welcome Centers - Please help yourself to a devotion booklet, *"The Light Shines in the Darkness"* compliments of Lutheran Hour Ministries and Trinity Lutheran Church. Why not take an extra copy to hand to an unchurched friend.

Most importantly make it your practice throughout Lent to read the devotion and the scripture lesson appointed each day!



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS, CLASS AND MEMORIALS GIVEN

Members Transferred

To Other Lutheran Churches

James Koenig to King of Kings, Ann Arbor, MI (ELCA)

Members Received

Transferred from Other Lutheran

Kent & Charlette Jackman, Isaac and Hannah from King of Glory Lutheran Church

Deaths

Louis Zapf on January 21, 2011
Sara Plageman-Clark on February 12, 2011

Memorials

Memorials have been donated in memory of **Louis Zapf** by Bruce & Irene Stickroth and Richard & Carol Ulrich to the Building Fund.

A Memorial has been donated to the Drager Fund in memory of **John Orner** by Al & Vivian Liebich, Jr.

A Memorial has been donated in memory of **“Moe” Damman** to the Growing in Christ Fund by Bill & Gayle Freitag.

Ernie & Chris Spohn have donated a Memorial to the Digital Sign Fund in memory of **Don Keller**.

Don & Karen Notzka and Ernie Heller have donated Memorials to the Building Fund in memory of **Sara Plageman-Clark**.

Betty Panning has donated a Memorial to the Digital Sign Fund in memory of **Sara Plageman-Clark**.

Dick & Leora Stainbrook have donated Memorials in memory of **Anna Redieck** and **John Orner** (brother of Eleanor Liebich).

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next prayer shawl meeting is Tuesday, March 8th at 1:30 p.m. in the Seniors' Room. We look forward to having all of our knitters and those that crochet join us. A big welcome to those who can't attend the meetings, but are knitting at home!

New Adult VIP (Vitaly Informed Persons) Class To Begin

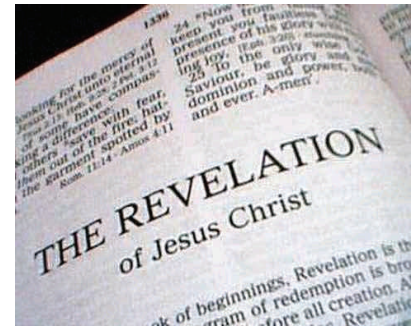
The Pastors will begin a membership class for those adults and older teens who desire to join Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 6th. This class is titled **VIP** as we want our members to be informed concerning the truths of Holy Scripture—that we have life (vitality) through Christ, the Living Word. The class will meet for ten consecutive Sundays in the small Bible Study room (off the cafeteria) during the Sunday School hour (9:15 – 10:15 a.m.)

At the end of the ten weeks, those desiring to join the congregation may do so; others may wish to take this class as a refresher course in the basic doctrines of the Bible.

If you would like to be a part of this class, please sign the sheets on the Welcome Centers or call the church office. The materials for the class will be handed out at the first class.



New Member Class



On Sunday, March 13, 2011 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Trinity will host a Seminar on The Book of Revelation with guest Professor Rev. Charles A. Gieschen, Ph.D.

Rev. Gieschen is a Professor and Chairman of Exegetical Theology and is the Assistant Editor of the Concordia Theological Quarterly.

Plan now to attend.



Thank you!

We have several shawls completed and they're looking just great!

If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a shawl, please call Helen Kieswetter at 419-382-5926.

STEWARDS OF GOD’S BLESSINGS

Retirement is a modern day phenomenon. Today we believe that at some point in our lives we can stop working and enjoy a different lifestyle to the fullest.

This time could, however, be used to keep active and volunteer to work in God’s kingdom; to help with a food pantry, to serve the poor, your community and your church.

The dictionary defines the word “retire” as “to withdraw from action”. Retirement can allow us that time to travel, read, golf, fish and other interests—the key seems to be to be moderate in all that you do. People who continue to remain active in some way have been proven to live longer!

Whether you choose to “retire” from your lifelong work, or to remain on the job, remember to make time for service to our Lord.

For those Christians just beginning their life’s work, you too must remember to set aside time for your Lord in worship, praise and service. Don’t become so “wrapped up” in your career, that there is no time for the Lord.

