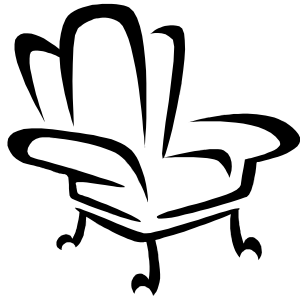


The Welcome News

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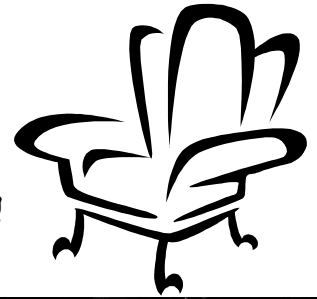
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Getting To Know You...

Pastor Craig interviews members of
Trinity Lutheran Church...

and lets you in on the conversation!



Name: Jim and Diane Hughes

Grew Up In: Minneapolis MN (Jim); Twin Cities MN (Diane).

Family: 3 daughters; 8 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren -- one is with the Lord.

Vocation: Sales and marketing, with the last 8 years at Starbucks Coffee (Jim); Secretary with General Mills & raised children (Diane).

Year You Joined Trinity: 2011

Ministries Involved In At Trinity: Jim was recently elected to an At-Large position on Church Council. Diane has enjoyed being involved in the women's quilting ministry.

I've Been Lutheran Since: Jim was baptized Greek Orthodox, then became Lutheran soon after. Diane was baptized Lutheran (Finnish Church).

First Person You Met At Trinity: Mabel Bauer, Pastor Johnson.

Fondest Memory At Trinity: We immediately noticed the friendliness of the members at Trinity.

Favorite Bible Story/Bible Verse: The Exodus for it shows the hope of being liberated and the struggles along the way. I can relate to the Israelites (Jim). I like the story of Jesus turning water into wine. Cana in Galilee was my favorite stop when we visited Israel (Diane).

Favorite Person In The Bible: Moses because of his leadership and his ability to stand up to Pharaoh (Jim). Noah and the Ark with all the animals (Diane).

Hymn You Want Sung At Your Funeral: Beneath the Cross of Jesus (Jim); Blessed Assurance (Diane).

Favorite Liturgical Season: Advent, because I like Christmas (Diane). Lent because it allows time for reflection of what Christ did for me (Jim).

Favorite Worship Service: Easter Sunday.

Lutherans Are Great At: Potlucks and fellowship.

Lutherans Could Do Better At: Sharing our faith.

When Did You Receive Your First Bible? Confirmation. I still have it. It's the KJV.

Something You Pray For Daily: Healing for friends (Diane). Diane and our family (Jim).

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Jim & Diane Hughes Interview cont.

When Was The Most Difficult Time In Your Faith Journey? In another congregation (that happened to be financially and spiritually deficient) I was asked to serve as Council President. I wanted to decline, but God had other plans. I ultimately realized that God was simply using me to do his work.

How Have You Recently Shared Your Faith? Prison Ministry (Jim).

Finish The Sentence: God's Word is: Perfect (Diane). True (Jim).

How Has God Recently Brought Joy Into Your Life? Joy came at the birth of our fourth great-grandchild the day after Thanksgiving (Diane). I felt joy when a reconnected with prison ministry after a 1 year sabbatical (Jim).

Person In Your Life Who Has Most Shaped Your Faith: Jim has been my trusted partner in my faith journey (Diane). Marg Teskey, a woman of deep, strong faith brought my faith into perspective (Jim).

When Did You Realize You Were Mortal? When my uncle died (I was 7 or 8 years old) my family helped plan the funeral. That made me start thinking about death (Diane). In 1994 I had open heart surgery. My heart stopped beating. If God would not have started it beating again, I would have been dead (Jim).

If You Could Ask Jesus One Question, What Would You Ask? When are you going to come back? (Diane) What was your childhood like? (Jim)

When You Look At The Cross, What Do You See? Salvation (Jim). How much Jesus loves us (Diane).

Best Piece of Advice You Were Ever Given: God gave you two ears and one mouth (Jim). Keep your own counsel (Diane).

How Do You Know When Your Life Takes A Wrong Turn? All the joy and peace are gone out of my life. It's like letting the air out of a balloon. I know immediately (Jim).

Have You Ever Changed Your Mind On An Important Topic? Abortion. I used to think the woman had the right to choose, but God's Word says otherwise (Diane).

What's Your No. 1 Rule For A Lasting Relationship? We've been married 48 years. Commitment is key. Also respect for the other.

What Is Your Absolute Favorite Thing To Do? Being with family (Jim). Camping in the woods (Diane).

Favorite Place To Eat: Any Japanese Restaurant (Diane). King's Minnesota Chow Mien (Jim).

Favorite Dessert: Lemon meringue pie (Diane). Chocolate cake with vanilla ice cream (Jim).

Favorite Time of Day: I am a morning person. I get up early and go to bed early (Jim). My favorite time of day is my first cup of coffee in the morning (Diane).

Hobbies/Interests: Quilting, crocheting, knitting - any handiwork! I also like to read and garden (Diane). I write poetry and enjoy baking (Jim).

What Is Guaranteed To Make You Smile? A baby (Jim). A little child with a puppy! (Diane)

Favorite TV Show: Grey's Anatomy, Masterpiece Theater (Diane). Royal Pains, Jeopardy. (Jim)

Favorite Author/Currently Reading: I am currently reading *Texas Tough*, a history of the rise of the Texas prison empire (Jim). My favorite author is James Michener. I also just finished a great book *Heaven Is For Real*.

How Would You Describe Yourself In Three Words? Man of Faith (Jim); Creative, Patient, Adventurous (Diane).

Something That Very Few People Know About You: I was a professional percussionist in the Navy Band (Jim).

If You Could Do Any Job For A Day, What Would You Do? Participate in an archaeological dig (Diane); Diane thinks Jim should try being a pastor for a day. Lots of people have told him that he missed his calling.

