



# Trinity Press ~ March-April 2010



## Sunday Worship Services

9:00 a.m.

Family-friendly  
Contemporary

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11:00 a.m.

Blended Service

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Kids class & loving  
childcare at all  
worship services

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5:00 p.m.

“Last Call”

Casual Contemporary

## He is Risen



**APRIL 4, 2010**

**FULL HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE— PAGE 7**

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## Hope in Disguise

When the road is hard and the night is dark, God offers us new life.

As I write this, our church has just had its first “quinceañera” – a worship service and celebration where a 15-year-old girl dedicates herself to following the Lord and where the church recognizes that she is now a young woman. With her church family, she looks ahead to the new life she’ll live.

At Xanath’s celebration on Saturday, as part of the worship and party, we looked at the symbol of the butterfly – a long-time favorite here at Trinity. The butterfly starts its life as a caterpillar. Then, as it begins its transition to a new life, it has to spend some time in a chrysalis. If you look at the chrysalis from the outside, it looks dead. You might think, “Awww, that poor caterpillar died.” But the story isn’t over yet. As you know, the best part of the caterpillar’s life is yet to come! It gnaws a tiny hole and then struggles to escape from the chrysalis. Only then can it spread its wings and fly!

As teenagers and young adults, many of us go through a process of dying to what we were so that we can become the person we’re meant to be. And that kind of experience isn’t limited to teens or to a particular time of life. We all go through times of trial. We experience times in our lives that look and feel like death, but they are *not* death! They’re an opportunity to lay down what we used to rely on – or even what we used to be – and to trust God more

as we move into new life!

The promise of Easter is that Jesus, who died and rose again, leads the way for us. He invites us to experience new life – not just life after death, but life right now!

The caterpillar gets its chance at new life. Xanath will experience new life as she continues to walk with the Lord. And you and I can also receive the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Could you use some new life today? I know I can! In March, we’ll be looking at the meaning of Easter, and in April, starting with Easter, we’ll be exploring how we can receive the new life that Jesus Christ offers to us.

In the meantime, don’t give up! The chrysalis is not the end. It’s a doorway to new hope and life.

*Living in Hope with You,*



Pastor Steve

P.S. I’d especially encourage you to join us during Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday) so you can experience the chrysalis as well as the butterfly this Easter season. It makes you appreciate the butterfly soooo much more.

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## Pastoral Self Care: Choose Your Words Wisely!

Debbie Johnston, Director of Pastoral Care

**Check out the biblical books of Proverbs or James, chapter 3.** Words are very small things that carry incredible power: they have the ability to start a relationship that may turn into a lifelong commitment, or they may start an argument that turns into a world-wide war.

James 3:5 says, “A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything—or destroy it!” This verse reverses the folk wisdom of that childhood proverb, “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me!”

We have all experienced the healing or destroying power of words spoken to us out of passionate love or in withering hate. Words have staying power. Even long after someone has ceased to be a part of our life, their most memorable words and phrases stay with us...to bless or curse us. Therefore, the ability to manage what comes out of our mouths represents true growth in godliness. Our use of words reveals what is truly going on at the deepest level of our hearts.

I read of a church that made a very serious effort to pay attention to how words were used between its members. When someone found themselves in a situation where they felt a spirit of criticism was about to take over, they said, “I am addicted to criticism. If this discussion continues in a critical way, I will have to excuse myself, because I cannot stop myself once I get going.” Who among us hasn’t wished we had the courage to stop such a conversation before it turned into a bitter diatribe?

Yes, every Christian must face the need to speak uncomfortable truths out loud for the good of someone or some organization (especially if you have the spiritual gift of prophecy), but as Christians, we are always admonished to speak that uncomfortable truth “in love.” Fortunately, the Spirit of God lives in us and partners with us to change our negative verbal habits. If we’ll let him, God will transform our speech so that our words become the very ones he would use for healing and blessing.

Yours on Our Journey with Christ,

Pastoral Assistant Debbie



## Latino Corner/Esquina Latina –



On February 27, Trinity and our Latino Ministry celebrated our first **Quinceanera!** We had a great time recognizing the 15<sup>th</sup> years of our own Xanath Jimenez, daughter of our leaders Arturo and Lina Jimenez. We had a lively bilingual Service of Worship and Gratitude to God, during which she publicly dedicated her life to God and promised she would live according to her faith in Jesus Christ - and all that implies. This means she will be swimming upstream in our society, and we need to pray that she – as well as all our other youths – may have the courage to do so! We then enjoyed a beautiful reception, with a great Mexican meal prepared by Shannon Kelley. Talk about cross-cultural celebrations! This time gave us a beautiful picture of God's multicultural and multigenerational family.