As St. John says in the 12th Chapter:

“Whoever serves Me must follow Me; and where I am, My servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.”

John 12:26

CHURCH FINANCES GENERAL FUND January 31, 2011

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>January 31</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
General	\$84,251	\$84,251
School Income	\$41,774	\$41,774
Other Income	\$ 107	\$ 107
Total	\$126,132	\$126,132
Expenses		
Salaries—Benefits	\$94,394	\$94,394
Operations	\$32,494	\$32,494
Total	\$126,888	\$126,888
Net Income or (Loss)	(\$757)	(\$757)

**Capital Improvement Fund
as of 1/31/2011
Funds Available: \$55,644**

BLIND MINISTRY OUTREACH

The meetings of the Blind Ministry Outreach will resume on Saturday, March 19th. We meet on the third Saturday of the month in the Senior’s Room beginning at 5:00 p.m. A delicious meal, which has been prepared by Trinity’s talented cooks is served. This meal is followed by a short devotion. The rest of the evening is spent listening to various speakers or musical groups. The meetings end at 7:00 p.m.

Trinity members pick up the visually impaired person and bring her/him to our meetings, or a relative can bring him/her and stay for the evening’s

program.

We are always interested in reaching more of the visually impaired in our community, so if you know of someone who might like to attend our gatherings, please call Dorothy Landskroener at 419-385-6771.

We could always use a few more of our members to help set up



and serve the meals at these meetings. If you are interested in helping, please call Betty Panning at 419-482-0556.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please call Dorothy or Betty.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE ACTIVITIES



Trinity’s Friendship Circle will meet for lunch on **Thursday, March 9th, at 11:30 AM** at the **Hong Kong Buffet Restaurant** on Glendale (in the Wal-Mart Parking Lot).

After lunch we will return to the Seniors Room and watch the movie **“Wonders of God’s Animal Kingdom.”**

Please make your reservations with **Bernice Gibson at 419-893-4363 by Sunday, March 6th**. Everyone is welcome!

On **Tuesday, March 21st**, the **Friendship Circle** will meet in the **Seniors Room** at **1 PM** to play Dominoes.

Everyone is welcome!



LENTEN SERVICES AND SOUP SUPPERS

Lenten Services will once again be held each Wednesday at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 9th.

The sermon series this season is based on “The Sign of Jonah.”

A service schedule is listed below.

Please plan to attend services each week as we begin to prepare our hearts for the death and resurrection of our Lord.

- March 9th God is Calling
- March 16th Saved in the Storm
- March 23rd Our Providing God
- March 30th Praying in the Belly of the Great Big Fish
- April 9th The God of the Second Chance
- April 13th About Face

Lenten Soup Suppers will once again be offered here at Trinity beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 6:45 p.m. each Wednesday evening through the Lenten season; and on Maundy Thursday, April 21st. A free-will offering will be collected.

Thank you to our volunteers who faithfully prepare and serve our soup suppers. They are asking for your help once again. If you are able to donate soup or desserts, please sign-up on the boards located outside the gym and in the Narthex.



DRAGER FOUNDATION NEWS

Are You Smarter Than A Trinity Student????

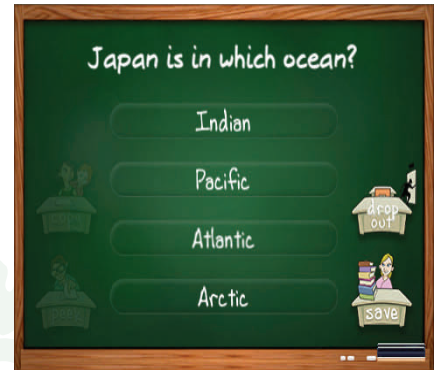
Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual “Are You Smarter Than A Trinity Student” event!! Yes, we are doing it again—on April 1st! - No joke!

In 2010, this was such a success and with some streamlining over last year’s show, it promises to be just as

entertaining; so plan now to attend.

The funds raised from the event will help financially stressed students and families with their tuition; and Howard and Elanore Drager’s dream of helping students and their families will be realized.

Thank you everyone for your continued support for the Trinity Student Tuition Assistance Fund. May God bless you . . . And see you at the show!



