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## You are invited to an UPDATE ON TRINITY'S Proposed Future

Hosted by Trinity for Tomorrow  
and the Congregational Council

### Updates will be given on:

#### Immediate action items:

- The City Parking Ramp - review of construction schedule
- The proposed purchase of the Drive-In
- The vacating of the current Post Office site
- The building of a new Post Office facility on Third Street
- Imagining expansion and renovation of Trinity
- A proposed Capital Appeal this coming fall
- Brief financial report by Congregational Council

#### Future action items:

- Future Trinity expansion and renovation
- Fourth Street Property - what is its highest, best use?
- Capital Appeal design, goals and timeline

### Proposed Minnesota Action Items



### Proposed Wisconsin Action Item



## Informational Meetings:

**Sun., March 8 - 11:45 a.m.**

**Mon., March 9 - 7 p.m.**

**Wed., March 25 - 6:30 p.m.**

Mark your calendars to attend one of these important meetings where you will have a chance to find out the latest on Trinity's proposed future, ask any questions you may have and share your feedback.

It is important that you attend and educate yourself on these issues, as we will take a congregational vote on these issues in March.

# PASTOR DAN POFFENBERGER



For the past year and a half, the Trinity for Tomorrow Team has been working on behalf of the Congregational Council and the congregation to develop a plan that utilizes Trinity's physical assets of land and buildings to enhance and maximize the ministry of Trinity. Under the leadership of Mike Holsten and Kathy Tunheim, the team has devoted countless hours on our behalf to do the homework, planning and relationship building that this endeavor has required. This past Monday, they met with the Congregational Council and, in reviewing the status of their work decided that it was once again time to go public and ask the congregation to engage in a time of discussion and decision about some important matters. I am very excited about the state of their work, and the exciting options that lay before us as a congregation.

On the front cover of this issue of *Trinity Today*, you see an invitation to three informational meetings – please make every effort to attend one of them – they are Sunday, March 8 at 11:45 a.m.; Monday, March 9 at 7 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. These meetings will be full of information regarding the following opportunities:

- The Construction of the City of Stillwater Municipal Parking Ramp that will provide over 300 parking spaces immediately east of Trinity.
- The proposed move of the US Postal Service out of their present facility into a brand-new facility to be constructed on the Third Street property owned by Trinity
- The purchase of the Houlton Drive-In. After 30 years of renting, we have the opportunity to purchase this much-loved place of worship and use it more fully during the spring, summer and fall.
- An addition to the present Trinity facility – following the study completed by HGA architects this past May, the Trinity for Tomorrow Team will present some preliminary concepts of how Trinity can expand into the future and meet the needs outlined by our facility study. These concepts will also include a vision for the rehabilitation and deferred maintenance of our facility.
- A proposed Capital Appeal and other funding options to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities.

As you can see, there is much to learn and discuss. If you have never attended a congregational meeting, this is the one time you should. The Congregational Council and the Trinity for Tomorrow team have worked hard to present us with these opportunities, and to decide to move forward requires much learning and discussion.

On Sunday, March 29, Trinity will hold its Annual Meeting to vote on the items requiring congregational approval and to do the work of the normal Annual Meeting.

My expectation is that everyone who wishes to come and makes decisions at the Annual Meeting will also take the time to attend one of the informational meetings to prepare themselves for a decision, and to help make the proposals as excellent as possible.

These are exciting times – I will see you at the meetings.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dan Poffenberger", written in a cursive style.

Pastor Dan

# METHOD: MEDITATION

## ANCIENT PRACTICE: WALKING

### History:

Walking meditation has a long history in Buddhist and Taoist traditions and to many, the word “meditation” often brings to mind these Eastern religions. But from the earliest days of the Church, Christians have used meditation as an essential part of prayer along with offering intercessions, supplications, and praise. From a Christian perspective, meditation might be thought of as *quiet prayer*, a prayer without petition, since “God already knows your needs.” (Mt. 6.8) The prayer of walking meditation brings the soul into quiet rest, as well as the body.

In walking meditation we can experience and literally practice God’s presence as the ground in which our being is rooted, the Source from whom our life emerges at every moment.

### Process:

Walking meditation is a contemplative practice where close attention is paid to the action of walking. It is not thinking or contemplating while walking (which is also delightful), but being mindful of the muscles of the body, the placement of the feet, balance, and motion.

Walking meditation is a wonderful way of transforming something that we do every day into a deeply healing, deeply nourishing and enjoyable tool for our awakening. When we practice walking meditation, each step of our journey becomes the destination – peace and joy.

Meditation is always about Presence, and we have acquired many ways to not be present. As soon as you begin trying to simply be present to God and yourself, you will find yourself thinking about when you need to do the laundry, feed the cat, or any

one of a thousand other thoughts which take you from Presence into the future or the past. The key is to come back gently. *Do not in any way chastise yourself.* Simply shrug off the distraction with an inner smile and return. You may have to do this a hundred times in your walk; no matter. In so doing, over time, not only will your ability to stay present in meditation increase, but the gentleness you’ve cultivated in dealing with yourself will carry over to a sustained gentleness in how you relate to all people, and your determination to be present will carry over into greater focus and presence in the rest of your life.

### Practice:

1. To begin, simply stand with your spine upright and your shoulders relaxed, letting your arms hang naturally by your sides. Take a couple of long, slow and deep breaths. As you exhale, let go of any unnecessary tension, smile gently, and let your attention flow deep into your belly, hips, legs and feet. Feel your connection to the earth.
2. Next, begin to coordinate your breathing with taking small steps: as you inhale, step forward with your left foot; as you exhale, step forward with your right foot; and continue in this way. Let your gaze be focused gently on the ground in front of you. You can also experiment with taking several steps with the inhale, and several with the exhale. But keep the pace quite slow (slower than your habitual walking) and relaxed.
3. As you become comfortable coordinating breath with walking, try adding this beautiful visualization: Each time you place

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one of your feet down, imagine that you are connecting to God in the earth, through the sole of your foot. Each time you pick up one of your feet, imagine that a beautiful flower is now blossoming in the place that your foot just was. In this way, our walking becomes a way of expressing our love for God, the earth, and of creating beauty with each step.

4. Walk this way - slowly, enjoying each step, with no thought of “getting somewhere” other than right where you are, here and now - for ten minutes or longer. Notice how you feel.
5. Little by little, incorporate this practice into your daily life - taking three or four slow, mindful steps, whenever you think of it. Notice how this changes the quality of your day.

