



Triangles

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THE LION HAS
ROARED —
WHO WILL NOT
FEAR?
THE LORD GOD
HAS SPOKEN —
WHO CAN BUT
PROPHECY?
(AMOS 3:8)

The Lion's Roar

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you, all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5)

One of the good things about hard economic times is that people in volunteer organizations decide if their organization is really worth their effort or not. During these times, people either commit to the survival of whatever they believe in or it fails and the church is no exception. Lately, as we have had less money to hire someone to have things done, we have seen people step up and serve where once we just wrote a check.

The council has talked about recognizing people for their service and I think it is always good to say thank you when people have done you a favor or to give encouragement when people are doing a good job. The problem of course is that we always risk missing someone who might be hurt when his or her service is not recognized.

So, whatever the council may or may not do, this is my personal encouragement to all of you who stepped it up in 2010 and did a little more, gave a little more, prayed a little more and made Trinity a more dynamic force in our community. I am aware of some of you but I am sure that many of you are flying under my radar; especially those who gave more money since I never look at the offerings. Just know that because I am the Pastor of this congregation, I often get the credit for it running so smoothly. That's the nature of the beast. But I know that I could not accomplish all that we accomplished in 2010 without the support and encouragement of all of you who cleaned, donated, invited, decorated, cooked, sang, played, repaired, shoveled, typed, sewed, set-up and tore-down, planned, cleaned some more, planted, trimmed, attended, hauled, visited, delivered and finally cleaned again! 2010 was a very successful year for Trinity even though times were tight.

We voted to expand the preschool, started the Trinity Music Center and sent 30 youth and 5 chaperones to the LC-MS National Youth Gathering. I am amazed at the hours of time and thousands of dollars this congregation invests in the Lord's work here and around the world. I am very proud of our congregation and very honored that the Lord has called me to man the bridge of this miraculous ship.

In His Service, Pastor Rogers

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Daily Devotion from Lutheran Church Charities

Your Self-Talk!

You will...declare a thing, and it will be established for you, and light will shine on your ways.

Job 22:28

Did you know you have your own 'internal chatterbox?' It holds the key to most of your fears! It is the little voice of gloom and doom that goes something like this: 'I would love to have a better relationship, but if I make the first move and they do not respond I will feel rejected.' Or, 'I would like to pursue my education, but if I register for classes then cannot do the work I will feel stupid.' Such words become a self-fulfilling prophecy. Until you replace your negative self-talk with faith-talk, you will always live in fear. Your mind is the placenta of your spirit; it nurtures each seed you sow until the time of delivery. So if you do not want what a seed will ultimately produce, you must abort it, stop sowing it, or stop feeding it. Your first step to breaking fear's hold is recognizing the self-talk that got you into trouble in the first place. Is that easy to do? No, it takes vigilance, self-awareness, discipline and scriptural reprogramming. But by changing your thoughts you will begin to change your entire life.

Job said, '*You will...declare a thing, and it will be established for you.*' Now the amazing part is, at times you may not 'feel like you believe' the particular Scripture you are standing on. That is okay; your inner self accepts what it is consistently fed and begins to act accordingly. So go ahead, serve an eviction notice on every negative thought that is holding you back and begin reprogramming your mind with God's Word.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, fill my thoughts with positive thoughts that can bring glory to you – and protect me from thinking things that would draw me away from what you would have me do. In Jesus' Name, Amen

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New Center for Church Music at Concordia

A ribbon cutting was held on October 18, 2010, at Concordia University Chicago for the dedication of the Center for Church Music, housed temporarily in the rare books room of the Concordia University library. Concordia has established the Center for Church Music as a repository for special collections and works created by influential church musicians, including the Carl F. Schalk Hymnody Collection and the Richard W. Hillert Collection. It is the hope of the University that these collections will provide students, scholars, church musicians, and others with a lasting heritage of music that tells the story of God and his abiding love.

Richard Hillert, composer of the canticle "This Is the Feast," as well as many other works for choirs and instruments, was Distinguished Professor of Music Emeritus at Concordia and a long-time member of Grace Lutheran Church in River Forest. He died earlier this year. His wife Gloria Hillert continues to organize and prepare his musical works for the archives. These were composed over a span of nearly 70 years. Recordings, programs, bound scores and manuscripts associated with Dr. Hillert's compositions will also be found at the Center. These may be studied, copied, printed, recorded, and disseminated, as long as all original material remains in the Center's archives.

Carl Schalk, another long-time Grace member and former assistant music director, is a noted composer and hymnody scholar and Distinguished Professor of Music Emeritus at Concordia.