One Thing You Hope To Do Before You Die: Visit the great pyramid in Egypt (Diane). Celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary with the family (Jim).

Check out what is happening in our congregation and throughout the church:

The Texas Ramp Project and Trinity Lutheran Church is still looking for a ramp build group to help with this Church outreach program. Volunteer for 4 to 6 hours, one Saturday each quarter. You will use a cordless drill to assemble a ramp that will change a life of a person who is unable to leave their home; a shut-in. No special training is needed, there's no age limit, and ladies can work as well as men. The Texas Ramp project has an 8 ramp back log for 2012 already! They have completed 3 ramps (or 92 ft.) in January. The goal for 2012 is 48 ramps built (total 986 ft.) Check out the website www.texasramps.org; Texoma area. For more info, see Duane Compton.

We are still **collecting coupons, and recycling aluminum cans, cell phones and ink cartridges.** Please bring them to the church and place them in the designated receptacles.

Some **small groups** are starting up at Trinity! Check out the *bulletin board in the fellowship hall* to see what interests you!

Key Care Ministry needs volunteers in all areas; if you are interested in donating your time to this worthy cause, please call Judy Nichols at 903-892-6185. Also, Trinity Lutheran Church donated *108lbs* to Key Care in the month of January!

Here's a way you can financially support our ministry: The Children's Church room has a wonderful new puppet theater but **no Bible puppets.** This is a creative way to assist the kids in learning and remembering the Bible stories. Puppets are \$25 each; if you would like to give towards this project, simply place your donation in *Sunday's offering plate* clearly marked "**Puppets**". Thanks in advance for your generosity.

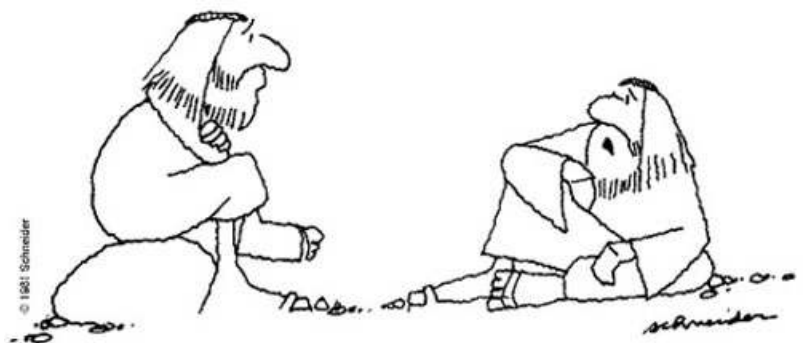
Being mindful of those in our community who go hungry, you are invited each Wednesday night during Lent to bring a **MEAT** donations that will be taken to the Grand Central Station Soup Kitchen.

Because the Soup Kitchen feeds large groups every day, the large cans/packages are welcome.



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| Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22nd: | Canned Tuna |
| Wednesday, Feb. 29th: | Whole Chicken |
| Wednesday, Mar. 7th: | Hamburger |
| Wednesday, Mar. 14th: | Canned Chicken |
| Wednesday, Mar. 21st: | Hot dogs |
| Wednesday, Mar. 28th: | Canned Tuna |

Food For Thought:
Love is a verb.



"I don't know what to think—the weather bureau says snow, my big toe says partly cloudy, and the Lord says forty days of rain."

Lenten Mid-Week Worship Series: Why Lutherans Worship As We Do

Lent begins early this year, with Ash Wednesday on February 22. Lent is the Lutheran equivalent of a Baptist revival. It is a set period of time where we concentrate more fully on Bible study, prayer, and our relationship with God. During Lent, we dive deeply into God’s Word and our Lutheran faith. Think of Lent as a booster shot in your walk of faith.

After a 30-week journey through the entire Bible using *The Story* series, we will once again return to the Lutheran lectionary on Sunday mornings. Our Wednesday night Lenten services will all focus around the question, “Why?” On Ash Wednesday, we will ask the question, “Why Do We Wear Ashes?”

For the following five Wednesday night services, we will be asking the question, “Why Do Lutherans Worship As We Do?” To better appreciate our rich and meaningful worship tradition, we will be considering the different parts of our Lutheran worship service (liturgy) in hopes to gain a better understanding for what it means to be Lutheran. This is a series I wrote eight years ago. Because many in our church do not have a Lutheran background, and because I have been receiving lots of “Why do we do this?” questions, I thought it would be good to dust off that series. I am in the process of updating and revising it. Both life-long Lutherans and those new to the faith will be blessed by this “back-to-the-basics” series. Simple meals (with meat provided) will be served each week before worship at 6 pm.; bring a side dish to share. Worship will begin at 7 pm.



From Pastor Craig

I urge you to take advantage of all of our special worship services during Lent. You will be glad you did. - Pastor Craig



“Parent’s Day Out”

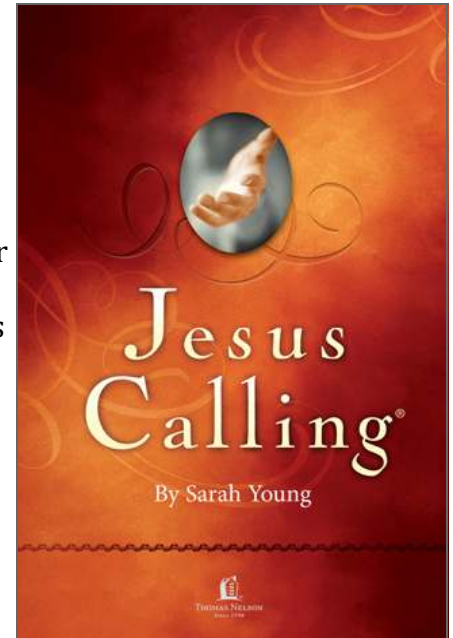
A perfect opportunity for a bible study and fellowship for parents.