UP-COMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

3rd Annual NW Ohio Life Fair

Come see what pro-life organizations from Ohio, Indiana and Michigan are doing and how you can get involved. Listen to speakers from local organizations and a nationally recognized pro-life speaker . . . Stay tuned to find out who this is.

Free admission and free refreshments.

TIME: Sunday, April 10th from 1:00—4:00

LOCATION:
St. Rose School Gym
217 E. Front Street
Perrysburg, OH

School News



Have you seen.....

The neat igloo in the kindergarten room? It is made entirely out of gallon milk jugs! Our students must drink a lot of milk! Stop in soon to see it before spring comes and it melts away! (Please note: all milk jugs will be recycled!)

Community Open House

Our 3rd Annual open house was held on Sunday, February 13th, for community members to visit Trinity and see what we have to offer. Advertising in community newspapers (including The Toledo Parent News) and on the radio invited parents of prospective students to this event! Several families visited with us! Thanks to everyone who played a part in getting our school ready for this event!



Mark your calendars for Friday, April 1st! That's the date for the Trinity game show "Are You Smarter than a Trinity Student?" This event benefits the Howard & Elanore Drager Foundation Scholarship Fund. Student participation and great contestants will be part of this fun evening! Everyone is welcome!



Lutheran Schools Week will be celebrated February 27-March 4. Several events are planned throughout the school week. On Wednesday, March 2nd, **Christian singer and songwriter Don Wharton** will be coming to TLS. Don has performed over 3,000 concerts since 1979. His encouraging and uplifting style has inspired thousands of people to greater service for our Lord, Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome to join with us. Watch the bulletin and Friday Facts for more information. **Grandparent/ Special Friend Day** will be held on Friday, March 4th. This exciting day will begin with chapel at 8:40 AM with Pastor Voorman (no chapel on Wednesday of that week) after which grandparents & special friends are invited to visit the classrooms. A fun **assembly featuring Jim "Basketball" Jones** will be held later in the morning with an early dismissal at noon on that day!

Other upcoming events...

February 25-27 -

Bill Gibson Invitational Tournament

March 4-6 -

All Ohio Lutheran Basketball Tournament

March 8 & 10 -

Parent-Teacher Conferences - End of 2nd trimester

March 14 -

Concordia University Choir-Mequon, WI.

March 24-25 -

LEA Convocation-No School.

*Blessings from the staff & students at TLS,
Christine Spohn, Principal*



**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
MITES and MISSIONS**

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is in need of your **Prayers and Mites**. **The goal to support national mission grants for the 2009-2011 biennium needs to be met by March 31st**. If not enough Mites are received by that date, the mission grants selected at the 2009 convention in Portland, Oregon may not be full funded. The mission grants of the national and Ohio District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) have been featured in the past newsletters. We hope that this information has helped you to have a better understanding as to where your Mites are going. Please continue to pray for God's blessings on all the grants and support these grants by placing your coins, dollars or a check made payable to LWML Ohio District into an envelope and **bring them to church on March 20th** so that your Mites may be applied to the LWML Mission Goal. Consider an extra gift in thankfulness for blessings received. February Mites total \$122.00. God bless you for your support. Envelopes for your Mites and additional Mite Boxes can be found near the Welcome Centers. Below is information on one of the LWML national grants:

LCMS PRISON MINISTRY PROVIDES DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Sitting with his knees up on the thin mattress covering his prison cot, the young man thumbed through a well-worn copy of "Portals of Prayer". He re-read the devotion that assured him that God's great love and forgiveness was for him, too. It seemed like a long time ago when, wracked by depression and loneliness, he had sought relief at that crack house. The confusion and fear that surrounded him as the police sting caught him was like the end of the world that night. But now it seemed like that night had only been the beginning of his new life. He thought of Christ's love for him, and he smiled softly.

The LCMS Prison Ministry mission is to provide encouraging ministry to the imprisoned, ex-offenders, and their families, as well as to the victims of crime. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared through distribution of *Portals of Prayer*, paperback Bibles, tracts, and other devotional books. LCMS Prison Ministry has expanded the direct mailing of quarterly devotional materials to inmates who request them.

LCMS World Relief and Human Care developed materials which were used for the training of more than 120 people who attended two prison ministry training opportunities. These materials are available for distribution to congregations and individuals interested in prison ministry.