### Tips:

1. Don’t worry if this kind of walking feels awkward at first. We’re learning to pay close attention to something that we’re not used to paying close attention to. Little by little, it will start to feel quite natural.
2. When you stretch out your feet and toes completely, and let the entire bottom of your foot be in contact with the ground, nerves, arteries and meridians connected to the entire body are stimulated, which is very beneficial for our health.
3. Let your mind be focused and relaxed. If it wanders into thoughts of the past or future, simply come back to the practice.
4. Thich Nhat Hanh’s *The Long Road Turns To Joy: A Guide To Walking Meditation* is a wonderful resource.

# HOW TO DO A HOUSEHOLD CARBON AUDIT

*Below are instructions for calculating your carbon footprint using the Carbonless Promise Calculators via the Trinity website.*

*As part of Trinity's G3 go green with God initiative, we are encouraging all Trinity households to do a carbon audit. Depending on the level of detail you would like to have for your household, there are three types of information you can audit: your dwellings, your vehicles and your flights.*

## Gather the Necessary Information Option 1: Basic Audit - Your Dwellings

The calculator allows you to put in information for multiple dwellings. You can include your primary residence, cabin, winter residence, vacation home, etc., in this audit. Start with your primary residence and then add any additional dwellings that you own. The calculators allow you to add information for 2007, 2008, and 2009. Start with 2007 and 2008; use the 2009 field at the end of 2009. Entering information for each year allows you to track your carbon emissions over time and will help you meet carbon emission reductions goals that you set for your household.

For each dwelling, you will need the following information:

1. State (the U.S. state this dwelling is located in)
2. Street address
3. Size of dwelling in square footage
4. Number of occupants (for primary residence only)
5. Annual electric usage in kilowatt hours (kWh)
6. Annual natural gas usage in Therms
7. Annual propane and/or heating oil usage in gallons (if applicable)

The most accurate calculation results from entering the annual totals from 12 months of utility bills. If you have your utility bills, add your electrical usage in kWh for all 12 months together for each year. You will have a total for 2007 and for 2008. Then add together your natural gas usage in Therms for all 12 months for each year. You will have a total for 2007 and for 2008. Once you enter your annual electricity usage, the program on the website will use coefficients published by the EPA for green house gas emissions in your state per kWh of electricity generated and Therm of natural gas used.

If you don't have all of your old bills from 2007 and 2008, you can request the information from your utility company. If you are a Minnesota resident you can contact the Xcel Energy Residential



Call Center at 1-800-895-4999. After dialing, select option four to talk with a customer service representative. You will need to have your Xcel account number and your Social Security number ready so that the customer service representative can find your account and verify your identity. Once an agent comes on the phone, ask them for your bill history for both electricity and natural gas usage for 2007 and 2008. They can give it to you over the phone, send it to you via email or via the mail. Once you receive this information use the annual totals (rather than the monthly totals) for each year. On your annual electric bill history this information is located at the bottom of column five and on your annual natural gas bill history at the bottom of column four.

## Option 2: More Detailed Audit - Your Dwellings + Your Vehicles + Your Flights

If you'd like to add your vehicles to your audit, you will need the following information for each car:

1. Model year
2. Make
3. Model
4. Miles driven in 2007, 2008, and, at the end of the year 2009

If you'd like to add your flights to your audit, you will need the following information for each flight:

1. Departing airport
2. Destination airport
3. Year of the trip (2007, 2008, or 2009)



## 2. Do the Audit

Once you have the necessary information pulled together, you are ready to go online to do the carbon audit.

1. Go to [www.trinitylc.org/g3.aspx](http://www.trinitylc.org/g3.aspx). Click on the link Carbon Calculator for your household. This will take you to Carbonless Promise's Trinity webpage. Create an account for your household by entering the required information. Select a username and password; write it down so that you can easily get back into your account.
2. Once you have created your account, click on the link for the Annual Footprint calculator. Fill in the information for the basic audit or the more detailed audit.



3. Read through your results and record them some where for your use during Trinity's G3 initiative.
4. Talk over your results as a family and decide what actions you would like to take in the coming months to reduce your carbon footprint. Tips for taking action can be found on Trinity's website on the G3 page and on the Carbonless Promise website.

# SERVE THE WORLD

## Lutefisk proceeds

The 2008 Lutefisk Dinner had net proceeds of \$9632.57. The proceeds have been distributed to the following hunger-related ministries (the portion of the proceeds gifted to Trinity is to help keep our kitchen in good operational order).

- St. Andrew's Thanksgiving Basket event
- Loaves & Fishes
- Last Sunday Supper
- Kids Against Hunger Community Meal Event
- Valley Outreach Food Shelf
- Trinity Lutheran Church

## Knitting Ministry expanding

Do you love to knit or would you like to learn? The knitting group knits prayer shawls, hats and sweaters for missions and baby hats for the New Baby Ministry. The group meets the last Friday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon in the Living Room. An additional group will be meeting on the second Thursday of the month beginning on March 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Room 108B. Please contact Barb Bylander at 439-4364 with any questions

## Bloodmobile coming to Trinity

Mon., March 9, 1-7 p.m.  
Give the gift of life. Contact Iona at 439-3708 for an appointment.

## Drive for Meals on Wheels

It's time for Trinity to take a turn driving for Meals on Wheels the week of March 30-April 3. If you are available to deliver meals to homebound residents during the hours of 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. any or every day that week, please contact Jeannie at 439-7400, ext. 111 or [jwendorf@trinitylc.org](mailto:jwendorf@trinitylc.org)



## Second annual community meal-packing event

*Hunger has become a major issue that is not going away on its own.*

During the week of Feb. 20 -28, neighbors from the St. Croix Valley will come together to package meals (rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and seasoning) for the hungry. Our goal is to pack one-half million meals. The meals will be distributed locally in the food shelves in eastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin, and to starving children in Haiti. This event provides us with the opportunity to bring some relief and comfort for the hungry and starving. We can help our hungry neighbors and help end the tragedy of starvation that takes place every day in Haiti. A miracle took place at the first event as we packed 432,518 meals! Please consider being part of another miracle this February. Cost: \$20 per person (Only 20 cents per meal, and everyone packs about 275 meals!)