- LEADER:** Varies
- WHEN:** **Coming Soon:** Wednesday at 6pm
- WHERE:** Fellowship Hall
- DETAILS:** Meets weekly; shared meal; childcare provided.

“Jesus Calling” Study Group

Uniquely inspired treasures from heaven for every day of the year by missionary Sarah Young.

Jesus Calling is a devotional filled with uniquely inspired treasures from heaven for every day of the year. After many years of writing in her prayer journal, missionary Sarah Young decided to listen to God with pen in hand, writing down whatever she believed He was saying to her. It was awkward at first, but gradually her journaling changed from monologue to dialogue. She knew her writings were not inspired as Scripture is, but journaling helped her grow closer to God. Others were blessed as she shared her writings, until people all over the world were using her messages. They are written from Jesus' point of view, thus the title *Jesus Calling*. It is Sarah's fervent prayer that our Savior may bless readers with His presence and His peace in ever deeper measure.



LEADER: Terry Krawitz
WHEN: Monday, Feb. 6th at 12pm
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
DETAILS: Cost of book is \$10; meets weekly; bring a lunch.



“Lunch Bunch” Study Group

Bible Study of the book of Revelation

Each week over the lunch hour, we will gather to discuss the book of Revelation.

LEADER: Pastor Craig Sturm & Chuck Bosley
WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 2nd at 12pm
WHERE: Gardenview Room
DETAILS: Meets weekly; bring a lunch.

Ladies Evening Bible Study Group

The TLCW Evening Bible Study Group is meeting once again. In December we finished a 10 month Beth Moore study, *Believing God!* For our next study, we are using the Bible study in the *Gather* magazine (formerly titled, *Lutheran Women Today*). We are studying the gospel of Mark. We are currently meeting at The Willows, in Sherman. Sue Sappenfield was our leader in January. We will meet again on February 28 at 6:30. For more information call Sharon Krenek at 903-271-0747.

LEADER: Varies
WHEN: Last Tuesday of the Month at 6:30pm
WHERE: The Willows
DETAILS: Open to all women

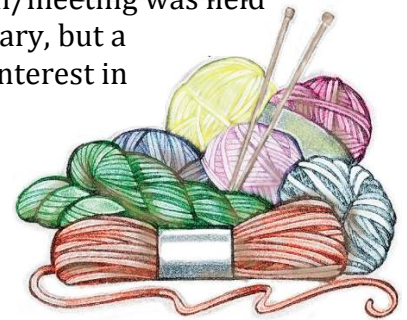


Prayer Shawl Group

Stitch, pray, love! If you like to knit or crochet, or if you'd like to learn to knit or crochet, we have just the group for you! A small group of ladies (does not have to be just ladies) are meeting once a month to knit and crochet prayer shawls. It's a very simple concept, knit/crochet, pray and share God's love.

The prayer shawl ministry began in 1998 by two women, Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo, as a ministry to those who need prayers. In this ministry compassion and the love of knitting or crocheting have been combined as a way of reaching out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every shawl. The shawls are distributed to those in need. By wrapping up in the shawl they are wrapped in the prayers offered up for them during its creation. There are prayer shawl groups meeting in churches all over the United States.

We are still deciding on an exact day and time to meet. Our first knitting lesson/meeting was held on January 22 at the home of Loide Wasmund. We will be meeting again in February, but a date has not yet been set. Please consider joining this small group if you have an interest in stitching, praying and sharing God's love.



- LEADER:** Sharon Krenek & Loide Wasmund
- WHEN:** TBD (February)
- WHERE:** TBD
- DETAILS:** Open to everyone

Luther Group

Organized in 1991, and originally called the "Golden Agers", the Luther Group was formed based on the "Three Legged Stool" model, which states that a 3 legged stool may not stand if one of the legs is missing, and subsequently, to have a successful Christian small group, you must have three "legs": a Bible study, a mission project, and fellowship. The Luther group selects a yearly Bible study, supports "Key Care Ministries" and enjoys fellowship in many forms; from attending the theater, dining out, birthday parties, etc. This model has served the Luther Group well, as they continue to grow and fellowship!



- LEADER:** Rev. Bill Johnson
- WHEN:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1pm
- WHERE:** Gardenview Room
- DETAILS:** Open to everyone

Men In Mission

Breakfast, fellowship and Bible study for men of all ages!

- LEADER:** Varies
- WHEN:** 3rd Saturday of the month at 8am
- WHERE:** Fellowship Hall
- DETAILS:** Open to men of all ages



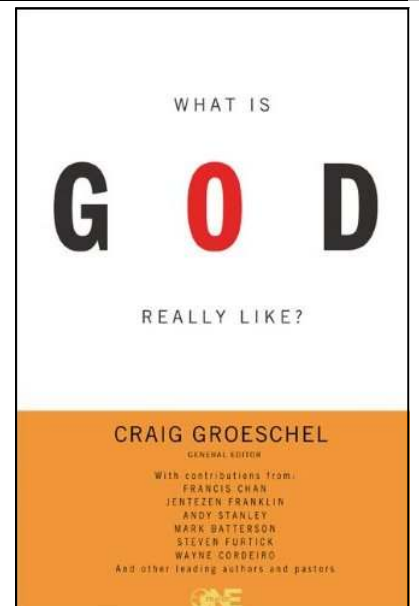
MEN IN MISSION

“What God is Really Like” Study Group

By Craig Groeschel

For the past two years, Craig Groeschel (www.lifechurch.tv) and his church have hosted an international multi-church campaign called ONE PRAYER, a month-long concerted focus on unifying the many different, diverse churches participating by praying together and serving their local communities. The campaign continues to attract interest from more and more churches and ministries.

- LEADER:** Pastor Craig Sturm
- WHEN:** To Be Determined (TBD)
- WHERE:** TBD
- DETAILS:** Cost of book is \$5; logistics of meeting to be decided by group members



“Dinner Circles”

Break bread and fellowship with our TLC family.