Three new devotional books (one for Lent, one specifically for women, and one based on Luther's Small Catechism) are being written and copy-edited. These new devotional books, along with the *Portals of Prayer*, will be distributed to chaplains, pastors, and deaconesses who serve in prison institutions. Funding for the printing and distribution of 5,000 copies of each of these new devotional booklets for prison ministry will be provided by this grant.

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TOLEDO ZONE SERVANT EVENT will be held **Saturday, March 5th**. We will begin with a Bible study at 9:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, corner Erie and Buckeye Streets, Toledo. Attendees may leave Immanuel to "serve" off site at one of several social agency locations. Your service could be helping with spring cleaning, serving and/or preparing a meal and yard work, etc. Or you may stay at Immanuel to help make baby blankets, quilts for Lutheran World Relief, mission dolls, etc. A registration fee of \$5.00 will cover lunch to be served at Immanuel at about 1:00 p.m. We will share our experiences before going home. Please call Lillian at 419-893-2951 or June at 419-891-0134, if you plan to attend. We plan to carpool.

TRINITY LWML will MEET Saturday, March 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Senior's Room. We are pleased to have Pastor Voorman join us for the meeting. He will talk about being a seminarian and how support of seminarians is very much appreciated. We will close around 11:00 a.m. Please plan to join us. NOTE: This is a change from our usual Monday evening meeting

LWML PLAYS in PEORIA—The 34th Biennial Convention of the LWML will be held in Peoria, Illinois, June 23-26, 2011 under the theme "**Being with Jesus—Living on the Edge.**" Registration opens March 1st for both the convention and hotels. We are excited to have as one of our inspirational speakers, Katie Stamm, Miss America 2009. Be a part of those attending who will praise the Triune God, encounter Him in His Word, and live boldly as His children. Registration forms are in the winter issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and also at www.lwml.org.

SAVE the DATE: Sunday, May 1, 2011—LWML Toledo Zone Rally, Concordia Lutheran, Findlay, OH

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary! We recognize those members who are celebrating 50 years and over anniversaries. If your name has inadvertently been left off our list, please call the church office. God Bless all our celebrants!



March Birthdays

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Alyssa Eubank
Michael Fairchild
Joanne Greene
Elizabeth Leach
Nikolaus Wendling 2. Larry Driver
Raymond Marter
Jillian McAfee
Gary Miles
Carl Obst 3. Richard Bowen
Kurt Fannin
Pat Finch
Fred Pease
Amy Trettin 4. Elizabeth Hayes
Allison Johnston
Ellen Knipper
Heather Semro 5. John Lark
Carl Williams
Debra Woodrow 6. London Bernath
Dennis Felton
Gary Paulsen
Minna Rickard
Daniel Stainbrook Jr.
Bradley Weiker
Katherine Williams 7. Orianna Cabacum
Richard Ulrich
Ryan Wagner 8. Paige Dietrich
Christa Parker
Nancy Roberts
Ian Soper 9. Kaylin Dery
Allison Eubank 10. Thomas Carter | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Hays
Donald Kristufek
Daniel Tracey
Janet Veres 11. Grace Bergman
Angela LaPlante
Greg Repass
James Wenz
Katherine Zieber 12. Scott Ammons
Thomas Hench
Kent Jackman
Sharon Knox
Chad Kwiatkowski
James Parker
Ann Smock
Phillip Snyder 13. Cody Dismuke
Michael Lambert
Karen Pease
Ted Sitchanoff 14. Amanda Gibson
Tracy Hutchins
Kaylah Johnson
Nancy Sheets
George Streepey 15. Ethan Brubaker
Ray Lewis
Rena' Lucier
Gavin Poole
David Prediger
Alexis Rayfield 16. Markus Fink
Lydia Steensen 17. Jacquelynn Collins
Edna Greenbaum
Joselyn Johns 18. Natasha Anderson
David Jernas
Anthony Krerowicz
Kody Prediger 19. Christina Heine
Alexander Hendricks
Jeffrey Rosebrock
Sallyann Treadaway |
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Lesley Eistetter
Brian Leimkuehler 21. Robert Broadway
Brian Schmidt
Adrienne Sizemore 22. Victoria Treadaway 23. Michelle Beery
Eric Kline
Bernadette Lata
Hailey Lewandowski
Aaron Woodrow 24. Sophia Aultman
Wyatt Fairchild
Larry Hudson
Kyleigh Kinsel
Connor Krix
Akeyliah Mahmoud 25. Janice Benner
Loralee Jernas
Katie Nichter 26. Michael Meadows
Ralph Moore 27. Christian Beard
Barb Bockbrader
Viola Day
Michael Vassar 28. Tom Sink
Valerie Ward
Mark Wilkerson 29. Helen Kieswetter
Julie Leach
Joseph Stainbrook 30. Emily Hutchins
Sheryl Lowry
Barbara Rickard 31. Fynn Beard
Tyler Garn
Jillian Jernas
Roger Rice |
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March Anniversaries



