



# Tri-angles

Trinity Lutheran Church

300 S. Ardmore Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181

630/834-3440 [www.trinitylutheranvp.com](http://www.trinitylutheranvp.com)

March 2011



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

## The Lion's Roar

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." (2 Peter 3:18)*

The verse above is our mission statement at Trinity. Our goal here is to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and to help others do the same. In an effort to reach that goal, I developed the following objectives in 2007.

1. Find ways to nurture children and youth in the faith.
2. Increase participation in congregational activities through planning, advertising and personal invitation.
3. Intentionally find ways to welcome new people to worship, to membership and to fellowship activities.
4. Encourage spiritual growth on all levels at all ages.
5. Offer worship opportunities that are as meaningful as possible to the largest group possible.
6. Foster a sense of "real belonging," particularly for our seniors and others who are easily overlooked by society (i.e. singles, homebound, single parents, at risk youth, chronically ill, mentally ill, and others) The Church is a family, not a business or an organization and we are all part of that family.
7. Prepare people to be comfortable sharing their faith with others and create environments for that to happen.
8. Empower leaders in the congregation to use their gifts to their maximum potential and nurture new and potential leaders.
9. Look to the future and prepare to make necessary course corrections to effectively spread the Gospel in that future.
10. Find social needs in our community that we might be able to fill and empower people to work at filling those needs.

So, 4 years have passed and it's good to review the objectives and see where we are in achieving our goals.

### **Find ways to nurture children and youth in the faith.**

We have done very well in accomplishing this goal. Our youth ministry is running smoothly and in a self-sustaining way. In other words, the ministry is not dependant on one or two people and will likely continue long past Judy or me leaving leadership roles. The youth have taken greater roles in leadership through peer ministry and the parents are actively involved in the success of the ministry.

## In This Issue

Lion's Roar cont.	2
Bday's/Anniv.	3
Evangelism	3
Music	4
Announcements	5
English Dist.	5
Memorials	5
Financial Rep.	6
TCNS	7
TMC	7
Calendar	8

*cont. on page 2...*

Our Nursery school is under excellent direction and has now become almost entirely connected to the congregation. Their move to the main floor in 2011 will complete this. Chapel every week is now standard and we have a fully functioning 2's program in addition to the threes and fours. Hopefully the move upstairs will allow us to grow beyond our current limitations.

**Increase participation in congregational activities through planning, advertising and personal invitation**

We have made great strides. The Honeywell Phone system allows us to send phone messages or email messages to all or part of the congregation at any time. The electronic sign in the Narthex is still being mined for its potential but at least we have the major announcements broadcast. The new bulletin format is much more communication friendly and allows people to take an information sheet home with them. Probably the single greatest help has been the new professional website that we have. While we could still do much more, that website has been key in getting information out. One area that we have explored a little is print media and the jury is still out as to how effective newspaper advertising is in this day.

**Intentionally find ways to welcome new people to worship, to membership and to fellowship activities.**

We are still struggling mightily with this area. Things are better. Our Visitor Center has helped make welcoming new people a priority. Our greeters do a great job of welcoming people. However, we still need a full Evangelism Committee to address this objective. We need a person or people to manage communications for the parish. We have tools at our disposal – the website, the calling tree phone system, newspaper ads, the electronic sign in the narthex, newspapers and physical signs outside but NOTHING IS BEING USED TO ITS FULL POTENTIAL. I pray that someone or ones will step up to manage this important undertaking in getting the Gospel out there.

**Encourage spiritual growth on all levels at all ages.**

Everywhere you look at Trinity, spiritual growth is taking place. Adult Bible studies are growing (our Wednesday class averages 25 now!).

Sunday School is exciting for the kids and the teachers are excited to teach the children. While many congregations limp along with Sunday School and people teach because no one else will, our Sunday School staff is full of life and they pass that on to the kids so that kids actually LIKE Sunday School at Trinity. We also have an incredible mix of ages on staff ranging from High School through retirement and everything in between. I am very encouraged by the Sunday School and where it will go from here.