- LEADER:** Varies
- WHEN:** TBD by group
- WHERE:** TBD by Group
- DETAILS:** If you are interested in facilitating a “Dinner”, please contact Terry Krawitz.

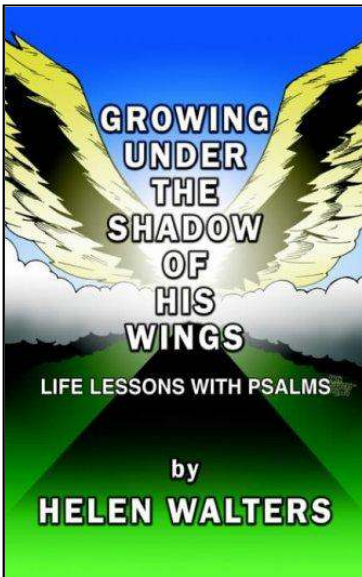


“Growing Under the Shadow of His Wings: Life Lessons with Psalms”

By Helen Price Walters

This thoughtful series of reflections on the Psalms is filled with faithful and sensitive encouragement for us to do what saints have done from the very first days the Psalter became such an important part of our liturgical life. She gently nudges, then pleads with us, to pray these Psalms. Her book is a comforting companion for our soul's journey.

- LEADER:** Helen Price Walters
- WHEN:** Thursday, Feb. 2nd at 12pm
- WHERE:** Gardenview Room
- DETAILS:** Cost of book is \$14; meets weekly; bring a lunch.



Special Note: *No small groups were purposely omitted. If you know of a group that has not been listed, please call the Church office and we will be happy to advertise the group and add it to the master calendar.*

Trinity Lutheran Church Council
MINUTES - January 10, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 7:00pm by the Council President, Mike Krenek.

PRESENT: Mike Krenek, Pastor Craig Sturm, Jan Bentsen, Rolf Berg, Barbara Faris, Mary Lonnevik, Ken Paith, Loide Wasmund, Cynthia Zinn. Paul Wasmund was present for the Treasurer’s Report. Guest: Jim Hughes was also present. Absent: Amy Shojai and Roger Hale

OPENING: Pastor Craig led the Opening Devotion.

MINUTES: The minutes from the December 2011 meeting were read, approved, and motion passed accepting.

TREASURER: Paul Wasmund presented the Treasurer’s Report. Trinity’s accounts as of December 31, 2011 are as follows :

Mortgage Balance	\$	109,556.19
Checking	\$	22,532.96
Special Accounts		
		Building Fund \$ 7,587.65
		Community Programs \$ 167.30
		Endowment Fund \$ 3,029.59
		Memorial Fund \$ 1,175.00
		Men in Mission Acct \$ 71.32
		Music Ministry Acct \$ 500.51
		Youth Acct \$ 677.84
		Total Special Accounts \$ 15,908.28

Motion passed accepting report.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Jan Bentsen will get year end reports finished next week for everyone. Total income for the year was \$252,529.69. Motion passed accepting report.

PASTOR’S REPORT: Pastor Craig presented his Annual Report to the Congregation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approve Agenda for the Congregational Meeting on Jan 15, 2012. Motion passed to approve the Agenda.
Discussion about Christmas Services. Feedback was positive and negative. A lot of people liked the service.

KURVES Update: New Show Dates: Mar 1-3 at 8 pm in Rialto Theater in Denison. Show dates were moved because the Rialto renovation was running behind schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

Allocate extra funds for 2011—

\$1500 for Messiah Missions Ministries (Dan Lund) — Motion carried.

Anticipated Spending:

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| Screen & projector for the sanctuary | Chairs for children’s church |
| Painting of the outside of the church | Parking lot |
| Kitchen remodel | |

Membership Request: Marty & Cecilia Finch were accepted for membership.

Lenten Devotional Booklet: Terri Krawitz will be organizing a Lenten Devotional Booklet this month that will be written by and for the members of Trinity.

Lenten Meals have funds allocated for meat from the budget; Outreach Emphasis will be the Soup Kitchen.

2011 Financial Audit: Apparently we need to do one for 2009, 2010 & 2011. Ronnie Richardson has his CPA license and needs hours so we will ask him.

Pastor Craig asked for input on his use of Audio-Visual aids with his sermons. Input was favorable. Logistics are being worked out.

Approve Active Member List: Motion carried to approve the membership list with 204 baptized members.

Pledges to date are \$205,030 with a proposed budget of \$212,308.

Building Use Request: Motion passed approving request from Texoma Foxhall AA to use the building late on a Sunday afternoon for their regional meeting.

Request from Church Mutual to update officer information.

Kathy Manning has requested to be paid twice a month rather than once a month. Motion carried.

Work Schedule for Kathy: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM was discussed; no decision was made. Will revisit in February.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Worship — Roger Hale is out of town.

Fellowship — Barb Faris reported a scheduled 5th Sunday Congregational Potluck on Jan 29th.

Evangelism — Barbara Faris heard the ad on the Radio for the Christmas Eve Services. Loide Wasmund saw the billboard ad for the same.

Mission Support — Rolf Berg & Jim Hughes reported on Dan Lund's Messiah Missions Ministries. Planning meeting was held in Nov and want to do quarterly events rather than monthly projects. Jim is working with Kairos, a lay-led, ecumenical prison ministry used in both male & female prisons, and for their families and prison guards. It currently ministers to 40 prisons & guards throughout Texas. They are asking for financial funding for weekends during the year for 2 of the Hutchins Weekends. Hutchins is south of Dallas on I-75. The cost is \$1,500 per weekend; total of \$3,000. There are other ways Trinity members can assist including Agape Paper Prayer Chains, store bought cookies, placemats made by kids, and writing love letters from God. Funds sponsor 5 participants and 5 team leaders. Also would like to come in and speak at church one Sunday. Motion was requested to give \$3,000. Motion was revised and passed to spend \$1,500 for the first quarter and revisit it with the new council. Jim Hughes will try to schedule the Kairos Ministry member to come to our congregational potluck on Jan 29th.