*To sign up to serve or if you have questions, contact Tom Thiets, [tthiets@trinitylc.org](mailto:tthiets@trinitylc.org), or 439-7400, ext. 146, or Chuck and Joan Newman, 436-8609, [chuckjoan@comcast.net](mailto:chuckjoan@comcast.net)*





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HEARTS  
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Contact the Gratitude Team directly by at email [gratitudeministry@trinitylc.org](mailto:gratitudeministry@trinitylc.org) or by leaving a message in the offering plate or in the Church Office.

## care ministries

With Pastor  
Kris Linner



There is financial tumult all around. Everyday there are more and more lay offs. Investments and retirement accounts are shrinking. The value of homes is dropping and more homes are being foreclosed on. Directly and indirectly it impacts each of us.

Our faith cannot insulate us from the financial storms blowing across the globe. However, our faith can help us in tumultuous times. Although we cannot see how the economic crisis will end, we can have hope because ultimately our hope rests with God.

Romans 8:24-25 says, *“For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.”*

Hope is trusting that our identity is grounded not by how much money we have in our bank accounts, in our retirement funds, or in the equity of our home. Rather, hope is trusting that our value comes from being loved by God and that there is nothing that can separate us from God’s love.

That is the hope that drove Paul’s passionate affirmation in Romans 8:

*Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ’s love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, nor hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listen in Scripture... None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. (The Message Bible)*

Our anxiety about an unresolved economic down-turn lessens when viewed in the context of faith. We can be secure in our resources that will never go way: our value as humans which is a product of our loving and being loved by God and our trust in the loving presence of our God who will never let us go.

## THE JOY OF GIVING

by *Ralph Steiner*

My story of giving began some forty years ago when I was just starting my own financial planning business. I read a book called *Seed Faith Giving* and it challenged me to trust God and to tithe. It was not an easy decision for a young couple with three small children, but as our faith grew and our giving grew, we learned that God does provide and we have received so much more than we give.

My financial background led me to participate in a number of giving programs at our church. The joy that I saw in the eyes and actions of the givers, whose gifts were used properly and allocated correctly, paying attention to God’s direction, was tremendous. It is a joy for me to be able to help with what I call “God’s assets.”

We began coming to Trinity a couple of years ago. We are grateful for the preaching—well-prepared, Gospel-related sermons. We found that the style varied according to the individuality of the pastors, but they were always solidly based on Scripture. A number of people took the effort to recognize that we were visitors. Their friendly, personal greetings welcomed us and before long Judy and I were invited to *Food for Thought* and I joined the Gratitude Team. I’m honored to be currently working with the Endowment Fund, which is Trinity’s story of the joy of giving.



## PRACTICE GRATITUDE

We follow the SHARE, SAVE, SPEND allowance idea. Maddie and Elise have labeled envelopes with those titles and must take their weekly allowance and allot a portion to each envelope. They each get to designate what the dollars in their SHARE envelope is going toward, and this may change a few times a year. In the past, they have designated Valley Outreach, Toys for Tots, Tanzania, Rushford Flood Relief, etc. We then make sure they are involved in the actual giving of the money.

*Kathy Luoma*

# RETREATS

## Arizona Snowbird Retreat

Feb. 23-24, *Spirit in the Desert*

Retreat Center, Carefree, AZ

[www.spiritinthedesert.org](http://www.spiritinthedesert.org)

Members and friends of Trinity Lutheran in Stillwater, Our Savior's Lutheran in Circle Pines, and Incarnation Lutheran in Shoreview are invited to come together for learning, fellowship and relaxation at a beautiful Lutheran retreat center just north of Phoenix, AZ. Led by Pastor Luther Dale. Contact Diane at ext. 141 or [drollie@trinitylc.org](mailto:drollie@trinitylc.org) with questions.

## Spiritual Spa Day

Sat., March 7, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Give your mind, body and spirit a gift of renewal and rejuvenation at the Spiritual Spa Day offered at Trinity. The cost of \$25 covers morning coffee and light snack, a nutritious lunch and a variety of experiential and informational sessions that will leave you feeling filled up with renewed energy and spiritual connection. In addition to the large group opening and closing sessions, you get to decide which three classes you want to take from the choices offered. Here is a sampling of potential sessions:

- **Relax the body** with a hand massage and learn about aromatherapy
- **Introduction to Healing Touch Therapy** – energy healing for body, mind and spirit
- **Sacred movement**
- **Deepen Spiritual connection** with the meditation of Lectio-Divina
- **Improve flexibility** with a joint mobility class learning the Z technique
- **Empower your body** using a dynamic strength training class with Kettle Bells
- Learn about using **chemical-free products** for your face, body and home
- Experience the contemplative practice of **walking the labyrinth**
- **Cooking for good health**

This event is open to all, so bring a friend. Give it as a Valentine's gift! Register in the Commons or online at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org). Contact Amy Quarberg at 351-5343 or Julie Edstrom at 439-6747 with questions.

## St. Croix Concert Series

*Sérgio and Odair Assad, guitars*

Fri., Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Brazilian-born brothers Sérgio and Odair Assad are one of today's outstanding guitar duos. Their repertoire includes original music by Sérgio Assad, transcriptions of the great Baroque keyboard literature, and adaptations of works by composers such as Gershwin, Ginastera, and Milhaud. For tickets call 430-3528 or email [info@stcroixconcertseries.org](mailto:info@stcroixconcertseries.org)

*Zuill Bailey and the Navah Trio*

Fri., March 13, 7:30 p.m.

A favorite from past seasons, cellist Zuill Bailey is joined by Trio members Navah Perlman, piano, and Giora Schmidt, violin, for an exciting program of duos and trios. Zuill Bailey is considered one of the pre-eminent cellists of his generation. His rare combination of compelling artistry, technical finesse and engaging personality has secured his place as one of the most sought after cellists today. For tickets call 430-3528 or email [info@stcroixconcertseries.org](mailto:info@stcroixconcertseries.org).

# UPCOMING CONCERTS@ TRINITY

## Jubilate Bells benefit concert

Sat., May 16, 6 p.m. – Worship Center

This concert will feature the newly formed Bell Choir with many favorites including Joyful Joyful, Amazing Grace, Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, and many others. The purpose of this concert is to raise funds to refurbish our four-octave bell set. They have not been tuned or serviced since 2003. Each year they are left untreated increases the risk of breakage and bad intonation. Because Trinity has invested the money to purchase the bells, it is our commitment to bring them back to total functionality. It is our hope that the free-will offering during the concert will help us to accomplish our goal. Please plan on attending this joyous event and enjoy the beautiful sound the bells produce. Please contact Debi Orff at 351-7397 with questions.