And now we look forward to **Holy Week and Easter-** which is very important to people from Latin America. There they recognize the whole week as significant, not just Easter Sunday. We Protestants are starting to catch up with this, since many more of us celebrate Maunday Thursday and Good Friday, compared to times past. You have to experience what happened on Thursday and Friday of Holy Week – and then you can feel the full impact of Easter morning.

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### ¡Hablamos español en Trinity!

Y los invitamos a venir a nuestras actividades en los meses de marzo y abril:

- los miércoles, 6:00 pm – cena y Estudio Bíblico **en español**, y actividades para jóvenes y niños y cuidado infantil
- jueves santo, 1 de abril, 6:00 pm – cena y Santa Cena - con **partes en español**
- viernes santo, 2 de abril, 7:00 pm - con **partes en español**
- **domingo de resurrección**, 4 de abril – 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm -un servicio será interpretado al español (avisaremos cual)

y habrá algo **especial para los niños** después de los dos servicios de la mañana.

¡Los esperamos! un abrazo,

Pastora Tina Torres - Tel. 916-717-6668

## Congregational Support News: Support Groups + a New Service Opportunity!

Debbie Johnston, Director of Pastoral Care/Congregational Support

### **“Good Grief!” meets Sundays March 14<sup>th</sup> & April 11<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:50 pm, room 12**

This group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month and is a support group designed to provide those who are experiencing (or have experienced) a loss find strength and spiritual support through a critical illness or dying of a loved one & find new direction for their lives after a significant loss. Typical losses we have dealt with are the death of a family member, a disabling illness or accident, loss of job, etc. Both men and women are welcome.

**\*NEW\* “Divorce Recovery Group” March 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> & April 18<sup>th</sup> 3:00-4:30 pm, room 12** This group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month (**except April 4<sup>th</sup>, which is Easter this year**) and is intended to support those who are experiencing the challenges of divorce/separation or severe stress in another primary relationship: parent-child, sibling, or employer-boss relationships. We will learn communication, boundary and coping strategies, pray for each other, and experience the strength that comes whenever Christian brothers and sisters gather around a common struggle.

### **\*NEW\* SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Join our Congregational Support Team!!\***

This is an exciting volunteer opportunity, especially if you enjoy visiting shut-ins, making encouraging phone calls & or sending cards, providing transportation for shopping or health appointments, or help with cleaning or handyman services for needy congregants. You may specialize in a specific area of service or with a specific age or gender group. If you feel the Lord tugging you in this direction, please contact Nancy Faith, the 2010 Moderator of Deacons, or Debra Johnston, Director of Pastoral and Congregational Support at 371-5875. CST volunteers are welcome at our Deacon meetings for training and prayer support.

## ***Sabbatical***

This summer at Trinity, God will be giving us an opportunity to grow and learn more about our church and ourselves. At the end of 2008, Trinity's Session passed a policy, granting a three-month sabbatical leave to pastors who have served at least six years. Since Pastor Steve will be completing seven years of service at Trinity in August, this is the year for his sabbatical. Thus, Pastor Steve will be taking a much-needed three-month Sabbatical from June through August.

In his absence, we will be doing our own studying and recharging. Not only does research show that pastors do much better if they take a significant break from ministry, but we also feel it is important to allow our Pastor to 're-establish healthy rhythms of life' after all those years of service.

We on the Personnel Committee and Session will be putting together a program for us to follow, and then when Pastor Steve returns we will be able to reaffirm our commitment to and support of him, as well as share our experiences. If you are interested in helping put together this study, please contact the office. This will be an interesting, renewing and exciting experience for all of us.



## March/April Prayer Team News

**Debbie Johnston, Moderator,  
Trinity's Prayer Team Ministry**

**April's Prayer Focus:** That the leadership & ministries of Trinity would begin to implement & "trouble-shoot" our ministry re-organization plan.

