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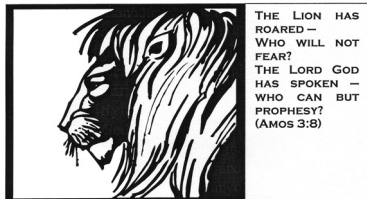
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November 2009

“The Lion’s Roar”



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

“The priests stood at their posts; the Levites also, with the instruments for music to the Lord that King David had made for giving thanks to the Lord—for his steadfast love endures forever—whenever David offered praises by their ministry; opposite them the priests sounded trumpets, and all Israel stood.” 2 Chron. 7:6 (ESV)

The Kantor: Setting Our Praise to Song

You can worship God without music, that’s a fact. But that’s not God’s choice. Worship and music have gone together since the very earliest descriptions of worship. Luther said,

“I firmly believe, nor am ashamed to assert, that next to theology no art is equal to music;” For this reason, we at Trinity place a high priority on music and we worked diligently to find a musician of great worth to lead us. In the past four years, Mary Stahlke, has used her gifts of music to lead us and grow us as people of God. We have transitioned into a new hymnal and are capable of singing 5 different settings of the liturgy. Our children regularly sing and play instruments in worship. The handbells have grown by an octave and we now have chimes for the confirmation students.

Many times you come through the line and tell me how beautiful worship was and I try to convey to you that other than leading it and preaching, I had little to do with it. Mary plans all of our worship, selects the liturgies to be used for the season, selects the hymns and orchestrates all the transitions that are necessary on any given Sunday morning. For this reason, the Board of Lay Ministry and I have decided to elevate Mary from Music Director to Kantor.

Kantor is a title reserved in the Lutheran Church for the person in charge of not only the hymns but the liturgical life of the congregation. J.S. Bach was the Kantor in his congregation. Likewise, Mary works tirelessly to enrich and broaden our liturgical lives. As Kantor of Trinity, she not only is to lead us in worship but also to lead us in our knowledge and understanding of and love for worship and church music.

On December 6th we will honor Mary by officially installing her as Kantor of Trinity Lutheran Church. This is a fitting date since December 4 is the commemoration of John of Damascus and December 7th commemorates Ambrose of Milan both of whom were great Hymn writers. May God bless us all as our Kantor leads us in setting His praise to song.

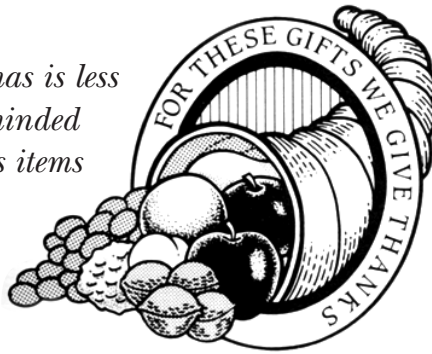
In His Service,
Pastor Rogers

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The Dorcas Guild Giving Tree

It's hard to believe that Christmas is less than two months away, but we are reminded with all the decorations and Christmas items in the stores. Dorcas Guild is sponsoring the Giving Tree again. There will be a large selection of hanging tags on the tree with a boy/girl and age group. There are gift ideas on a sheet next to the tree and gift cards are also welcome. These gifts are going to the Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois and Trinity families in need. The LCFS gifts will be given out at the annual Christmas Party for the at-risk children (foster children) in the Chicago-land area. Their caseworkers will go through the toys and clothing and pick out 2 toys for each child. Clothing is given out in addition to the toys. Usually the older children (ages 15-19) are given the gift cards. The Giving Tree will be displayed the week of Thanksgiving and more information about the gift return date will be forthcoming. The agency will wrap the gifts. They are always in need of wrapping paper and ribbon. You are welcome to drop off rolls of wrapping paper/ribbon when you drop off your gift. As always, thank you for supporting the children of LCFS.



Announcements...

Trinity Work Party:

Saturday, November 7th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. we will be meeting at church to clean before the anniversary dinner. Please sign up in the Narthex to be on a work party.

Dorcas Guild Cookbook Sales:

Cookbooks with over 270 recipes from members of Trinity will be on sale for \$10. The profits from the cookbook sales will be used to help refurbish and redecorate the Trinity Center. Look for more details in upcoming bulletins.