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Brian & Lena Zieber 7. Sarah & Timothy Boerst 9. Fred & Leslie Wilt 10. Al & Joanne Greene (60 years)
Steve & Diana Kline
Amanda & Ted Meiers
Dan & Patti Stainbrook 11. Jim & Rhonda Perry 14. Gary & Pat Slicker 15. Bruce & Peggy Cramer 16. Jeff & Julie King 17. Michael & Melissa Grant
Alfred & Lee Obst
Clifford & Diane Sweinghagen 18. Robert & Patti Momany 19. Richard & Renee Bowen
Brad & Susan Moenter
Fritz & Doris Schoenfelt (61 years) 21. Dean & Allison Eubank 23. Eric & Brandi Hickman
Richard & Wendy Stainbrook 25. Rick & Christy Diegel 26. David & Paula Prediger 27. Dale & Barbara Bockbrader 28. Scott & Denise McDonald |
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Worship Servants – March, 2011

Date	8:00	10:30	10:45	Monday Evening
Communion Assistants				
3/6	John Burchfield	Brian Cunningham Dave Prediger		3/7 Randy Sroczyński
3/9	Ash Wednesday – Communion Worship 4:30 p.m. Joel Behrman 7:00 p.m. John Burchfield			
3/13			Jerry Francis Chad Lowry Derek Dierks	
3/20	Joel Behrman	Gary Paulsen Marv Schumm		3/21
3/27			Randy Sroczyński Chris Jaquay-Williams Brian Cunningham	
 Elder in Charge of Donuts: Marv Schumm				
Crucifers/Acolytes				
3/6	Kurt Fannin Austin Cole Ben Kuhlman Laura Stainbrook	Joel Wagner Elizabeth Wilkie Nathan Hutchins Miriam Deal		3/7 Amanda Hayes
3/9 Ash Wednesday	4:30 Crucifer - Dustin Miller; Acolytes – Ryan Jaquay-Williams, Betsy Stacy 7:00 Crucifer – Michael Burchfield; Acolytes – Klaus Fink, Selena Hernandez			
3/13	Jillian Jernas Moira Behrman	Jeffrey Hutt Josh Ryan		3/14 Jeff Treadaway
3/16 Lent II	4:30 Crucifer – Sarah Rettig; Acolytes – Chelsey Williams, Logan Hodak 7:00 Crucifer – Alex Proctor; Acolytes – Connor Krix, Nathan Randolph			
3/20	Sydney Petty Bethany Kollmorgen	Kaylah Johnson Hannah Jackman		3/21 Maddie Beck
3/23 Lent III	4:30 Crucifer – Kyleigh Kinsel; Acolytes – Emily Paulsen, Aaliyah Phounsavath 7:00 Crucifer – Renee Randolph; Acolytes – Kenna LaChapelle, Micaela LaChapelle			
3/27	D'Ante Bowen Kurt Fannin	Emily Vincent Jake Diegel		3/28 Madeline Tucker
3/30 Lent IV	4:30 Crucifer – Ben Kuhlman; Acolytes – Luke Dangler, Katie Zieber 7:00 Crucifer – Kara Glore; Acolytes – Amanda Poole, Hannah Rettig			
Usher Teams				Altar Guild
	Dave Judy, Captain Larry Beebe Randy Sroczyński Christy Lorton Chuck Bodi Ted Sitchanoff	Bob Hodak, Captain Lynn Massey Gary Miles Mary Miles Buck Liebich Steve Wagner	Todd Deal, Captain	Ruth Klein
Greeters			Welcome Center Volunteers	
	8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30
3/6	Dave & Barb Prediger	Mike & June Davis	Dorothy Landskroener and Betty Panning	Marylin Hodak
3/13	Charles & Sheryl Bodi	Don & Ruth Klein	Melissa Kisandi	Jack & Kay Hoefflin
3/20	Bob & Lisa Deeter	Dan & Denean Gibson	Leo Knox	Marylin Hodak
3/27	Joe & Melissa Kisandi	Jack & Dottie Meyer	Leonard & Alicejean Harvey	Jack & Kay Hoefflin