# LIVING LIBRARY CATALOG GOES ONLINE @ TRINITY

## We are pleased to announce Trinity Lutheran's new electronic resource – LibraryWorld 2.0

Patrons can now browse the catalog from home or anywhere in the world with the Trinity OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog). LibraryWorld even has a service called LibraryWorld Mobile, the next generation of library online services designed specifically to allow patrons the freedom to search Trinity's Living Library from a mobile phone device.

Check out Trinity's web site to start searching the library catalog today. These new features aren't just for patrons. From a technical standpoint, there is no reliance on in-house servers and complicated hardware: everything is housed on LibraryWorld's remote systems, which means we can access that database from anywhere; all we have to worry about is having Internet access. With LibraryWorld, our church librarians will be able to more effectively add titles, print reports, check books in and out, and maintain our collection.

**Check it out at [www.trinitylc.org/livinglibrary](http://www.trinitylc.org/livinglibrary)**

# LEARNING & GROWING

Register for all classes & events at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org)

## Strengths @ Work: Pathways to Less Stress and More Happiness

Sundays, Feb. 22; March 1, 8  
10:30-11:45 a.m. – Living Room

Have you been searching for ways to reduce stress and experience more happiness at work? If so, Trinity has a group that provides a starting point for discovering more about your unique design and strengths at work.

## Business/professional women's groups

Are you looking for a place to connect with other business and professional women from Trinity? Come for lunch and share the joys and challenges life.

- Stillwater group, contact Dana Miller at [miller44@frontiernet.net](mailto:miller44@frontiernet.net)
- St. Paul group, contact Lou Johnson at [LouJ@banamidwest.com](mailto:LouJ@banamidwest.com)
- Minneapolis group, contact Katie Beaudet at [beaudetk@gmail.com](mailto:beaudetk@gmail.com)

## Difficult Sayings of Jesus

Saturdays starting Feb. 28, 8:30 a.m.  
Living Room

Lent is often a time for thoughtful reflection, increased contemplation, and attempts to tackle issues that may be difficult. Come join a lively group discussion of the "Difficult Sayings of Jesus." Pastor Steve has been facilitating a Saturday morning Bible study at Trinity for about twenty years; those who have attended will attest to the life-changing insights of a candid, free flowing, and often humorous give and take between both long-term attendees and new attendees. It's a great way to start the weekends of Lent! *Pastor Steve Hokonson*

## Greening Our Work

- Sunday 9 a.m. – Living Room  
Sunday 10:30 a.m. – Garden Room  
March 1 Greening Bradshaw's *with Jim Bradshaw*  
March 8 Green Can Make Dollars and Sense *with Dick Quandt*  
March 15 Five Pillars of Energy Efficiency *with Doug Karnuth*  
March 29 Bicycle Commuting *with Mike Johnson, Matt Simcik*

## Greening the St. Croix

- Sunday 9 a.m. – Living Room  
Sunday 10:30 a.m. – Garden Room  
April 5 Designing a Rain Garden *with Angie Hong*  
April 19 Health of the St. Croix River *with Dr. Brenda Moraska Lafrancois*  
April 26 Photographing the St. Croix River *with Eric Lindberg*

## Book Discussion: The Green Collar Economy

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
*Library Conf. Room, Book Fee: \$17*  
Provocative, personal, and inspirational, *The Green Collar Economy* is not a dire warning but rather a substantive and viable plan for solving the biggest issues facing the country—the failing economy and our devastated environment. From a distance, it appears that these two problems are separate, but when we look closer, the connection becomes unmistakable. In *The Green Collar Economy*, acclaimed activist and political advisor Van Jones delivers a real solution that both rescues our economy and saves the environment. Van Jones illustrates how we can invent and invest our way out of the pollution-based grey economy and into the healthy new green economy. Built by a broad coalition deeply rooted in the lives and struggles of ordinary people, this path has the practical benefit of both cutting energy prices and generating enough work to pull the U.S. economy out of its present death spiral. *Led by David Teschler*



## Community Dinner and Speaker Series

- Mar. 3 Mark Nelson, Ph. D.  
Minnesota's forests  
April 7 Matt Simcik, Ph. D.  
Minnesota's waters  
May 5 Dennis Anderson  
Minnesota's wildlife habitat

## Minnesota Forests: An inventory of resources

March 3 *with Mark Nelson, PhD*  
Free dinner served 6-7 p.m.  
Presentation 7-8:30 p.m.

Garden Room

Come enjoy a delicious meal and learn more about the current state of Minnesota's environment.

Mark Nelson is a Research Forester with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, in St. Paul. His research activities involve the use of satellite images and geographic information systems (GIS) for assessing and mapping forest resources and wildlife habitat both regionally and nationally. Mark lives in Stillwater with his wife and three children.



## Green-themed Ash Wednesday e-devotional available

Sign-up for a free, daily e-mail devotional exploring the theme *Living Earth: A 40-Day Reflection on our Relationship with God's Creation*. To receive this devotional series, visit Trinity's G3 web page at [www.trinitylc.org/G3](http://www.trinitylc.org/G3) and click on the link to the ELCA web page to sign up.



Mount Olivet Retreat Center (Farmington) was a wonderful setting for these Trinity people to reflect on their awareness of God's presence and how that shapes all aspects of their lives, to build relationships with other spiritual leaders, learn practices for cultivating their own spiritual leadership, and to have fun together. The next Cultivating Spiritual Leadership Retreat is set for October 23-24, 2009, at Villa Maria Center (Frontenac). Pictured left to right, Front row: Julie Jolivet, Tim Gillis, Jill Longnecker, Jeff Anderson, Kathy Hagen. Middle row: Spike & Kat Carlsen, Deb Gillis, Josh Longnecker, Kristie Anderson, Ron Hagen. Back Row: Jody Thone, Sheila-Marie Untiedt, Renae Oswald-Anderson, Lisa Thiets, Paul & Laura Holmes, Gwynn Pepin, Susie Anderson, Ann Bebeau

### Retired Men's Group

*Working with cultures outside the US on development & missions*

Tue., March 10, 9 a.m. – Garden Room

A panel discussion will be held featuring four men who, over the course of their careers and/or retirement, have been involved with many overseas countries. The men, Dr. Kevin Bjork (Trinity), John Hunter (First Lutheran), Tom Junker (St. Michaels), and Vic Thalacker (Trinity), will share their experiences in various parts of the world and will contrast their experiences of working in developed vs. third world countries. The attendees will be encouraged to ask questions and provide any other experiences that each may have had in similar situations. All men are invited. For more information contact Jon Fogelberg 715-755-2487 or Vic Thalacker at 439-9782.