**Next OREMUS Services:** During the "Last Call" Services on March 21<sup>st</sup> & April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

These services are a way to:

- 1) **Get to know the Elders & Deacons of Trinity** as they lead us in prayer.
- 2) **Learn the basics of intercessory prayer.**
- 3) **Establish Trinity as a "lampstand church"** that will be a beacon of prayer for our community and world.
- 4) **Support Trinity's Prayer Ministry Team**, which although faithful and effective, is small.

In addition to the *Oremus* service, there are **two other opportunities** each week for you to join Trinity's Prayer Team in praying for individuals in our community as well as for the ministries of Trinity Presbyterian Church

**5-6 pm Wed. TRINITY'S "MINISTRY CARE" Prayer** we meet in the Sanctuary to pray for the Staff and Ministries of Trinity. From 5:45 to 6 pm we also pray for any urgent individual or familial prayer concerns.

**6:15-7:15 pm Sun. "URGENT CARE" Healing Prayer** we meet in Room 6 immediately following the 5 pm Last Call service for Urgent Care prayer, which is our "open clinic" for urgent individual prayer concerns.

If neither of these times is convenient for you, you are always welcome to make an appointment for private counseling, anointing and prayer by calling Debbie Johnston (Prayer Team Moderator) T-F afternoons at 371-5875 or Karen Metcalf (Prayer Team Vice-Moderator).

**The Rewards?** Corporate prayer is a **simple but very significant way to support the ministry and members of Trinity Presbyterian Church.** As you pray for others, you'll be surprised to find your own concerns being met in unexpected ways. **God loves and blesses his intercessors!!**

# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 28 - 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**

The last week of Jesus' life on Earth began with a big party - he rode into Jerusalem as people waved palm branches and cheered - we'll remember that by having our own "palm parade" led by our children in song. (To participate in the parade, kids need to arrive at the church by 8:45am for the 9am service or by 10:45am to be in the 11:00 parade.) Since that big day was also a turning point that led to Jesus' crucifixion, we'll hear about the last hours of his life on earth. To explore it, we'll take a look at Matthew 27: 11-54.



Procession of the Palms

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER - THURSDAY, APRIL 1 - 6:00 PM**

We will re-experience the events of the night of Jesus' arrest by sharing a simple supper together - in a setting that will remind us of the catacombs where the earliest Christians met. We will experience the ways that Jesus connected with his disciples - the Lord's Supper - in a more dramatic way than we're used to. Join us for this powerful way to remember what happened 2000 years ago.

## **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - FRIDAY, APRIL 2 - 7:00 PM**

On the most solemn day of the Christian calendar, we gather to remember the miracle of the cross and the price that Jesus paid for our salvation. This will be a time of candlelight, music, scripture, reflection, and prayer. You will be able to touch a wooden cross or be anointed with oil and receive prayer for healing. And God will be there with us.



## **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE - APRIL 4 - 7:00 AM**

*"After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it."* Discover the Risen Christ the way the Mary Magdalene did - at the very beginning of the day. As the sun comes up and its light bathes the earth one more time, we will celebrate the rising of Christ - the light of the world. We'll gather in the front parking lot (weather permitting) and worship in the middle of the wonder of creation. (Sometimes it can be a bit cool, so don't forget to bring a jacket or blanket)



## **EASTER CELEBRATION - SUNDAY, APRIL 4 AT 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**

*"They have taken my Lord away," Mary said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.* We'll experience the joy of Easter with music, a song from the upcoming children's musical (performance March 30th), and a chance to see what it means to spend time with the Risen Christ as we join with Mary in recognizing Him.

**9:00 - A contemporary celebration of Jesus' resurrection - a great time to give God praise!!**

**11:00 - Favorite traditions and new expressions come together, featuring the Trinity Choir and some wonderful instruments.**



**ON EASTER—COME FOR YUMMY PANCAKES, WONDERFUL WORSHIP AND FUN EGG HUNTS**

*An egg hunt follows the 9:00 and 11:00 services!*

*There will also be a pancake breakfast hosted by Trinity's youth, served at approximately 8:00 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. There are many Easter pictures from last year on our website at:*

<http://www.trinitywestsac.org/gallery/v/2007-easter-season/>



## Have you hugged a church leader today?!

Dear church family,

I am so thankful for the opportunity and trust you have placed in me over the past two years. It has been my joy and my honor to serve as the Director of Children's and Youth Ministries. *I have learned and grown tremendously through the experience!* While I am a little bit sad that the position has been eliminated at least for the time being, I know that I couldn't do it right now anyway. (And thanks for all of your prayers – as I write, Marv is nearly one third of the way through chemo and we'll find out soon whether the tumors are responding, so please keep those prayers coming!)