The Trinity Music Center opened in the fall of 2010. The TMC Board, like the Nursery School Board functions under the direction of the Board of Education and with Eric Grant as the director of TMC, great things are happening. Not only are we seeing students in and out of Trinity for lessons but Eric is also actively teaching classes at Willowbrook as the TMC director and slowly drawing those programs together. Our reach is extending throughout our community as we use music to build relationships that will allow us to share God's love.

Practically everything we do at Trinity is centered in spiritual growth.

Those are objectives 1-4. Next month I will discuss objectives 5-10. I encourage you to post these objectives on your refrigerator and keep asking yourself,

“What can I do to address these objectives so that we can fulfill our mission at Trinity?”

*In His Service, Pastor Rogers*

**Pastor**

Rev. Robert A. Rogers

**Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Dr. Roger Pittelko

*Asst. to the Pastor*

Mary Stahlke  
*Kantor*

Judy Bruschuk  
*Youth Director*

Debbie Johnson  
*Parish Nurse*

Margaret Cotterill  
*Secretary*

**Lay Leaders**

Dave Heuser  
*Executive Director*

Jeff Blankensop  
*Asst. Executive Director*

Warren Sheridan  
*Treasurer*

Sue Lotter  
*Dir. of Christian Ed.*

Scott Golz  
*Dir. of Church Property*

Jerry Graunke  
*Dir. of Evangelism*

Diane Bruschuk  
*Dir. of Human Care*

Steve Gehrt  
*Dir. of Lay Ministry*

Carol Boettger  
*Dir. of Parish Fellowship*

Matt Thompson  
*Dir. of Stewardship*

Mike Ticaric  
*Dir. of Youth Ministry*

Jill Kelly  
*TCNS Chair*

Heather Grant  
*Dir. of Trinity Christian  
Preschool*

Jenn Ellsworth  
*Public Relations Dir.*

Kathy Golz  
*Housekeeping*

Marilyn Felz  
*Altar Guild President*

Darla Batjes  
*Dorcas Guild President*

Mary Rinda  
*LWML President*

Erik Grant  
*Director of TMC*

**SHARE THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION!**

Board for Evangelism Newsletter: March 2011

Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but He will heal us; He has injured us but He will bind your wounds. Hosea 6:1

In his reference to being "torn to pieces" and being "injured" the Prophet Hosea is referring to the damage done to the Israelites in war. In His reference to "healing" and "binding" the people of Israel are looking forward to future victories and deliverance from their oppression. But God had something else in mind, we read that the Lord was waiting, "until they admit their guilt." (Hosea 5:15)

The Lenten Season is a time for us today to admit our guilt to God Almighty. Yes, God still waits patiently for us, but too many times we try to do it our own way.

As is was for the Israelites of old, so also it is for us. The only way is God's way and the only way to true repentance is through faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Faith comes to us through the Holy Word of God.

There are many in the world around us that do not know God's plan. We have been called to share the message of salvation through our faith in Christ Jesus. "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9) How many people do you know that are in need of God's gracious forgiveness? Maybe a friend, co-worker, your hairdresser, a relative, or a neighbor.

By sharing your faith you are unlocking the truth of their salvation. What a wonderful message-the unending love of God for all His children and how He showed that love by sending His Son into the world to save us from our sins. Jesus accomplished this task by living a perfect life in our place. Then according to God's will He gave His life for us as He was nailed to the cross, carrying with Him the sins of the world. Yes, our sins. Only those who believe this message of salvation will reap the benefit and have eternal life before the throne of God.

**WON'T YOU SHARE THIS MESSAGE!**

Hope to see you in church EVERY Sunday and remember to bring a friend!