Education — Cynthia Zinn reported that the Christmas program went really well. Kids attended all of the rehearsals. Easter Party next big event.

Building and Grounds — Ken Paith reported that in another week or so the painter is coming.

Men in Mission — Next meeting is Saturday, Jan 21st at 8 am. Starting Feb 2nd, a small group called the "Lunch Bunch" will meet every Thursday from 12-1 pm.

TLCW — Starting a new Prayer Shawl Ministry, and a small group Bible Study will be starting up in the evenings this month.

ADJOURN: Motion passed to adjourn at 8:54pm. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 7pm in the Garden View Room in the Education building. Respectfully submitted: Loide Wasmund, Council Secretary

*Working for God on earth does not pay much,
but His retirement plan is out of this world.*

Join us for the 2012 P.I.E. series.

New Date: Tuesday, Feb 21 at TCOG ~ **New Location:** 1111 Gallagher Rd in Sherman

For February we have a special new treat, we will have a Cooking Demonstration from 11:00 - 12:00 "Mardi Gras Meets Healthy Eating" presented by Lanetta Nix. This will include a lunch of shrimp creole served on brown rice with salad and homemade bread. RSVP for lunch is required - 903-868-9315. Cost is donation only with proceeds going to the Greater Texoma Health Clinic.

From 12:00 - 1:00, **Dr. Azar Ehsan** will speak on "**An Apple A Day Keeps the Doctor Away: Healthy Eating**". This program is free. Pie and coffee will be provided as always during this presentation and you are welcome to bring a lunch if you choose not to join the earlier program.

The March 20 program will feature Dr. Muqdad Zuriquat, on Pulmonary and Sleep Disorders.

We hope you will join us and be sure to tell your friends.



Most great accomplishments take place by doing many small things in the same direction.

A Look Into The Past of Trinity Lutheran Church

From "The Shepherd's Staff," February 18, 1972

Contributed by Pastor William B. Johnson



The Shepherd's Staff

The Lenten Season was ushered in on Ash Wednesday in our congregation with a service of worship and Holy Communion. The service was a combination of the traditional and contemporary – that is, we used the regular liturgy as a vehicle for worship, but the Word of God was expounded by means of a "Dialogue Commentary." For those who missed this first Lenten service, the theme for the series is, "WHAT A FRIEND!" The first weekly theme was, "He Feeds Me." The theme next week will be, "He Washes Me." All the services are based on seven "Sayings of Jesus for Lent."

This is the fourth year we have varied our approach to Lenten services. I considered returning this year to a completely traditional type service, but several people expressed a desire to continue with the type we have been using. If you have any feelings about this, I would appreciate it if you would tell me – including those who like what we're doing as well as those who may disapprove. At any rate, you are encouraged to be a regular participant in these services, for they provide opportunities for growth in our relationship with Christ, and also, with one another.

The services begin at 7:00 p.m., and normally, will last about 45 minutes. The Ash Wednesday service lasted longer because Holy Communion was celebrated. **NOTE:** The nursery will be available during the Lenten services.



LIVING LUTHERAN
A daily blend of stories, culture and community

Hide and seek with God

By Jill Schott

*Text study on Mark 1:29-39
Lectionary text for Feb. 5, 2012*

I loved to play the hide-and-seek game when I was young. My cousins and I would form teams and hide in all of the nooks and crannies of my grandmother's basement.

We would count to 30 and then seek those who were hidden. Sometimes finding each other was quick. Other times, it was a challenge. But, in the end, we were always found.



How many times do we intentionally seek God? Does God hide? Is God easily found? What happens when we give up our seeking and ask God to come out of hiding? Even before we ask, God is already out in the open: ready, willing and eager to be found. But sometimes it is hard to see God in our immediate present.

Lately, I have been on the seeking end of this game — if you can call it a game. It's not God who is playing the game. It is me. I seek what is already revealed.

LOOK BACK TO SEE

When the life of faith gets tough, God is revealed when we look back and notice the pattern God has established with us over the years. We notice the moments of hope and reconciliation, moments of healing and hope.

And we trust that if we can see God in what is past, it stands to reason that God is in our present and leading us to our future. In those seeking times when it seems that God is absent, we trust the history and promise of the living God's presence.

Are you also seeking? Take a moment and look back at all of the awesome things God has done in your life up until now. Bask in God's love, strength and glory with the knowledge that God is with you all day, every day and isn't hiding.

TALKBACK:

- When in your life have you experienced the hiddenness or absence of God's presence?
- What recollection or memory reminds you of a time when you felt the presence of God? How does that recollection strengthen your sense of trust and faith?
- How does the Christian community point to the presence of God in times of violence, injustice or despair?

Jill Schott is a private-practice pastoral counselor meeting the needs of the mind, body and spirit of the client. When not seeing clients, Jill shares her faith and love of God through her involvement in youth ministry at Immanuel Lutheran Church, an ELCA congregation in Norwood, Pa.

KQRPES! The Musical

a new show by Amy Shojai & Frank Steele



Featuring:

Cheri Anderson, Johnny Flowers
Theresa Littlefield, Joe Maglio
Leah Martin, Amy Shojai,
Frank Steele and Craig Sturm

THE RIALTO THEATER

426 W. Main Street
Denison TX 75020

Show runs MARCH 1, 2, 3, 2012 at 8pm
Adults/Seniors \$10, Students \$5

Tickets go on sale Feb. 6th
CALL: 903-465-SHOW (7469)



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IS INVITED
to a FREE PREVIEW Feb. 23rd at 8pm



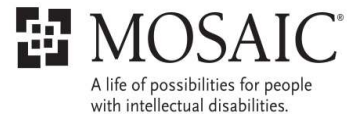
HEART & SOUL GALA 2012
*Celebrating 25 years of
providing possibilities and counting ...*

Friday, Feb. 24, 2012 — 6:30 p.m.