### Raising Boys: Parenting Boys Beyond Stereotypes

Thu., April 16, June 18, 7-9 p.m. – Living Room

Come join other parents of young boys to learn more about the development of boys, share stories and wisdom, and grow in your ability to parent your boys. Each session will be a group discussion based on a different book about raising boys. Books include *Raising Cain*, *Speaking of Boys*, *The Wonder of Boys*, *Boys Adrift*, and *Real Boys*.



### Introduction to the Enneagram

Sat., March 7; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park

Cost: \$40, includes lunch

The Enneagram is one of the most popular systems for self-understanding and is used as a tool for personal growth and spiritual transformation. This day-long retreat will introduce the nine distinct personality types and show you how you can overcome your inner barriers, realize your unique strengths, and discover your deepest direction in life. Led by Jody Thone; jthone@trinitylc.org

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### Living Your Strengths

Thu., Feb. 19; 6-9 p.m.

Living Room

Cost \$25. Includes the book, *Living Your Strengths* and the *Clifton StrengthsFinder™*

\* Note: You must take the Clifton StrengthsFinder prior to attending this session.

Based on the work of the Gallup organization and over two million interviews, *Living Your Strengths* is a process that helps you identify, affirm and serve from your strengths. It includes the Clifton StrengthsFinder™ assessment and Trinity's own workshop designed to bring us together to explore our strengths and learn about the incredible power of our community when we serve God from our strengths. Led by Amy Karlstad & Walt Ogburn



### Hilltoppers Feb.gathering

Thu., Feb. 19, noon – Garden Room, \$3

Enjoy a tasteful lunch, entertainment, conversation and friends at the next Hilltopper gathering for people 70 and up. Washington County Commissioner Gary Kreisel will be the guest speaker.

# YOUTH MINISTRIES



## 30-Hour Famine

All student in grades 7-9 are invited to join us Feb. 27-28 for the 30-Hour Famine! This year seven churches will be gathering at Trinity for 30 hours of fun and fasting! We will pack food for Kids Against Hunger, a movie, a end of fast meal and other fun outings and games. The cost is \$30 for the event and each student is encouraged to raise \$30 toward World Vision and their cause to feed starving children. Fundraising packets are available in the Youth Center. Contact Cindy Jones for more information at ext. 137 or [cjones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cjones@trinitylc.org).

## Trinity scholarship applications due April 1

The Trinity Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund promotes and encourages higher education. All applicants and recipients must have been baptized at, confirmed at and be members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Stillwater, MN. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic status, co-curricular achievement and good citizenship. Consideration will be given to active involvement at Trinity Lutheran Church. Once selected, a student will be eligible to apply for a renewal of this scholarship for up to three additional years. Application for renewal is solely the responsibility of the student. All original scholarship and renewal applications are to be postmarked no later than April 1, and mailed to:

Trinity Lutheran Scholarship Fund  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
P.O. Box 339  
Stillwater, MN 55082

or go online to [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org)

# CAMP SUNDAY: FEB. 22 & MARCH 1

Come hear about Trinity's camps for children ages preK-grade 12 on Sunday, Feb. 22 & March 1 before and after church services. Meet the camp directors, get information and register!

## Camp Quadna 2009

Looking for a fun adventure this summer? All students in grades 7-8 are invited to Camp Quadna! Confirmation students choose a week, either July 26-30 or July 31-August 4. These camps are open to anyone not enrolled in Confirmation as well, so bring your friends! Camp is held at Quadna Resort and Retreat Center in Hill City, MN. Get ready for a youth band, dynamic speakers, great counselors and tons of fun activities. Tubing, golf, tennis, 9-square and beach time are just a few examples of fun at camp. The cost is \$285 per camper. Fundraisers and scholarships are available. Registration is now open. A \$100 deposit and registration form are due March 11. Pick up a registration form in the Youth Center or go online to register. Contact Cindy Jones for more details at ext. 137 or [cjones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cjones@trinitylc.org)

## Mexico Mission 2009 commissioning services

Sat., March 7 at 5 p.m. and Sun., March 8 at 9 & 10:30 a.m. Wow, Mexico Mission is coming up quickly – March 12-19! Student missionaries cannot wait to get to work on the homes. Please join us for the Commissioning Services here at Trinity to pray for the student missionaries and send them with God's blessing to "Do Work For Jesus!"

## Want to be a Camp Counselor?

If you are in ninth grade or older you can apply to be a CIT (Counselor In Training) at Bay Lake Camp (students in grades 3-6) or Camp Quadna (students in grades 7-8). College-age students are needed for all camps including Bay Lake, Quadna and Florida Beach. Counselor training starts in May. CITs (counselors under 18) pay for lodging and travel. Pick up a camp counselor/CIT application in the Youth Center or go online. Applications are due May 1. Contact Cindy Jones for more details at ext. 137 or [cjones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cjones@trinitylc.org)

## Florida Beach Camp

July 6-12 for students in grades 9-12 Join us as we road trip to Destin, FL for a packed week of fun in the sun! We hang out, play and worship on the beach! This trip is open to anyone in grades 9-12. The cost is \$425. Fundraisers and scholarships are available. Pick up a registration form in the Youth Center or online. Contact Cory Jones at ext. 144 with any questions.

## Help fund your camp

Are looking for a way to make money toward camp this summer? Junior and senior high students are invited to help with three different fundraisers. Help with the Family Ministries pancake breakfast April 26. Sign up for a time slot in the Youth Center. Or, sell Guatemalan coffee. Talk to Pastor TJ about getting coffee to sell. Help out with Drive-In hospitality on June 14 or June 21. Sign up for these will also be in the Youth Center. Contact Cindy Jones for more details about these fundraisers at ext. 137 or [cjones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cjones@trinitylc.org)

# the River

The River is a place where sr. high students – like you – can come and be a part of what God is doing at Trinity. The River is an opportunity for you to get and stay connected with friends and God! Come and worship through awesome music, learn and experience more about who Jesus is and have fun with friends. The River meets at 7 p.m., Wednesdays in the Garden Room. See you there! For more information contact Cory Jones at 439-7400, ext. 144 or [cjones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cjones@trinitylc.org). Remember to look for and join the River group on Facebook.com

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## Children's February mission project

All change collected and dropped in a container in the classroom will be put toward the packaging of meals that will be distributed locally and internationally through Kids Against Hunger, a non-profit organization with the mission to reduce the number of hungry children around the world and here in the USA. Please contact Rebecca at [rchristiansen@trinitylc.org](mailto:rchristiansen@trinitylc.org) or at ext. 125 with questions.