THANKSGIVING

Pastor

Rev. Robert A. Rogers

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Rev. Dr. Roger Pittelko

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Kantor

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Marilyn Felz

Altar Guild President

Suzanne Gagliano

Dorcas Guild President

Mary Rinda

LWML President

Seniors

A Tea Party

November 18th at 1:00 pm- We will meet in the Trinity Center for a cup of tea and Sarine Crotteau from Serene Teaz in Elmhurst/Wheaton will teach you new things about tea that you might not have known. We are looking for a host for the day if you would you like to vounteer please call Debbie.

Christmas Party

December 16th at 12 Noon- Soup Lunch with Pastor Rogers in the Trinity Center. Then, John will lead everyone in Bingo. Please bring your White Elephant Gift!

A Visit from the Sheriff

January 20th at 1:00 pm - Corporal Mike Shehee from DuPage County Sheriff's office will speak with Seniors in the Trinity Center.

Attention to All Members:

The Lombard-Villa Park Food Pantry is extremely low on supplies. They are not receiving as many donations as they have in the past, so they really could use some help.

Please leave the food in the large red buckets in the hall near the cookie sales.

BEVERAGES:

Juice
Instant & Ground Coffee
Hot Cocoa Mix

CANNED FOODS:

Tuna Fish/Chicken
Hamburger Helper
Fruits & Veges (no green beans)
Spaghetti/Ravioli
Tomatoes/Tomato Sauce
Chili (no beef stew)

CEREALS/GRAINS:

Cold Cereal
Hot Cereal
Rice
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Egg Noddles

HOUSEHOLD:

Disinfectants
Bleach
Fabric Softener
Dish Soap
Bar Soap
Personal Products

MISCELLANEOUS:

Spices
Salt
Pepper
Sugar
Powdered Sugar
Flour
Cookie & Cake Mixes

PAPER PRODUCTS:

Styrofoam Plates
Styrofoam Cups
Napkins
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Aluminum Foil
Saran Wrap

PRODUCE:

White Potatoes
Red Potatoes
Sweet Potatoes

Please remember to shop for the food drive every time you see a sale.

Memorials

In Loving Memory of Nancy Behenna

given by: Robert Behenna

In Loving Memory of Dorothy Devermann

given by: Mrs. Nelva Peiler

In Loving Memory of Betty Kaiser

given by: Mr. & Mrs. James Smelter

In Loving Memory of Rodger Nuebert

given by: Dennis & Janis Anderson

Frank & Marilyn Felz

Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Finke

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gronn

Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc.

Irma Orum

Mr. & Mrs. Carmelo Pansera

Joan Wozniak

Mr. & Mrs. David Ziesemer

In Honor of Pastor David Ritt's 70th Birthday

given by: Mr. & Mrs. Warren & Judy Sheridan

Jim Van Ewyk

The Deadline is ...

The 9th of November for the December 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.

Tutoring Available...

Heather Grant is available for tutoring. You can reach Heather at 630-430-0144 or heathergrnt@yahoo.com.

Erik Grant is available to teach private lessons in percussion, guitar and bass. His contact information is panaceaproduction@hotmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR....

Our Anniversary dinner will take place on November 14th (Saturday night) at 6:30 p.m. We will be treated to Dino's great spaghetti dinner and will have the opportunity of bidding on some great silent auction items. The dinner will benefit our Youth Group (New Orleans' trip) and Nursery School. For tickets you may contact our Youth Group & Parish Fellowship members or you may purchase them after the Saturday night & Sunday services. Ticket prices are as follows:

- Family (all in same household) \$25.00
- Adult \$12.00
- Senior \$10.00
- Child (ages 7 – 11) \$ 7.00

If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Carol Boettger @630-832-2544.

Dorcas Guild Invite

Dorcas would like to invite you to a VERY SPECIAL meeting to celebrate the Reformation in November. Katherine Luther (as portrayed by Dramatic Story, Teller Gerri Smith of Living Word Ministry,) will share her life experiences with us. Mrs. Smith does a one-woman show in which she gives an enlightening picture of the Catherine's life. After seeing Gerri's portrait of Katherine Luther at the Alter Guild Federation, Marilyn Felz and I have been wanting to share this experience with ALL the ladies at Trinity. The show was so powerful that we both laughed and cried. The presentation will open the Dorcas November 3 meeting . Please feel free to invite friends from the community.