Westin Galleria Dallas | 13340 Dallas Pkwy. | Dallas, TX 75240

Formal/Evening Attire

Please join us at the 2012 Heart & Soul Gala, benefiting the people served by Mosaic in Dallas. The evening will include dinner, entertainment, silent and live auctions, dancing and community awards. Sponsorships and auction donations are welcome. For more information or to get involved, please call 972.866.9989 or visit www.mosaicinfo.org/heartandsoul.



Mosaic in Dallas | 2245 Midway Rd., Ste. 300 | Carrollton, TX 75006-4958



Food For Thought: You can be committed to church but not committed to Christ, but you cannot be committed to Christ and not committed to church.



NORTH TEXAS SENIORFEST 2012



February 18, 2012
 King of Glory Lutheran Church
 6411 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas

You are invited to join us for the Fifth Annual North Texas SeniorFest on **February 18, 2012** from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at King of Glory Lutheran Church. The SeniorFest gathers adults, ages fifty and above, for learning, devotions and fellowship.

This year the theme is "**Lord, Are You Listening? Our Life of Prayer. The keynoter is Rev. Walter E. Waiser, Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Hurst. The devotional leader for Worship will be Rev. Kevin Kanouse, Bishop of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Mission Area, ELCA.** There will also be a variety of workshops for you to participate in and displays from organizations with information for you.

Brochures, which include registration forms, have been sent to your congregation. Don't miss out on this great event. The registration fee is only \$25.00 and includes a delicious lunch. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Dennis Schurter at 940-383-4066.

We'll see you on February 18 at King of Glory Lutheran Church. You don't want to miss it.

WORKSHOPS

- The Word of God for Information and Transformation:** The Word of God is THE source for us to learn about the God who loves us. But it is so much more! The Word is also the tool the Spirit uses to transform us to become like Jesus. **Leader: Walter Waiser** is the pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Hurst.
- How to Get More Life out of Life:** Straight talk about aging and the end of life. A common sense approach to aging and improving quality of life by conserving, prioritizing, and re-directing the gradually diminishing energies inherent in the aging process. **Leader: Kirsten Kaae** is a registered nurse and a licensed professional counselor with more than 20 years of experience in palliative and end-of-life care.
- "You Are the Potter—I Am the Clay":** With her potter's wheel, Lemme presents a visual parable, symbolizing God as the potter and us as the clay. This is a story of identification, restoration, and renewal. **Leader: Lemme** is master of the fine arts—a sculptor, potter, painter, writer, and a philosopher and student of life. She has a graduate degree from TWU in Denton; her home and studio is in rural Decatur, TX.
- Praying When There Are No Words:** This participatory workshop will engage you in discussion about prayer and then allow time "to put into practice" what the group has discussed. **Leaders: Jack and Carol Scott** have been active in their church for over 30 years as Stephen Ministers, retreat leaders, and Christian educators. They are self-employed with their family-owned business/ministry, "Holding Cross."
- First Things in the Fourth Gospel:** We will look at some important characteristics of the Gospel of John that will help us understand John's perspective on Jesus' ministry and what sets John apart from the other gospel accounts. **Leader: Dennis Schurter** is a retired LCMS chaplain; his current interests include woodworking, biblical studies, and summers in Colorado.
- The Practice of Taize Worship:** Taize is a style of worship that comes from the ecumenical monastic community in Taize, France. The worship invites participants into contemplative prayer through silence and song. **Leader: Phil Heinze** has served as pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Richland Hills for 20 years. He is married to Lisa, and they have two children, Joshua and Marry Ruth.
- Senior Safety and Crime Prevention:** The workshop will provide Crime Prevention Tips for your home, your car, and your personal safety. **Leader: Doug Sisk** is a 25-year veteran officer of the Duncanville Police Department, currently assigned to the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Division.
- Prayer Quilt Ministry:** Sandy says, "Prayer Quilt Ministry is the most meaningful ministry I have ever been involved in." She will share what it is, how it works, and how it has touched peoples' lives. **Leader: Sandy Schurter** is a retired elementary and special ed. teacher. She has been quilting for over 20 years.



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ELCA presiding bishop supports Syrian church leaders' call for peace

Jan. 30, 2012

In letters to Christian church leaders in Syria, the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), offered his support of the churches' collective call for an end to violence and his prayers for the people in the region.

"In these difficult days, I will continue to pray and encourage members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to pray for you and your efforts to sustain the courage and faith of your communities," wrote Hanson. In addition to prayers for the people of Syria, the presiding bishop said he mourns the recent death of a priest there, "who died serving others." For more info, go to <http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Communication-Services/News/Releases.aspx?a=5188>

ELCA leaders' effort to protect families pays off

Jan. 30, 2012

Leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) believe progress has been made with a recent policy change that would keep some families living in the United States, without legal residency, to remain here while applying for legal status -- a step intended to keeping families together.

Such "policies have significant human consequences that affect the lives and well-being of our neighbors," said the Rev. H. Julian Gordy, bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Synod, Atlanta, and chair of the ELCA Immigration Ready Bench.

Before the policy change, people living in the U.S. undocumented who return to their country of origin to apply for legal U.S. residency or green card face years of separation from their family. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced the new regulation Jan. 6. For more info, go to <http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Communication-Services/News/Releases.aspx?a=5188>

ELCA, African Methodist Episcopal Zion leaders gather for historic summit

Jan. 22, 2012

Dr. Mitri Raheb, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem, will receive the German Media Prize award Feb. 24 for his work in founding educational, cultural and health care institutions and his commitment to inter-faith dialogue and peacemaking in the Middle East.

"Mitri Raheb is a pastor with passion in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. Persistently working for a lasting, just peace in the Middle East, Pastor Raheb is a visionary leader who has created new pathways in the areas of education, employment and health care," said the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). For more info, go to <http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Communication-Services/News/Releases.aspx?a=5188>

Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Budgeting for God and the Future

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income” (1 Corinthians 16:2).