Source: Grace Notes. River Forest, Illinois: Grace Lutheran Church, Nov 9, 2010.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 1-Carol Papanek, Victoria Sniegowski, 2-Adele Heuser, Dan Ohman, 3-VictorManuel Lopez, 4-LaVerle Hall, Dawn Head, Elizabeth Sterns, 5-Kay Benzin, Lori Varno, Brittany Wendorf, 6-Glen Frindt, 7- Richard Van Swol, 8-James Mora, DJ Nack, Mike Reschke, Abigail Ritt, Mary Stahlke, 10-Brooke Farmer, 11-Craig Musa, 12-Jonathan Stahlke, 13-Gerald Graunke, Wesley Warpool 14-Mike Dickmann, 15-Andrew Thompson, 17-Jamie Klonowski, 18-Talor Torrence, 19-Judy Buehre, Tom Banks, 20-Max Batjes, Cassandra Heaney, Tom Jones, 21-Brian Erber, Justin Heaney, 22- Steve Towne, 23-Matt Cochran, 24-Donna DeRobertis, Jamie Golz, JuanElias Lopez 25-Kevin Corral, Clifton Sperry, Gina Stolzman, 26-Bonnie Dale, Kelly Dickmann, Jamie Wass, 27-Clifton Sperry III, 28-Paul Varno, 29-Debra Banks, Darin Cwik, Denis Maher 31-Darlene Edwards, Allison Gagliano, Michael Gagliano, Dave Richardson, Jackson Scofield.

ANNIVERSARIES: 2-Will & Casey Tessler, 10-Tom & Dee Jones, 11-Frank & Marilyn Felz
13-Paul & Susan Stolzman, 16-Warren & Judy Sheridan, 22-Doug & Pat Gray

A FUTURE WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

Board for Evangelism Newsletter: January 2011

What will 2011 have in store for you?

Perhaps it will be a year of prosperity for you - graduation, a new job, a new baby, overseas travel, or maybe things will simply hold steady for you during the year - same decent job, same healthy family and so on. Most of us do not like thinking about problems and hardships that could arise during the year - sickness, death, unemployment, separation from loved ones.

Uncertainty about the future causes many of us stress. We live in a sinful world - sin lurks around every corner. Sin hurts, it destroys, it causes us problems, and what is worse, because we ourselves are sinful, we are guilty before our Holy and Righteous God.

A wonderful Scripture verse that helps set our mind for the New Year is Romans 8:35, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" The answer is no one and nothing.

The fact is that God became man, born of a woman, for your salvation - The Christ child was born in Bethlehem **NO ONE CAN CHANGE THAT!** Christ lived a perfect life in your place. **NO ONE CAN CHANGE THAT!** Christ suffered and died on the cross to pay for the guilt and punishment of your sin. **NO ONE CAN TAKE THAT AWAY FROM YOU!**

No matter what the New Year holds in store for you - good or bad - remember, Christ's love for you remains and doesn't change, Christ's forgiveness for your sins remains and doesn't change, and Christ's promise to be with you always remains and doesn't change. In other words, your salvation is secure! This is the truth that we trust in good times and in days of hardship. **HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!** See you in church each Sunday and bring a friend!

Memorials

In Loving Memory of Donna Grote
given by: *Mr. & Mrs. James Smelter*

In Loving Memory of Gerry & Marshall Kaiser
given by: *Mr. & Mrs. James Smelter*

In Loving Memory of Karl Kowall
given by: *Mr. & Mrs. Michael Scherer*

In Loving Memory of Tim Rothenburger
given by: *Pattie Rothenburger*

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

Dawn Head, who donated new gloves for Bells of Praise
*Erik Grant, Danya Rogers, Dolores Johnson, and Luke
Bruschuk*, who have directed musical groups
Charles Riedel, who volunteered as organist in Mary
Stahlke's absence

The Deadline is ...

The 24th of January for the February Tri-angles Newsletter. Please send any information or articles to Jenn Ellsworth at 134 E. Jackson in Villa Park, 60181, drop in the Church mail box marked Newsletter or e-mail me at jennart64@comcast.net.

November 2010 Financial Comparison

Income	2010	2009	Diff.
Basket	4,928	3,836	+1,092
Unified Envelope	253,785	256,830	-3,045
Special Envelopes	16,487	20,096	-3,609
Debt Retirement	38,598	40,446	-1,848
Budget Income	313,798	321,208	-7,410
Non-Budget Income	6,309	5,357	+952
Income	320,107	326,565	-6,458
<u>Expenses</u>			
Budgeted Expenses	331,472	326,418	+5,054
Non-budgeted Expenses	1,161	1,518	-357
Total Expenses	332,633	327,936	+4,697
General Operating Fund	-12,450	-1,532	+4,697

Our Income/Contributions are down \$6,458 from last year. Our expenses are up \$4,697 from last year.

Our General Operating Fund is in the red \$12,450 vs. \$1,532 in the red last year. We have spent \$259 per week more than we took in.

Should you have any questions on this financial comparison, please contact me, Warren Sheridan, Treasurer.