Youth Newsletter

Friends,

Back in the days when my son, Derek was still in high school he played hockey on a team for Willowbrook. The guys had a camaraderie that was inspiring, not just with their team mates, but also with the coach. When they decided to work with the Kiwanis club on a fundraiser I volunteered to help them. As we sat in front of a local Jewel store selling bags of peanuts, a conversation was held about future activities that the Warriors would like to be involved with. I asked one of the players what would be fun for them to do. His reply was, "Anything is fun if you're doing it with your friends."

This offhanded comment changed the way I looked at youth ministry. Up until then I had spent a lot of time trying to find the "thing" that would attract the youth. We tried a lot of "things" – bowling, movie nights, open gym... These activities were sometimes well attended but frequently I had to go begging to get kids to attend. Usually my begging brought poor results and tended to cause the youth to walk on the other side of the hall to avoid me. Pastor Rogers has pointed out that this was a youth program rather than youth ministry.

The focus these days is on relationships rather than just finding the perfect activities. Of course there is still the challenge of getting the youth to attend things so that they can get to know each other. But we use every opportunity such as retreats, trip days, weekly youth group meetings, and even confirmation class to intentionally create the type of camaraderie I saw on my son's hockey team. As the friendships have formed, their connections to each other have grown and so has attendance at the things we plan. And it doesn't really matter so much to the kids what they're doing as long as they'll be spending time with their buddies.

Now, not only do our youth attend events and activities together they worship together. And they are bringing new friends to church as well. Several people have commented to me lately that their hearts are touched by the teens that sit in a large group and stand shoulder to shoulder at the communion rail. No begging is being done on my part to get them there.

It seems that Derek's teammate was right on about friendships. If you know a young person who is looking for good Christian friends let them know that they are welcome to join the youth at Trinity. If your child is already a member of the youth group here but doesn't feel connected with the others please let me know. It's very important that every child here has a close relationship not only with God, but with their Christian brothers and sisters as well.

Judy Bruschk

September 2009 Financial Comparison

Income	2009	2008	Diff.
Basket	2,915	4,932	-2,008
Unified Envelope	207,579	186,766	+20,813
Special Envelopes	15,472	15,663	-191
Debt Retirement	31,945	31,721	+224
Budget Income	257,911	239,073	+18,838
Non-Budget Income	4,676	3,756	+920
Total Income	262,587	242,829	+19,758
<u>Expenses</u>			
Budgeted Expenses	269,922	270,445	-523
Non-budgeted Expenses	1,294	731	+563
Total Expenses	271,216	271,176	+40
General Operating Fund	-8,905	-28,537	-19,632

Our income/contributions are up \$19,758 from last year. Our expenses are \$40 more than last year.

Our General Operating Fund deficit is -8,950 which is \$6,307 worse than last month, but \$19,632 less deficit than last year. We have spent \$230 more each week than we took in.

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

Adopt-a-Student Financial Report – 9/30/09

Income	\$4,975.50
Expensed:	
Paid to Jack Gilbert	929.00
Concordia University-St. Louis	748.00
Pending Distribution to Concordia	391.00
Jack Gilbert gave to TLC-Social Ministry Fund	2,097.50
Fund Balance	\$4,975.50

**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.	8,346.23
CDW	9,689.67
Chris Saunders - Software	139.30
M.R. Keith & Associates	4,517.62
Expenses-Phone	
Phone	4,964.00
Total Expenses	27,656.82
Income	
Donation by Members	1,000.00
Net Amount Spent	26,656.82
Beginning Balance	\$31,500.00
Total Expenses	26,656.82
Fund Balance (2/28/09)	\$4,843.18