---

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 1-Jessie Urso, 2-Judy Bruschk, 3-Andrew Korman, 4-Shari Zeman, 5-Neal Corral, Eileen Reese, 6-Joy Corral, 7-Scott Gunderson, Amelia Jaent, Jim Pemberton, Joseph Suriano, 9-Zack Barry, 10- Daryl Israel, 11-Erna Aldrich, Jack Jaent, Nancy Weiner, 12-Jennifer May, Frank Segreto 13-Natalie Lussow, 14-Cody Bach, Nick Lotter, Tim May, Debra Serna, Alyssa & Ashley Wendorff, 15- Martin Mazurk, Georgianna Ryl, 16-Phil Bruschk, Josh Wolf, 17- Patricia Croon, John Price, Alisa Von Hagel 18-Jean Galbavy, Danny Head, Kevin Kunde, 19-Dolores Johnson, David Larsh, 20-Carol Boettger, Vivian Boettger, Shelly Bychowski, Ava Lewis, 21- Laura Cooke, Molly Frobels, Steve Gehrt, Eva Kunde, David Speers, Sophia Sperry, Nancy Zeman, 22- Bonnie Grubisch, Bill Rothenburger, 24-Norm Grubisch, Rachel Head 25-Dante Apuzzo, Rosalie Buenrostro, Anthony Fashoda, Bruce Kampert, Noah Rogers, 26- Mike Ticaric, 27-Andy Corral, 28-Carly Byron, 29-Adam Biladeau, Peter Stahlke.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 1- Juan & Sandra Lopez 9-Bill & Gerri Rothenburger, 12- Joseph & Jill Urso, 14-Scott & Celeste Golz, 18-Bob & Marna Rundgren, 21-Gordon & Nancy Busse, Steve & Bev Gehrt, 26-Art & Anna Jones, 29-Norm & Bonnie Grubisch, 30-John & Michelle Jaent.



## Memorials

In Loving Memory of Lester Huff

given by: Mrs. Arlene Frindt

In Loving Memory of Betsy Kaiser

given by: Mr & Mrs. James Smelter

In Loving Memory of Marie Kuba

given by: Mrs. Jeannette Michael

In Loving Memory of Phyllis McNeely (Pat Saunders Mother)

given by: from Dorcas Guild

In Loving Memory of Arlene Radeke

given by: Mrs. Sharon Mosekich  
Family of Arlene Radeke

## A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

*John Graham*, for replacing worn-out parts on the handbells.

*Dawn Head, Chris Gore and Anthony Dela Cruz*, for assisting at rehearsals of the Confirmation Ringers.

---

## The Deadline is ...

The 21<sup>st</sup> of March for the April 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](mailto:jennart64@comcast.net).

---

## Attention Ladies of Trinity...

BRIDAL FASHION SHOW! Dorcas Guild is having a bridal fashion show on Sunday, May 1. If you have a wedding dress that you would be willing to have modeled or displayed, we would like to include it in the show! You can choose your own model such as a daughter, granddaughter, niece or yourself! Young ladies from our youth group will also model. Please contact Judy Buehre (630-279-0696) if you have a dress for the fashion show. Also if you have a wedding cake topper, we would like to display those as well.

---

## 100th ANNIVERSARY of the ENGLISH DISTRICT

### FAITH DRIVEN – FUTURE FOCUSED

As we experience the Holy season of Lent, we reflect on the overwhelming gift of salvation God gave us through His son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. He suffered the cross for us. What can we do for Him? The English District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has been proclaiming this Good News in the English language for 100 years.

In 1911 the English Synod was accepted into the German speaking Missouri Synod, as a distinct district. The English District's ministry has been to provide for pastoral education, assist congregations in parish education with materials and programs and to do mission work within the borders of the U.S. and Canada.

We look forward to the 100th Anniversary of the English District. May 15, 2011 is the actual anniversary date. The English District encourages congregations to celebrate at any time throughout May 2011 – June 2012.