## February family calendar correction

On February 25, regular Wednesday programming will be held. We apologize for any inconvenience this scheduling error may have caused.

*Children, Youth and Family Team*

## Mexico Mission quilts on display!

The Sunday and Wednesday Children's Learning used the month of January for a great hands-on service and mission project. The children, ages 3 years through grade, 6 helped design, sew and tie 27 quilts! These quilts will travel with our high school Mexico Missionaries to be distributed to the families in the Yucatan who will receive a concrete roof, constructed by the missionaries.

Giving the quilts to the families is a very special part of each roof project. The quilt is given as part of the House Blessing which occurs after the completion of the roof. The family and missionaries gather together for prayer, Bible readings, sharing of hugs and handshakes and the giving of the quilt. Our younger children are an important part of this mission experience, knowing the loving hands of many worked together to make and share this gift given to our brothers and sisters in the Yucatan.

Take time to view and appreciate the beautiful quilts hanging throughout Trinity during February. Besides the Sunday/Wednesday children, a number of jr. and sr. high students and adults, assisted in the sewing and tying of the quilts. Thank-you to all who worked together to change the world in Jesus' name!

## StrengthsExplorer tool codes available

For students ages 10-14

Would you like to help discover and develop your child's talents and strengths?

A code allows students to take the assessment online; each code costs \$15. After the online assessment, immediate feedback is provided for child and parent. To purchase a code for your child, contact Diane Rollie at 439-7400, ext. 141 or [drollie@trinitylc.org](mailto:drollie@trinitylc.org) or stop by the Church Office.

For more information about the StrengthsExplorer tool please contact Jody Thone, ext. 119, or [jthone@trinitylc.org](mailto:jthone@trinitylc.org).



## Registration Now Open!

for the Fall 2009-2010 program

To register online, visit [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) or contact Rebecca at ext. 125.

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



## Lake Area Discovery Center is a Christian-based early childhood program for children ages two to five

LADC will offer the same class options at Trinity that are available at other LADC locations. Trinity's LADC will, however, be providing an extended care for those needing programming options from 7:30 am until 5:30 pm. Register now at [www.ladcfamilies.org](http://www.ladcfamilies.org); contact Rebecca at ext. 125 with questions.



## worship opportunities

- Wednesdays, 7 p.m.: The River (Grades 9-12 youth worship)
- Saturdays, 5 p.m.: Evening Worship, Communion
- Sundays, 9 a.m.: Traditional Worship, Communion, Nursery
- Sundays, 10:30 a.m.: The Walk, Communion, Nursery
- Sundays, 7 p.m.: the.source Alternative Worship

### Baptisms

- **Sylvia Grace Knodt**, daughter of Shawn & Elaine Knodt
- **Jillian Rose Maddux**, daughter of Douglas & Colleen Maddux

### Congratulations to...

- **Kathy & Mitch Noah** on the birth of a daughter, Ruby Claire on Jan. 26

### Sympathy to...

- **Wayne Langness**, whose mother, Florence, passed away
- The family and friends of **Ken Nelson**, whose funeral was held at Trinity, Tue. Feb. 3.
- **Sally Swanson**, whose son, Scott, passed away
- **Brian (Tracy) Albertson**, whose brother Jimmy's funeral was held at Trinity on Fri., Feb. 6.

### Trinity Worship and Learning Survey update

Thank-you so much to all who responded to the Worship and Learning Survey! The response has been excellent and your feedback is very important for the future of worship and learning at Trinity. Results from the survey will be shared in the coming months; please watch for further information. As always, your thoughts, questions, comments, visions and prayers for Trinity are welcomed.

### Trinity Worship Services broadcast on local cable

Trinity's 9 a.m. Sunday worship service is broadcast at 11 a.m. on Sundays on Channel 18. A recorded service airs on Wednesday at 1 & 7 p.m., Thursdays at 1 & 6 a.m., Fridays at 4 & 10 p.m., and Saturday at 4 & 9 a.m.

### worship attendance

Jan. 17 & 18	Jan. 24 & 25	Jan. 31 & Feb. 1	Feb. 7 & 8
5 p.m. .... 84	5 p.m. .... 91	5 p.m. .... 114	5 p.m. .... 145
9 a.m. .... 252	9 a.m. .... 251	9 a.m. .... 291	9 a.m. .... 320
10:30 a.m. ... 263	10:30 a.m. ... 225	10:30 a.m. ... 241	10:30 a.m. ... 260

### trinity transportation

#### Sunday van schedule

Trinity's van is available during the Sunday 9 a.m. worship service. A van ride is available for members or non-members lacking other means of transportation. Please call the Church Office (439-7400) between 9 a.m. Wed. and 4 p.m. Thu. to reserve your seat each week. Estimated pick-up times at senior residences for Sept. 7-May 17 are:  
 8:15 a.m. – Boutwells Landing  
 8:25 a.m. – Raymie Johnson  
 8:35 a.m. – Croixdale  
 8:40 a.m. – Oakridge  
 8:45 a.m. – Rivertown Commons



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### Ash Wednesday

February 25

Noon & 7 p.m. worship

### The Last/First/Forever Supper

Worship Wednesdays during lent at noon and stay for lunch

### Trinity Annual Meeting

Sun., March 29, 11:45 a.m.