Calendar

November Events

Sunday the 1st-

9:15 a.m. Christian Ed. Hour
THRIVENT CHAPTER ELECTION

2- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon

6:00 p.m. Boxing

6:30 p.m. ESL Class

3- 6:00 p.m. Boxing

7:00 p.m. Dorcas Guild

7:00 p.m. Teaching of Christ

8:00 p.m. AA

8:00 p.m. Darts

4- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class

4:00 p.m. Confirmation

5:30 p.m. Camp Chaos

6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:15 p.m. ESL Class

6:30 p.m. Big House

5- 6:30 p.m. Boxing & TOPS

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. Bells

8:00 p.m. Jubilate Choir

7- 9:00 a.m. LWML Meeting

Sunday the 8th-

9:15 a.m. Christian Ed. Hour
BLOOD DRIVE

9- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon

6:00 p.m. Boxing

6:30 p.m. ESL Class

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Class

10- 6:00 p.m. Boxing

7:00 p.m. Teaching of Christ

8:00 p.m. AA

8:00 p.m. Darts

11- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class

4:00 p.m. Confirmation

5:30 p.m. Camp Chaos

6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:15 p.m. ESL Class

6:30 p.m. Big House

12- 6:30 p.m. Boxing & TOPS

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. Bells

8:00 p.m. Jubilate Choir

14- 6:30 p.m. Anniversary Dinner

Sunday the 15th-

9:15 a.m. Christian Ed. Hour
FUDDRUCKER BENEFIT-
DINERS CLUB

16- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon

6:00 p.m. Boxing

6:30 p.m. ESL Class

17- 6:00 p.m. Boxing

7:00 p.m. Teaching of Christ

8:00 p.m. AA

8:00 p.m. Darts

18- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class

4:00 p.m. Confirmation

5:30 p.m. Camp Chaos

6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:15 p.m. ESL Class

6:30 p.m. Big House

19- 6:30 p.m. Boxing & TOPS

7:00 p.m. Bells

8:00 p.m. Jubilate Choir

20- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Sunday the 22nd-

9:15 a.m. Christian Ed. Hour

12:00 p.m. Voter's Meeting

23- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon

6:00 p.m. Boxing

6:30 p.m. ESL Class

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Class

24- 6:00 p.m. Boxing

8:00 p.m. AA

8:00 p.m. Darts

25- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class

4:00 p.m. Confirmation

5:30 p.m. Camp Chaos

6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:15 p.m. ESL Class

6:30 p.m. Big House

26- 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Service

26-28- Office Closed for Holiday

28- PICTURES WITH SANTA

Sunday the 29th-

9:15 a.m. Christian Ed. Hour

30- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon

6:00 p.m. Boxing

6:30 p.m. ESL Class

November Birthdays

1- Reno Bach

Clare Rundgren

2- Mike Scherer

Robert Towne

Alex Wolski

3- Lisa Miller

4- Jennifer Gore

Martin Levin

Myrna Van Swol

5- Michael Pansera

Jennifer Wardo

6- Heidi Golz

Charlotte Hermann

Del Richardson

Robert Rogers

7- Daniel Carlson

Michael Nguyen

8- Christopher Gore

Madison Serna

9- Amanda Heuser

10- Tim Tomasek

11- Abigail Blankensop

12- Keith Golz

13- Joshua Brown

Barbara Sharon

14- Elaine Bruschuk

Benjamin Gehrt

15- Don Anderson

Jeremy Reinke

16- Christopher Saunders

20- Laura Bernhard

23- Ernest Frindt

John Graham

Gustav Prangen

24- Kristen Scofield

25- Mike Carroll Jr.

Joe Signa

27- Ben Pennacchio

Lisa Ticaric

Aaron Weiner

28- Steven Cox

29- James Kehring

Nancy Rex

Kelsey Taylor

30- Hailey Finch

November Anniversaries

2- Dan & Karol Mullally

3- Jerry & Jane Gore

4- Bob & Grace Cox

Mike & Elizabeth Scherer

13- Wade & Jamie Golz

Mike & Nancy Zeman

19- Mike & Nancy Reschke

22- Robert & Shelly Bychowski

Dean & Jean Elliott

24- LeRoy & Dawn Reinke

25- John & Jill Kelly

Bob & Judy Wardo

26- Joe & Donna Stubbs

ALL SAINTS DAY



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*All who donated to the LWML door collection,
the ladies collected a whopping \$750.00!*

Divine Services

<i>Sunday, November 1-</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, November 7-</i>	<i>5:30 Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday, November 8-</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, November 14-</i>	<i>5:30 Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday, November 15-</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, November 21-</i>	<i>5:30 Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday, November 22-</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, November 26-</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, November 28-</i>	<i>5:30 Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday, November 29-</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>

*Please note that Holy Communion will
be served at all of the November
worship services.*