I am so grateful for those who have “stepped up” to fill in – and many have already added personal twists that remind me that we are ALL meant to share in God's ministries. (I'm learning that sometimes we need to step back to allow others to serve.) It is truly OUR church, not the pastor's or the office staff's, but OURS with God leading the way.

Another one of the things I've learned in the past two years is that church ministry *can* be a thankless job. I hope you will make a point to share with the pastoral staff both the things you are concerned about at the church, but that you'll ALSO ***share the good things that are happening in your life as God works through Trinity and in your life.*** Wouldn't it be neat if during this Lenten season, we all focused on what God is doing and has done in our lives and if we shared that with those who work so tirelessly in ministry?! Please know that I am writing this NOT because I ever felt unappreciated, but because I know how hard it can be to sustain your energy and commitment when you only hear the stuff folks are upset about. I also know that when one person leaves, the work falls onto someone, so I know my bowing out has added burdens to the loads of others. An encouraging word can go a long way to sustaining a servant's heart!

I look forward to rejoining the ranks of the volunteers at some point, but for now, I am incredibly touched and grateful for the many, many ways Trinity has supported me. My prayer is that we all move toward Easter and beyond with a new awareness of the many incredible things God is doing at Trinity and in our individual lives, and with a grateful heart for all of those who take on the risk of leadership. I hope that our church family AND the staff are as much a blessing to you as they are to me! Peace to you at Easter time!

In His Love, Sue Goodwin



Hello,

I frequently get approached with concerns from adults about the teens in our church. Overall, people are very excited about having teenagers around, but anxieties arise when teenagers run recklessly about, throw balls at each other, or talk too loud during church. “Why don’t you put an end to it,” I am often asked? I believe that while some behaviors are inappropriate in Church and should be “checked,” most behavior comes from the heart. When I have a conversation about the behavior of teens, I like it because it’s a subtle reminder of the greatness of God’s love and plan for our lives. Let me explain, before Jesus came along many Israelites would try to keep the Law based on willpower. They would try to “will” themselves into changing their behavior. They would try to act in appropriate ways trying to stay within the confines of the Ten Commandments. They would struggle to change their behavior because their hearts were not into it. In Jeremiah 31 God describes the new covenant He is going to make with Israel.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”

God does not seem to be in the business of behavior modification, but rather changing people’s hearts. Jesus constantly rebukes the Pharisees because they were preoccupied with the behaviors of being religious, but had missed the heart of God in the issue. Jesus is very preoccupied with us experiencing God in our hearts. I thank God for this, because apart from God working in my heart, I cannot change my own behavior.

Back to the teens, our youth ministry’s model is not behavior modification, but heart change. Yelling and forcing them to conform to a certain model of what a Christian should look and act does not bring them closer to Christ. Rather, we try to invite Christ’s love into their lives through our teaching, programs, and personal interactions.

God is doing some very awesome things. While we still have our screamers,” “disrupters,” and “yellers,” God is working in the lives of many of the kids. At the night of 1000 Hams, many youth went to tell other youth to cease their disruptions. Behaviors are changing because of heart change. Heart change is contagious.

Thank you for being a Church where young people can grow. Please join me in this journey of redeeming young people’s hearts for our Lord.

In Him,

Dan

## Christmas in West Sacramento...foodie style

This past Christmas Season brought many blessings, but the greatest blessing of all was God's stamp of approval on Out of the Box Ministry's work. We have been wrestling with our capacity to deliver groceries to our friends and neighbors for some time. How much? How big a box?