Pray For Us Calendar

The following prayer requests were submitted to LCMS World Mission by your coworkers in the Lord's mission around the world.

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THE BALTICS - March 1-31 *The Baltics consist of the countries of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, which border the Baltic Sea and were all republics of the Soviet Union during its existence. LCMS World Mission began work in the Baltics after the fall of the Soviet Union.*

Remember God's work in the Baltics as you pray:

- for Rev. Mark and Rose Krause and their ministry—that the Lord would continue to bless them and their ministry. Give thanks to God for providing them with good health and protection these past few years.
- for GEO missionary Kathleen Garner, who serves in Latvia and is also completing her director of Christian education internship through her service. Ask the Lord to bless her ministry and continue to watch over her. (GEO missionaries are globally engaged in outreach and serve for terms of 1-2 years in various countries around the world.)
- for GEO missionary Julia Mueller, who is also serving in Latvia and completing her DCE internship. Pray for God's continued blessings on her ministry and that Latvian Lutherans would be encouraged by her presence and ministry.
- for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia during their leadership search for a new Latvian pastor who will continue the ministry started by Rev. Ugis Bruklene to reach out with the Gospel to the large Latvian immigrant population living in Ireland.
- for the ministry among English-speaking expatriates living in Riga, Latvia, including the English worship services offered at the Dome, the Lutheran cathedral in Riga. Pray that this ministry would be an encouragement and a sustaining force in the faith lives of English-speaking believers living in Riga, and a light of the Gospel for unbelieving English speakers in Riga.
- that a retired Lutheran pastor would answer the Lord's call to serve as the English-speaking pastor at the Dome in Riga, so that the international community would have a full-time pastor to care for them and lead them in worship.
- for God's blessing upon the international play group that meets in Riga every Thursday and Friday morning in the Youth Center. Ask the Lord to bless the effort of Rose Krause and Julia Mueller as they build relationships with mothers and children living in Riga to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- for God to bless the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia as it faces what many consider its biggest challenge—educating and training its pastors and laypeople for active involvement in mission work and outreach.
- for the Holy Spirit to grant the pastors of rural congregations strength and endurance for their challenging ministry—most of them serve four to five congregations. Pray also that they might be able to develop a deeper pastoral relationship with all of their congregations.
- that God would grant wisdom and courage to the leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia as the Holy Spirit works through them to share a message of hope with the people in their communities.
- for the establishment of an intentional stewardship program among the Lutheran churches in Latvia, so that individual members and congregations may experience the mutual support and encouragement that comes from sacrificial giving.
- for the ministry of the St. Gregor mission center, as it seeks to share outreach ideas and techniques with pastors and lay leaders in Latvia.

13. with thanksgiving for the “family camp” that the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia held for pastors and their spouses, as well as laypeople. Rev. Dr. Bob Rosin, of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, shared about how to effectively relate the Gospel to a community's specific culture.

14. with thanksgiving for the first-ever Pastoral Leadership Institute training conference held in Latvia in August 2010—and with thanks for the 12 pastors and nine wives who attended. They gathered under the theme, “Leading from Within” and will meet together monthly following the conference for continued training and encouragement.

15. Ask the Lord to bless the efforts to host a second conference in August for both first- and second-year students.



Rev. Mark and Rose Krause are career missionaries serving in the Baltics.

- Learn more about mission work in the Baltics on the LCMS World Mission website at www.lcmsworldmission.org/eurasia.



- Read the most up-to-date news about Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and other countries where LCMS supports mission projects on the LCMS World Mission blog at <http://blog.lcmsworldmission.org>. Click on “International.”

- Learn about the general strategy of international mission work in the LCMS at www.lcmsworldmission.org/international.