A budget is a spending plan in which you determine, in advance, how much of your income to allocate to each spending category. The purpose of a budget is to plan your monthly expenditures so that you can make sure you have enough to pay the essential bills, save for the future, etc. The amount of income you allocate to spending categories will be defined by your values and interests.

In developing your budget as a Christian, one of your first tasks will be to examine the priorities that God has directly revealed in his Word. There are four general budget categories that are clearly mandated: giving, saving, living expenses, and debt repayment.



Giving: God’s Word directs us to give him our first and best. In Proverbs 3:9 we read, *“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.”* The Apostle Paul wrote, *“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income”* (1 Corinthians 16:2). Giving demonstrates our gratitude for all of the gifts that God has bestowed upon us.

Saving: In order to prepare for emergencies and to have resources so you can achieve your financial goals, saving is essential. In Proverbs 21:20 God shares this wisdom regarding saving: *“In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.”*

Living expenses: What you allocate for your living expenses should be established with the money that is left after giving and saving. If you have not previously developed a budget, you could be struggling to maintain a reasonable allocation for your lifestyle that you can afford. An important first step is to distinguish between what you need versus what you want. Jesus said, *“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions”* (Luke 12:15).

Debt repayment: In Scripture, God warns us to be cautious about debt. God’s Word discourages borrowing: *“The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender”* (Proverbs 22:7). The Bible is clear as to your responsibility to repay money that you borrow.

In order to avoid dependence on others and to set a good example, you should develop a budget. If you wisely include the four essential categories, you will gain control of your money!

February

Sunday, February 5, 2012 **ASH Wednesday, February 22, 2012**

Assisting Minister	Bob Cape
Acolyte	Sarah Carr
Lector	Jane Carr
Children's Service	Lauren Hale
(Assisting)	Terri Paith
Communion Assistant	Barbara Rehtzigel
Communion Bread	Eileen Burrus
Ushers	Rolf & Shar Berg, Dale Stein & Andy Carr
Greeters	BJ Manke & Lorraine Nagel
Flowers	Sherrill Snider
Fellowship	Richards/Faris: Paul's Parent's bdays

Assisting Minister	Carol Pfeiffer
Acolyte	Sierra Hayes
Lector	Marsha Powers
Communion Assistant	BJ Manke
Communion Bread	Lorranie Nagel
Greeters	Mabel Bauer & Eileen Burrus Jack Pfeiffer, Tamara Williams, Leo & Billie Scheidt
Ushers	

Sunday, February 12, 2012 **Sunday, February 26, 2012**

Assisting Minister	Sharon Krenek
Acolyte	Harrison Flinn
Lector	Marty Burkart
Children's Service	Loide Wasmund
(Assisting)	Marlene Tillman
Communion Assistant	Eileen Burrus
Communion Bread	Billie Scheidt
Ushers	Kit Benson, Duane Compton, Krista & Thadeus Flinn
Greeters	Mark Nagel & Marsha Powers
Flowers	The Johnson's: Carol Pfeiffer's bday
Fellowship	Volunteer Needed

Assisting Minister	Loide Wasmund
Acolyte	Steven Mildward
Lector	Kerri Sturm
Children's Service	Michelle Cantu
(Assisting)	Eric Cantu
Communion Assistant	Sharon Krenek
Communion Bread	Duane Compton
Ushers	Ute & Stephanie Mayo, Mark Nagel & Jack Pfeiffer
Greeters	Cindy Quick & Barbara Rehtzigel
Flowers	Volunteer Needed
Fellowship	Volunteer Needed

Sunday, February 19, 2012 **Wednesday, February 29, 2012**

Assisting Minister	Barbara Faris
Acolyte	Sierra Hayes
Lector	Stan Simmons
Ushers	Don & Sierra Hayes, Al Paul & Leo Scheidt
Children's Service	Sharon Krenek
(Assisting)	Stephanie Mayo
Communion Bread	Deborah Allison
Communion Bread	Andy & Jane Carr
Greeters	Jack & Laureen Pfeiffer
Flowers	Mabel Bauer
Fellowship	Volunteer Needed

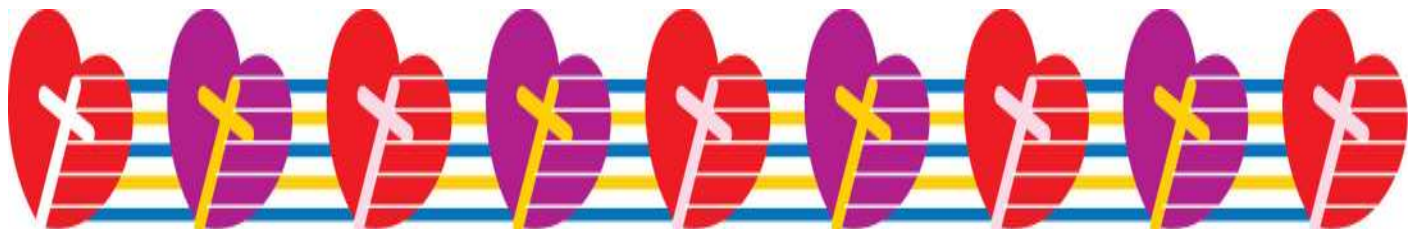
Assisting Minister	Steven Mildward
Acolyte	Duane Compton
Lector	Marsha Powers
Ushers	Dale Stein, Stan Simmons, Ken & Marsha Powers
Greeters	Curt & Eileen Burrus

Altar Care	Barbara Rehtzigel
Wine for Month	Brenda Scharff
Head Usher	Joe Benson
Worship Duty Caller	Laureen Pfeiffer
Offering Counters	Jan Bentsen & Kathy Manning