Adopt-a-Student Financial Report – 10/31/10

Income	\$4,354.00
Pending Payment	-320.00
Sent to St. Louis	-4,034.00
Fund Balance	\$00.00

New Computer/Phone System Fund (\$29,000 approved by 11/07 Voter's Meeting) (\$2,500 approved by 11/08 Voter's Meeting)

Expenses-Computer	
Dell Marketing L. P.	8,705.32
CDW	9,689.67
Chris Saunders - Software	139.30
M.R. Keith & Associates	6,392.57
Testa Audio Video	
Expenses-Phone	
Phone	4,964.00
Total Expenses	30,295.86
Income	
Donation by Members	1,000.00
Net Amount Spent	29,295.86
Beginning Balance	
	\$31,500.00
Total Expenses	29,295.86
Fund Balance (2/28/09)	\$2,204.14

Trinity Music Center



“Celebrating God with Music & Art”

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! January is a great time to begin a new resolution OR to help someone else fulfill their resolution. If you or someone you know would like to make 2011 the year they begin their musical journey then let TMC help. TMC has affordable music lessons and ensembles for all instruments.

The TMC new years resolution is to celebrate God with music and art. Please help us do that by telling people about us. We are excited about expanding the music lessons programs we already have and about starting a new concert series this spring. If you would like to celebrate along with us, send an email to erikgrant@tmcnow.com. We would love to celebrate with you!!!

Erik Grant

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Trinity Christian Nursery School News

Reflections: The year has drawn to a close and we are on to a new year! December was filled with lots of excitement and it was only three weeks long. Ms. Randi and I would like to thank all the families that helped with the Christmas Party. We learned a lot about the birth of Jesus and about the meaning of Christmas. We also continued to work on our fine motor skills, writing our names, letters I–K, reading numbers, and counting objects to match numbers. During chapel time at the church, we talked about Advent and the birth of Jesus. On to a new year!

Themes: January's theme is Dinosaurs. The kids will be learning about 12 different Dinosaurs.. .so don't forget to ask them about 'the dinosaur of the day!' They will be engaging in hands on activities that will allow them to explore just like real paleontologists. They will also be sorting objects (dinosaurs) from smallest to largest, counting, matching and creating patterns. The letters that we will focus on learning will be L through O. The children have been working very hard on writing/refining their name, numbers, and letters. We hope to continue the teamwork with your family in this area. There have been great strides for many of the children. Our next writing goal is for them to be able to write their first and last name by the end of the year without tracing. We would also like to add on the goal of them being able to count to 50 and recognize the numbers up to 30, In Chapel they will be learning about the biblical story, Joseph's Special Coat. Pastor Rogers and Trinity's Music Kantor, Ms. Mary will continue to teach us about the stained glass windows which focus in on the life of Jesus, and prepare us to sing in March. There will also be a stronger focus on learning the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles Creed.

Exciting Program Announcements: Our surprise DCFS visit went very well! We had a perfect inspection! This is a huge deal, because not many schools can say that. DCFS always finds something small.

Winter Weather: Please check your child's cubby for a warm change of clothing. We will be allowing the children to keep a pair of shoes in the cubby, as long as it is labeled with their name. If you would like to bring in a sweater for your child to wear, that may be kept here too. All items brought to school must be labeled. We will be trying to make it outside if the temperature is over 30 degrees with the wind chill. Please bring the children dressed and ready to play in the snow. If we are not outside in the morning, it was too cold to go out. Please feel free to utilize the back door drop off and pick up.

God's Blessing to all! Heather Grant, TCNS Director

January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Christian Ed	3 1:00 – Al-Anon 6:00 – Boxing 6:15 – ESL	4 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 – Boxing 6:30-Dorcas 8:00 – AA, Darts	5 10:00 – Bible Class Seniors 4:00 –TMC 5:00-Chimes 6:15-ESL	6 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 9:30 - Quilters 6:30 – Boxing, TOPS 7:00 – Epiphany Worship	7	1 4:30 – Worship 8 4:30 – Worship
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16 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Christian Ed Teachings of Christ 4:00 – Childrens Program	17 1:00 – Al-Anon 6:00 – Boxing 6:15 – ESL 7:00 - Thrivent	18 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 – Boxing 7:00- Lay Ministry Mtg 8:00 – AA, Darts	19 10:00 – Bible Class Seniors 4:00 – Confirmation/TMC 5:00-Chimes 5:30 – Camp Chaos 6:15-ESL 6:30 – Big House/College	20 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:30 – Boxing, TOPS 7:00 – Bells, Council 8:00 - Choir	21 6:30 – Boy Scouts	22 4:30 – Worship
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30 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Christian Ed Youth Quake Dart Tournament	31 1:00 – Al-Anon 6:00 – Boxing 6:15 – ESL					