How do we keep from burning our volunteers out? Should we take on other avenues of distributions? All valid questions, but in December, 2009 we rid ourselves of these worries and, instead, decided to give as much as we possibly could. We immediately took on the Garden Acres mobile home park. How many of the 50 units? All of them. We took on the load of shopping for Trinity's homeless outreach program: 80 meals, twice per month. We continued with our 55 boxes to Bryte Elementary, and our 55 bags from Trinity Presbyterian. Alyce Norman school called, "Could we provide 15 bags?" For those keeping score this is 175 bags total, plus 80 meals. December was a month of mad scrambles and extraordinary measures on the part of Out of the Box volunteers. Their hard work and dedication cannot be overstated. And on the night we prepared to deliver our 175% increase, do you know what happened when we quit worrying and analyzing? The phone rang. West Sacramento Fire, station 45, on the line – "Your share of the food drive is ready". A volunteer drove to the Fire Department, but their Toyota Corolla was too small...much too small. It would seem that God likes to speak with exclamation points. We made arrangements to pick up the food the next Friday, enough to stock our cabinets for another month. Enough to fill a minivan top to bottom, front to back. That afternoon we found that The West Sacramento Christmas Basket had lost their allocation from the Fire Department through a misunderstanding. So our allocation never made it to Trinity's closet, we gave it all to the Christmas Basket Project – but it did go to families in West Sacramento. I am pretty sure that food does better in bellies than in pantries anyway! What to make of this? This story of risk, reward, encouragement – punctuated by a reminder that we are stewards, not owners, of God's provision? I am not sure that words are adequate to describe the feeling, knowing that God approves of your work, that he wants you to continue, but for me, for our church, this undeniable affirmation of our efforts, of our hearts was the greatest Christmas gift of the season.



## Lunch and Learn:Planned Giving

### Sunday, May 23 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The Stewardship Team would like to invite you to the upcoming Estate Planning Class on **Sunday, May 23** from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Worship Café. George “Skip” Herbert of the Presbyterian Foundation will present the class. The Presbyterian Foundation is a vital part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); the Foundation cultivates, attracts, and manages financial resources of individuals and institutions to serve Christ's mission. Skip will cover topics such as wills, investments, and planned giving to the Church. Skip will also answer questions that you may have concerning these topics. This class will be informative and helpful to all Church Members. No products or services are being offered as part of this class. We hope you can join us in learning about these important topics. Lunch will be offered. Please call the office at 371-5875 for childcare arrangements.

### Trinity’s February / March “Psalm of the Day” Schedule

The Psalms were the prayer book of the people of Israel, and praying the Psalms is an ancient Christian tradition. Start or end each day by reading the "Psalm of the Day" (it’s even better if you read aloud) and then talk to God about whatever comes to mind. Along with your own needs and the needs of those close to you, be sure to pray for your church family as well as God’s calling and provision for our church and the needs of the community around us. Here's our reading and praying plan:

<b>3/1 Psalm 31</b>	<b>3/17 Psalm 47</b>	<b>4/2 Psalm 63</b>	<b>4/18 Psalm 63</b>
3/2 Psalm 32	3/18 Psalm 48	4/3 Psalm 64	4/19 Psalm 64
<b>3/3 Psalm 33</b>	<b>3/19 Psalm 49</b>	<b>4/4 Psalm 63</b>	<b>4/20 Psalm 63</b>
3/4 Psalm 34	3/20 Psalm 50	4/5 Psalm 64	4/21 Psalm 64
<b>3/5 Psalm 35</b>	<b>3/21 Psalm 51</b>	<b>4/6 Psalm 63</b>	<b>4/22 Psalm 63</b>
3/6 Psalm 36	3/22 Psalm 52	4/7 Psalm 64	4/23 Psalm 64
<b>3/7 Psalm 37</b>	<b>3/23 Psalm 53</b>	<b>4/8 Psalm 63</b>	<b>4/24 Psalm 63</b>
3/8 Psalm 38	3/24 Psalm 54	4/9 Psalm 64	4/25 Psalm 64
<b>3/9 Psalm 39</b>	<b>3/25 Psalm 55</b>	<b>4/10 Psalm 63</b>	<b>4/26 Psalm 63</b>
3/10 Psalm 40	3/26 Psalm 56	4/11 Psalm 64	4/27 Psalm 64
<b>3/11 Psalm 41</b>	<b>3/27 Psalm 57</b>	<b>4/12 Psalm 63</b>	<b>4/28 Psalm 63</b>
3/12 Psalm 42	3/28 Psalm 58	4/13 Psalm 64	4/29 Psalm 64
<b>3/13 Psalm 43</b>	<b>3/29 Psalm 59</b>	<b>4/14 Psalm 63</b>	<b>4/30 Psalm 63</b>
3/14 Psalm 44	3/30 Psalm 60	4/15 Psalm 64	5/1 Psalm 64
<b>3/15 Psalm 45</b>	<b>3/31 Psalm 61</b>	<b>4/16 Psalm 63</b>	<b>5/2 Psalm 63</b>
3/16 Psalm 46	4/1 Psalm 62	4/17 Psalm 64	5/3 Psalm 64