- Meet LCMS missionaries serving around the world—search the prayer card database at www.lcmsworldmission.org/prayercards.



St. John's Cathedral in Riga, Latvia, is a frequent reminder of the nation's Christian heritage.



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16. with thanksgiving for the Latvian pastors' wives retreat that was held in October 2010. Pray that the Lord would continue to use and encourage the women who attended as they recall the Bible studies, topical discussions, prayer time and fellowship that they shared during the retreat.

17. with thanks for the leadership and service of Archbishop Janis Vanags, the leader of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia. Ask the Lord to continue to guide him and grant him wisdom and strength.

18. for the current and future ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania in a largely Catholic country—that those who identify with the Lutheran church body there would actively live out their faith.

19. that the Lord would help show the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania to find ways to identify effectively with the Lithuanian culture without compromising their confessional faith.

20. a prayer of thanksgiving for the three lay ministry training conferences that have been held in Lithuania. A team of Lithuanian pastors designed a 10-session program that will be presented throughout the year. More than 70 people attended each of the conferences. Ask the Lord to continue His blessing upon this program.



GEO missionary Kathleen Garner

21. with thanksgiving for the nine men currently enrolled in the drug and alcohol rehabilitation program that is run by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania—pray that the Lord would work through this program to provide them with physical, emotional and spiritual healing, and that it would touch many more people into the future.

22. for Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis, the leader of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania, and other leaders as they guide their church body in sound teaching and practice and seek effective ways to reach out in their communities with the Gospel.

23. for those who identify with the Lutheran church in Estonia—that these Lutherans would come to be sustained by regular group worship and deepen their involvement in ministry, so that they might be sure of God's Gospel promises and share them with others.

24. for the Theological Institute and Mission Center of the Lutheran church in Estonia as it trains pastors and seeks ways to connect secular Estonians with the Gospel.

25. for the Estonian Lutheran congregations who have used the "alpha course" to teach about and encourage outreach—that the Lord would work through this training to bless the attendees and their congregations.



GEO missionary Julia Mueller

26. with thanksgiving for God's many blessings on Estonia as a nation: religious freedom, a recently revised translation of the Bible in Estonian and a missionary presence from other countries since it gained independence in 1988.

27. for God to continue to graciously provide financial support of mission projects and missionaries in the Baltic countries, which He has faithfully done through so many individual supporters, congregations and districts.

28. that more men in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia would come to faith in Christ and that the Lord would raise them up in their churches and families as strong Christian leaders.

29. for the churches of the Baltics to lovingly and courageously face the Gospel proclamation challenges of their time in their societies' "post-church" context.

30. that the Holy Spirit would speak through Lutherans in the Baltic nations to respond effectively and lovingly to the influence of secularism and materialism that is widespread since the fall of communism. Pray that God would work through these countries' economic challenges to draw people to Himself.

31. that the Lord would use Lutheran Christians in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia to lovingly welcome visitors and inquirers in their churches—especially young families with children—and share the Gospel in an understandable way.



Church steeples, such as this one of St. Peter's Cathedral in Riga, Latvia, are a common sight throughout the Baltics.

Missionary Birthdays

Missionary prayer cards may be downloaded from the LCMS World Mission Web site at www.lcmsworldmission.org/prayercards.

Mar. 1 Bruce Wall, Panama

Mar. 4 Amy Riley, Taiwan

Mar. 5 Joel Klammer, Asia

Mar. 13 Kay Lindsay, Asia

Mar. 16 Jodee Filmer, Asia; John Mehl, Hong Kong; Shauna Strohschein, Hong Kong

Mar. 20 Jennifer Anderson, Central Asia

Mar. 23 Kerri Schielke, Texas

Mar. 29 Anna Hu, Asia

Mar. 31 Anton Lutz, Papua New Guinea

Military Chaplains with Birthdays in March:

Chaplain Pon Chanthaphon, Lemoore, Calif.; Chaplain Robert Crossan, Afghanistan; Chaplain Eric Ebb, Camp Atterbury, Ind.; Chaplain John Elser, Amarillo, Texas; Chaplain Steven Hokana, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Chaplain Craig Muehler, Japan; Chaplain David Schilling, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Chaplain Michael Sneath, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Chaplain Mark Steiner, Washington, D.C.; Chaplain Gregory Williamson, Korea