February

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29 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church	30 2:30 PM Dr. Case's Piano Lessons 5:00 PM GNTX Children's Choir 7:00 PM Al-Anon	31 8:00 PM Fox Hall AA	1 9:00 AM Quilting Group 12:00 PM Al-Anon	2 11:00 AM Prayer Circle 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch Study Group 2:00 PM Dr. Case's Piano Lessons 8:00 PM Fox Hall AA	3	4 10:00 AM The Synodical Women's Org Convention Planning Committee (SWO) 8:00 PM Fox Hall AA
5 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church	6 12:00 PM "Jesus Calling" Study Group/Brown Bag 2:30 PM Dr. Case's Piano Lessons 5:00 PM GNTX Children's Choir 7:00 PM Al-Anon	7 8:00 PM Fox Hall AA	8 9:00 AM Quilting Group 12:00 PM Al-Anon 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study	9 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch Study Group 2:00 PM Dr. Case's Piano Lessons 6:00 PM "Shadows Beneath His Wings" Study Group 8:00 PM Fox Hall AA	10	11 8:00 PM Fox Hall AA
12 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 1:30 PM Confirmation Class	13 12:00 PM "Jesus Calling" Study Group/Brown Bag 2:30 PM Dr. Case's Piano Lessons 5:00 PM GNTX Children's Choir 7:00 PM Al-Anon	14 7:00 PM Council Meeting 8:00 PM Fox Hall AA	15 9:00 AM Quilting Group 12:00 PM Al-Anon	16 11:00 AM Prayer Circle 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch Study Group 2:00 PM Dr. Case's Piano Lessons 6:00 PM "Shadows Beneath His Wings" Study Group 8:00 PM Fox Hall AA	17	18 8:00 AM Men In Mission 8:00 PM Fox Hall AA
19 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 6:30 PM Game Night	20 President's Day: Office Closed 12:00 PM "Jesus Calling" Study Group/Brown Bag 2:30 PM Dr. Case's Piano Lessons 5:00 PM GNTX Children's Choir 7:00 PM Al-Anon	21 2:00 PM Luther Group 8:00 PM Fox Hall AA	22 Ash Wednesday 9:00 AM Quilting Group 12:00 PM Al-Anon 6:00 PM Lenten Potluck Meal 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship	23 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch Study Group 2:00 PM Dr. Case's Piano Lessons 6:00 PM "Shadows Beneath His Wings" Study Group 6:00 PM Sherman Quilt Makers Guild Mtg 8:00 PM Fox Hall AA 8:00 PM KURVES the Musical "Free Showing"	24	25 8:00 PM Fox Hall AA
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March

Sunday, March 4, 2012		Sunday, March 18, 2012	
Assisting Minister	Bob Cape	Worship Leader	Paul Wasmund
Acolyte	Will Pfeiffer	Acolyte	Harrison Flinn
Lector	Roger Hale	Lector	Krista Flinn
Children's Service	Lauren Hale	Children's Service	Sharon Krenek
(Assisting)	Marsha Powers	(Assisting)	Terri Paith
Communion Assistant	Roma Simmons	Communion Assistant	Carol Pfeiffer
Communion Bread	David & Jan Bentsen	Communion Bread	Kitty Strause
Ushers	Dale Stein, Jason Tarango, Leo & Billie Scheidt	Ushers	Leo Scheidt, Cindy Quick, Joe & Kit Benson
Greeters	Cassandra Koeltzow & Mabel Bauer	Greeters	Ray & Marlene Tillman
Flowers	Bridgette Nagel	Flowers	Renee Anderson
Fellowship	Lorraine Nagel: Mark's Bday	Fellowship	Volunteer Needed

Wednesday, March 7, 2012		Wednesday, March 21, 2012	
Assisting Minister	Krista Flinn	Assisting Minister	Duane Compton
Acolyte	Steven Mildward	Acolyte	Ashley Quick
Lector	Carol Pfeiffer	Lector	Amy Shojai
Greeters	Sherrill Snider & Kitty Strause	Greeters	Stan & Roma Simmons
Ushers	Ken & Marsha Powers, Ken Paith & Mark Peippo	Ushers	Rolf & Shar Berg, Eileen Burrus, Mark Peippo

Sunday, March 11, 2012		Sunday, March 25, 2012	
Assisting Minister	Roger Hale	Assisting Minister	John Lonnevik
Acolyte	Sarah Carr	Acolyte	Madie Rohre
Lector	Kerri Sturm	Lector	Marty Burkart
Children's Service	Loide Wasmund	Children's Service	Michelle Cantu
(Assisting)	Marlene Tillman	(Assisting)	Felicia Cantu
Communion Assistant	Joyce White	Communion Assistant	Kit Benson
Communion Bread	Donna Johnston	Communion Bread	Renee Anderson
Ushers	Ute & Stephanie Mayo, Mark Nagel & Shar Berg	Ushers	Don & Sierra Hayes, Ken Paith & BJ Manke
Greeters	Donna Johnston & Tamara Williams	Greeters	Joe & Kit Benson
Flowers	Jeanne Henry: Marty's Bday	Flowers	Volunteer Needed
Fellowship	Volunteer Needed	Fellowship	Volunteer Needed

Wednesday, March 14, 2012		Wednesday, March 28, 2012	
Assisting Minister	Joyce White	Assisting Minister	Steven Mildward
Acolyte	Felicia Cantu	Acolyte	Kalinn Rohre
Lector	Mary Lonnevik	Lector	John Lonnevik
Ushers	Leo & Billie Scheidt,	Ushers	Donna Johnston & Jason Tarango,
Greeters	Dale Stein & Cindy Quick	Greeters	Ken & Marsha Powers
	Curtis & Eileen Burrus		Marty Burkart & Terry Krawitz

Altar Care	Shar Berg
Wine for Month	Bob Cape
Head Usher	Duane Compton
Offering Counter	Kathy Manning &
Worship Duty Caller	Sue Peippo



March 11

Spring Ahead

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