God has worked mightily throughout these 100 years to enable men and women to share His word. Jesus, the master teacher, loved to tell stories with meaning. We are encouraged to share His Story and the history of our beloved English District during celebrations in each of the 158 congregations of the English District through this anniversary year.

Encourage, listen and record the stories of those who have had the privilege of being part of the story. 1911 – 2011 are the years. The – dash is the story. Tell the story to those who will be the future of the English District in the generations to come.

Anticipation is half the fun of any event. Congregation members are given the opportunity to be involved in an important English District milestone – to plan for the future and celebrate the past. We are FAITH DRIVEN and FUTURE FOCUSED!

May God bless your efforts as you generate enthusiasm and events for the celebration!

## January 2011 Financial Comparison

Income	2011	2010	Diff.
Basket	664	487	+177
Unified Envelope	24,406	22,758	+1,648
Special Envelopes	963	1,031	-68
Debt Retirement	3,249	3,780	-531
Budget Income	29,282	28,056	+1,226
Non-Budget Income	313	484	-171
Income	29,595	28,540	+1,055
<u>Expenses</u>			
Budgeted Expenses	32,988	32,099	+889
Non-budgeted Expenses	115	110	+5
Total Expenses	33,103	32,209	+894
General Operating Fund	9,046	-3,669	+12,715

Our income is up \$1,055 over last year. Expenses are up \$894 more than last year.

General Operating Fund is \$9,046 vs -3,669 from last year, which is due to our good December and gave us a good start in 2011.

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

## Adopt-a-Student Financial Report – 2011

Income	364.00
Pending Payment	-364.00
Sent to St. Louis	-0.00
Fund Balance	\$364.00

## 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	405.00
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



## “Celebrating God with Music & Art”

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!” Thank you Jonathan Stahlke for writing the song TMC’s Preschool Music class prepared for Transfiguration Sunday. The TMC Preschool Music class is not the only group of TMC music students who are actively celebrating God with music and art. A list of TMC performances can be found at [www.tmcnow.com](http://www.tmcnow.com). TMC is currently setting up performances and enrolling music students for percussion, guitar, piano, and (soon to come) voice lessons.

TMC’s Acoustic Circle benefit concert series kicked off with a blast on February 23rd with Scott Wesley. TMC would like to thank Scott and TLC’s youth group for participating with the Acoustic Circle. The Acoustic Circle is a benefit concert series to raise money and awareness for Feed My Starving Children. FMSC is an organization who provides food for starving children all over the world. If you like a relaxed concert setting, great acoustic music, and helping people, then come out to TMC’s next Acoustic Circle benefit concert on March 16th. Perfect Strangers band will play an eclectic mix of music that spans 5 decades.

Erik Grant  
[erikgrant@tmcnow.com](mailto:erikgrant@tmcnow.com)  
[www.tmcnow.com](http://www.tmcnow.com)

## Trinity Christian Nursery School News March 2011

~**TCNS Registration begins this month.** It is history in the making. Construction for our preschool expansion is coming!!!! If you know anyone that has a 2, 3, or 4 year old, spread the word about registration!!! It is a very exciting time for us. For more information about our school please visit [www.trinitylutheranvp.com](http://www.trinitylutheranvp.com) or call 630-833-1080.

~**About TCNS:** TCNS is an early childhood program. Our classes include twos, threes, and fours. The children at TCNS learn about God's love. They have weekly chapel, which provides them opportunities to sing, pray, acolyte, interact with Pastor, Mary, and learn the meanings of the stain glass windows in the church. In class, the children learn skills to give them a head start in preparing them for Kindergarten and life. We provide the children with hands on learning activities to teach them religion, math, reading, and writing. We still have a few spots open if you would like to join us for the 2010-2011 school year. Registration for the up coming year is underway.

~**We all sing!** This month we will be singing on March 13th at the 10:30 service. The children will also recite the Apostles Creed. They have been working so hard on it all year.