Annual Reports will be available online on Fri., March 6. If you would like a printed copy of the 2008 Annual Report, please fill out the request form below and submit it to the Church Office or the offering plate. In an effort to respect God's creation, Annual Reports will only be printed this year by request. Requests can also be made by emailing your wishes to info@trinitylc.org

### Please print an Annual Report 2008 for me

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# february 14 – march 14 calendar

## Feb. 14, 2009

8 a.m. On Purpose Mtg: Rm 108B  
8 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

## Feb. 15, 2009

No Sunday Learning  
9 a.m. Zen Gifts: Library Conf. Rm  
9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY  
9 a.m. G3-Built Envr.: Living Rm  
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY  
10:30 a.m. G3-Built Envr.: Garden Rm  
10:30 a.m. Strengths at Work: Living Rm  
7 p.m. the.source Worship: Luther Hall

## Feb. 16, 2009

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
9 a.m. Retired Men's Team: Office Conf. Rm  
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym  
6:30 p.m. Cong. Council mtg: Office Conf. Room  
7 p.m. Bible Study: Living Library

## Feb. 17, 2009

7 a.m. Gratitude Min. Mtg: Office Conf. Rm  
7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
8:30 a.m. Bible Study: Living Rm  
9 a.m. Little Tots: Lower Level  
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conf. Rm  
6 p.m. ROCK B-ball (Gr 3-4): Gym  
7 p.m. the WALK Rehearsal  
7 p.m. G3-Hot, Flat: Living Rm

## Feb. 18, 2009

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
9 a.m. Pilates Stability Ball: Narthex  
9 a.m. Bible Study: Garden Rm  
9:15 a.m. Heart of the Home Moms  
4:15 p.m. Elem. Bell Choir: Choir Rm  
5 p.m. Alleluia Choir: Worship Ctr  
5 p.m. Joyful Noise: Choir Rm  
5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Gym  
6 p.m. Bible Explorers: Gym  
6 p.m. Club 56: Luther Hall  
6 p.m. Conf. Ldrs (Gr 7-8):Narthex  
6 p.m. Wednesday Learning  
6:30 p.m. Conf. (Gr 7-8)  
6:30 p.m. Jubilate Bells: Heritage Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Conf. Leaders (Gr 9): Rm 108A-B  
7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal  
7 p.m. the River Worship (Gr 9-12)  
7 p.m. Conf. (Gr 9)  
8 p.m. Mexico Mission Doc. Night: Garden Rm

## Feb. 19, 2009

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
9 a.m. Little Tots: Lower Level  
12 p.m. Hilltoppers: Garden Rm  
6 p.m. Liv. Your Strengths: Living Rm  
6 p.m. ROCK B-ball (Gr 3-4): Gym  
7 p.m. Raising Boys: Rm 108B  
7 p.m. Ruth Circle: Office Conf. Rm  
7:45 p.m. Women's B-ball: Gym

## Feb. 20, 2009

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
9:30 a.m. Linden Sr. Communion  
1:15 p.m. Rivertown Sr. Communion  
5 p.m. Mexico Miss. Famine begins

## Feb. 21, 2009

8 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION  
5 p.m. Mexico Mission Famine Ends  
8 p.m. Music St. Croix Concert: Worship Center

## Feb. 22, 2009

9 a.m. Zen Gifts: Library Conf. Rm  
9 a.m. Marriage Group: Rm 108B  
9 a.m. Two-by-Two: Rm 110  
9 a.m. Sunday Learning  
9 a.m. G3-Built Environ.: Living Rm  
9 a.m. Information Mtg  
9 a.m. Marriage Group: Youth Ctr  
9 a.m. Club 56: Luther Hall  
9 a.m. Bible Explorers: Garden Rm  
9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY  
10:30 a.m. Bible Explorers: Luther Hall  
10:30 a.m. Marriage Group: Rm 108A-B, Lib. Conf. Rm  
10:30 a.m. Strengths at Work: Living Rm  
10:30 a.m. G3-Built Envr.: Garden Rm  
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Learning  
11:30 a.m. New Member Brunch: Garden Rm  
7 p.m. the.source Worship: Luther Hall

## Feb. 23, 2009

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym  
7 p.m. Bible Study: Living Library

## Feb. 24, 2009

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
8:30 a.m. Bible Study: Living Rm  
9 a.m. Little Tots: Lower Level  
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conf. Rm  
6 p.m. ROCK B-ball (Gr 3-4): Gym  
7 p.m. G3-Hot, Flat: Living Rm  
7 p.m. the WALK Rehearsal

## Feb. 25, 2009

Ash Wednesday  
7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
9 a.m. Pilates Stability Ball: Narthex  
9 a.m. Bible Study: Garden Rm  
12 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION -Lunch following  
4:15 p.m. Elem. Bell Choir: Choir Rm  
5 p.m. Alleluia Choir: Worship Ctr  
5 p.m. Joyful Noise: Choir Rm  
5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Gym  
6 p.m. Club 56: Luther Hall  
6 p.m. Wednesday Learning  
6 p.m. Bible Explorers: Gym  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation food packing  
6 p.m. Marriage Group: Living Rm  
7 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY  
7 p.m. the River "Unplugged" Worship (Gr 9-12)

## Feb. 26, 2009

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
9 a.m. Little Tots: Lower Level  
6 p.m. ROCK B-ball (Gr 3-4): Gym  
7:45 p.m. Women's B-ball: Gym

## Feb. 27, 2009

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
10 a.m. Knitting Ministry: Living Rm  
3 p.m. Jr. Hi 30-Hr. Famine begins

## Feb. 28, 2009

8 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
8:30 a.m. Bible Study: Living Rm  
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION  
5 p.m. Singles Conn. Worship  
5 p.m. Jr. Hi 30-Hr. Famine ends

## March 1, 2009

9 a.m. Club 56: Luther Hall  
9 a.m. G3-Our Work: Living Rm  
9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY

9 a.m. G3-Green Economy: Lib. Conf. Rm  
9 a.m. Bible Explorers: Garden Rm  
9 a.m. Sunday Learning  
9 a.m. Two-by-Two: Rm 110  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Learning  
10:30 a.m. G3-Our Work: Garden Rm  
10:30 a.m. Strengths at Work: Living Rm  
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY  
10:30 a.m. Bible Explorers: Luther Hall  
12 p.m. Mexico Mission Mtg: Garden Rm  
7 p.m. the.source Worship: Luther Hall

## March 2, 2009

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym  
7 p.m. Bible Study: Living Library

## March 3, 2009

7 a.m. Gratitude Min. Mtg: Office Conf. Rm  
7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
8:30 a.m. Bible Study: Living Rm  
9 a.m. Little Tots: Lower Level  
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conf. Rm  
6 p.m. G3-MN Envr.: Garden Rm  
6 p.m. ROCK B-ball (Gr 3-4): Gym  
7 p.m. the WALK Rehearsal

## March 4, 2009

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
9 a.m. Bible Study: Garden Rm  
9:15 a.m. Heart of the Home Moms  
12 p.m. WORSHIP-Lunch: Garden Rm  
4:15 p.m. Elem. Bell Choir: Choir Rm  
5 p.m. Joyful Noise: Choir Rm  
5 p.m. Alleluia Choir: Worship Ctr  
5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Gym  
6 p.m. Club 56: Luther Hall  
6 p.m. Wednesday Learning  
6 p.m. Conf. Ldrs (Gr 7-8): Narthex  
6 p.m. Bible Explorers: Gym  
6:30 p.m. Jubilate Bells: Heritage Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Conf. Leaders (Gr 9): Rm 108A-B  
6:30 p.m. Conf. (Gr 7-8)  
7 p.m. Conf. (Gr 9)  
7 p.m. the River Worship (Gr 9-12)  
7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal

## March 5, 2009

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
9 a.m. Little Tots: Lower Level  
1 p.m. Miriam Circle: Living Rm  
2 p.m. Caregiver Support Group: Joseph's Restaurant  
6 p.m. ROCK B-ball (Gr 3-4): Gym  
7:45 p.m. Women's B-ball: Gym

## March 6, 2009

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
12 p.m. Mpls. Prof. Women's Lunch

## March 7, 2009

8 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
8:30 a.m. Bible Study: Living Rm  
8:30 a.m. Spiritual Spa Day  
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION  
5 p.m. Mexico Missionary Comm.  
6 p.m. Family Dance: Garden Rm

## March 8, 2009

9 & 10:30 a.m. Mexico Missionary Comm.  
9 a.m. Marriage Group: Rm 108B  
9 a.m. Sunday Learning  
9 a.m. G3-Our Work: Living Rm  
9 a.m. Club 56: Luther Hall  
9 a.m. Two-by-Two: Rm 110  
9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY

9 a.m. G3-Green Econ: Lib. Conf. Rm  
9 a.m. Bible Explorers: Garden Rm  
9 a.m. Marriage Group: Youth Ctr  
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY  
10:30 a.m. Bible Explorers: Luther Hall  
10:30 a.m. Marriage Group: Lib. Conf. Rm  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Learning  
10:30 a.m. G3-Our Work: Garden Rm  
10:30 a.m. Strengths at Work: Living Rm  
11:45 a.m. Congr. Mtg: Worship Center  
4 p.m. Singles Conn.: Garden Rm  
7 p.m. the.source Worship: Luther Hall

## March 9, 2009

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym  
7 p.m. Bible Study: Living Library  
7 p.m. Congregational meeting: Worship Center

## March 10, 2009

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
8:30 a.m. Bible Study: Living Rm  
9 a.m. Retired Men's: Garden Rm  
9 a.m. Little Tots: Lower Level  
9 a.m. Croixdale Sr. Communion  
9:45 a.m. Good Samaritan Sr. Comm.  
10:30 a.m. Greeley Sr. Communion  
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conf. Rm  
6 p.m. ROCK B-ball (Gr 3-4): Gym  
7 p.m. the WALK Rehearsal  
8 p.m. Last Mexico Mtg: Garden Rm

## March 11, 2009

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
9 a.m. Pilates Stability Ball Narthex  
9 a.m. Bible Study: Garden Rm  
12 p.m. WORSHIP-Lunch: Garden Rm  
4:15 p.m. Elem. Bell Choir: Choir Rm  
5 p.m. Alleluia Choir: Worship Ctr  
5 p.m. Joyful Noise: Choir Rm  
5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Gym  
6 p.m. Wednesday Learning  
6 p.m. Club 56: Luther Hall  
6 p.m. Conf. Ldrs (Gr 7-8): Narthex  
6 p.m. Marriage Group: Living Rm  
6 p.m. Bible Explorers: Gym  
6:30 p.m. Jubilate Bells: Heritage Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Marriage Grp: Office Conf. Rm  
6:30 p.m. Conf. (Gr 7-8)  
6:30 p.m. Conf. Leaders (Gr 9): Rm 108A-B  
7 p.m. Conf. (Gr 9)  
7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal  
7 p.m. the River Worship (Gr 9-12)

## March 12, 2009

Mexico Mission Trip Leaves  
7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
9 a.m. Little Tots: Lower Level  
4:30 p.m. Loaves & Fishes  
6 p.m. ROCK B-ball (Gr 3-4): Gym  
6:30 p.m. Knitting Group: Rm 108A

## March 13, 2009

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
7:30 p.m. Zuill Bailey & Trio: Worship Center

## March 14, 2009

8 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library  
8:30 a.m. Bible Study: Living Rm  
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

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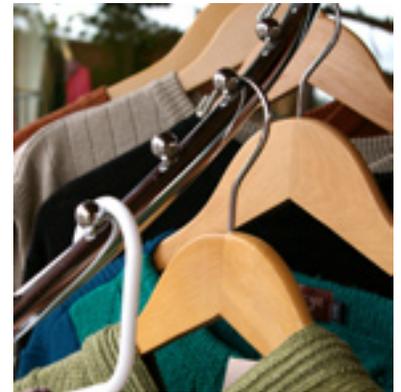
Valley Outreach *First step for the next step*

## Dawn's Closet

Gently-used clothing for men, women and children

**Open House: Thu., Feb. 19, 7:15-8:15 p.m.**

**Youth Volunteer Day: Wed., March 18, 1:30-4 p.m.**



The harsh winter coupled with the stressed economy are creating great hardships for many St. Croix Valley residents. Valley Outreach, which includes the food shelf and Dawn's Closet, is there to help meet the needs and give hope to those who are struggling. This only happens because of the generosity of many St. Croix Valley individuals and organizations including Trinity. Your donations of food, clothing, and money are helping many who would otherwise be in hopeless situations.

There is another way to help. Volunteering your time at the food shelf during the Trinity weeks is one way. Melissa Moon

is the person to contact if you are interested in serving in that capacity, 439-7986 or melissa.a.moon@gmail.com. Another way is to volunteer at Dawn's Closet. You can learn about Dawn's Closet at an open house being held on Thu., Feb. 19 from 7:15-8-15 p.m. Come and visit and learn about how Dawn's Closet works. You'll be introduced to the procedures and tasks that are performed on a regular basis. Perhaps you will find something that suits you and inspires you to become a regular Closet volunteer.

Teens are also welcome to volunteer at Dawn's Closet. On Wed., March 18 from 1:30-4 p.m. Junior- and senior-high students are invited and encouraged to spend an afternoon volunteering at Dawn's Closet over Spring Break. Watch for information about signing up in the coming weeks.

As Christians God commands us to "love one another." There are many ways to show love, and volunteering at Valley Outreach may be God's place for you. Give it some thought and prayer, and if you have questions, please contact Glenda Bjorum at 439-8521 or bjourmsing@aol.com.