~**Donations:** TCNS is expanding to a full time school by the fall of 2011, so we are always looking for donations. We are looking for gently used kid's books and gently used toys. (Please no fast food toys.) We are also looking for your old digital cameras. Our goal is to have a camera for every classroom. Thank you to everyone who has donated toys so far!

~**Service opportunities:** Due to our upcoming expansion, we will be looking for volunteers to help setup classrooms, move items out of the lower level, and build toys and shelves. If you would like to help out with either opportunities, please contact Heather Grant at 630-833-1080. A time frame for when volunteers will be needed is coming soon. This project is great for Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, and any other people that need to donate time. Our current Two's Class was set up by a local Girl Scout from our church. They did a beautiful job!

God's Blessing to all!  
 Heather Grant  
 TCNS Director

# March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 – Boxing 8:00 – AA, Darts	<b>2</b> 10:00 – Bible Class Seniors Outing 4:00 – Confirmation/TMC 5:00-Chimes 5:30 – Camp Chaos 6:15-ESL 6:30 – Big House/College	<b>3</b> 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:30 – Boxing, TOPS 7:00 – Bells, Council 8:00 - Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>4:30 - Worship</b>
<b>6</b> <b>8 &amp; 10:30 Worship</b> <b>9:15 Christian Ed</b> <b>Blood Drive</b>	<b>7</b> 1:00 – Al-Anon 6:00 – Boxing 6:15 – ESL	<b>8</b> 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 – Boxing 8:00 – AA	<b>9</b> ASH Wednesday 10:00 – Bible Class 12:00-Worship 4:00 – Confirmation/TMC 5:00-Chimes 6:00-Dinner 6:15-ESL 7:00-Worship	<b>10</b> 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:30 – Boxing, TOPS 7:00 – Bells 8:00 - Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>4:30 – Worship</b>
<b>13</b> <b>8 &amp; 10:30 Worship</b> <b>9:15 Christian Ed</b>	<b>14</b> 1:00 – Al-Anon 6:00 – Boxing 6:15 – ESL	<b>15</b> 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 – Boxing <b>7</b> Lay Min & BCE Mtg 8:00 – AA	<b>16</b> 10:00 – Bible Class Seniors 4:00 – Confirmation/TMC 5:00-Chimes 6:00-Dinner 6:15-ESL 7:00-Worship 8:00-Acoustic Circle	<b>17</b> 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:30 – Boxing, TOPS 7:00 – Bells 8:00 - Choir	<b>18</b> 7-Boy Scouts	<b>19</b> <b>4:30 – Worship</b> 11-Pinewood Derby
<b>20</b> <b>8 &amp; 10:30 Worship</b> <b>9:15 Christian Ed</b> 12-NYG Meeting	<b>21</b> 1:00 – Al-Anon 6:00 – Boxing 6:15 – ESL 7:00 – Thrivent Mtg	<b>22</b> 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 – Boxing 8:00 – AA, Darts	<b>23</b> 10:00 – Bible Class 4:00 – Confirmation/TMC 5:00-Chimes 6:00-Dinner 6:15-ESL 7:00-Worship	<b>24</b> 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:30 – Boxing, TOPS 7:00 – Bells 8:00 - Choir	<b>25</b> 6 – Girls Night Out	<b>26</b> <b>4:30 – Worship</b>
<b>27</b> <b>8 &amp; 10:30 Worship</b> <b>9:15 Christian Ed</b>	<b>28</b> 1:00 – Al-Anon 6:00 – Boxing 6:15 – ESL	<b>29</b> 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 – Boxing 8:00 – AA, Darts	<b>30</b> 10:00 – Bible Class 4:00-TMC 5:00-Chimes 6:00-Dinner 6:15-ESL 7:00-Worship	<b>31</b> 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:30 – Boxing, TOPS 7:00 – Bells 8:00 - Choir		