## THE ALPHA COURSE

Alpha is a course for everyone who thinks there may be more to life than meets the eye. At an Alpha course people explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over ten thought-provoking weekly sessions, with one retreat Saturday. It is a great opportunity for new Christians, those investigating Christianity or Christians interested in deepening their relationship

with God. It is a low-key, friendly and fun course supported by all the main Christian denominations. People attend from many different backgrounds, religions and viewpoints.

Alpha is a 10-week program for those who wonder:

- Who is Jesus?
- Why Did Jesus Die?
- How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?
- Why and How Should I Read the Bible?
- Why and How Do I Pray?
- How Does God Guide Us?
- Who Is the Holy Spirit?
- How Can I Be Filled with the Spirit?
- What Does the Holy Spirit Do?
- How Can I Resist Evil?
- Why and How Should We Tell Others?
- Does God Heal Today?

What About the Church?

The pre-view Celebration Dinner will be held on Sunday April 11, 2010 at 6 p.m. As with all the classes dinner and childcare are provided free of charge to all participants. You may come to the Celebration Dinner without any obligation to continue with the course. We will share a meal and watch a short video introduction to the Alpha course. We will complete the evening by hearing from our current Alpha graduates. We only ask that you call the church office, or e-mail us at [alpha@TrinityWestSac.org](mailto:alpha@TrinityWestSac.org) to R.S.V.P. (916) 371-5875. Come and see!

The Alpha course will begin Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. and be held every Sunday from 6 to 8:15 p.m., with the exception of Memorial Day weekend (May 23<sup>rd</sup>). The classes build upon each other so we allow people to try a class for the first three weeks and then participants are asked to commit.



## POST ME ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!! J

Kids



Drama

### \*kC/dC "KIDS' CHOIR & DRAMA CLUB" March/April NEWS\*

Dear \*kC/dC\* families:

We had terrific performances from our Cherub Choir (ages 3-6) and our Kids' Choir (ages 7-11) skits at **Night of 1000 Hams!!** Thanks so much, parents, for encouraging your kids by bring them to practice on time and helping them with their parts!!


On April 11<sup>th</sup>, we'll perform our **Post-Easter musical, *Jesus is Alive***, during our regular 9 & 11 worship services. This spring we've added bible & music games at each practice to reinforce skills and add an element of fun.

For our summer musical we are considering either ***The Game***, a Christian musical with a soccer theme or ***Power***, a Christian musical with a racing theme. Any parent who'd like to check out either of these scripts is welcome to stop by the Kids' Choir office in room 3 Tues.-Fri. afternoons or call Nancy in the office. We're looking forward to a challenging and fun Spring 2010! Join us!

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>** – First read-through of ***Jesus is Alive***.

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** – Auditions/assignment of parts for ***Jesus is Alive***.

**March 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>** ***Jesus is Alive*** rehearsals.



**March 28<sup>th</sup> (Sun.) PALM SUNDAY PERFORMANCE.** Both Cherub & Kids' Choirs perform ***Hosanna/Osana*** in the processions before each of the 9 & 11 am ***Palm Sunday*** services (plan to arrive by 8:50 a.m.).

**March 31<sup>st</sup>** ***Jesus is Alive*** rehearsal 6:30-7:30 pm (**NO FIRE**, so no pre-rehearsal supper. Please feed the kiddies before you arrive.)

**April 7<sup>th</sup> (Wed., 6:30-7:30 pm) – TECH REHEARSAL** for ***Jesus is Alive*** (in Sanctuary)

**April 10<sup>th</sup> (Sat., 10:30 am-noon) – DRESS REHEARSAL** for ***Jesus is Alive*** (in Sanctuary) **CHERUBS** rehearse at **11:30**.

**April 11<sup>th</sup> –PERFORMANCE** of ***Jesus is Alive*** at both 9 & 11 am worship services. **Plan to meet in room 5 by 8:45 am for warm up.**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> – No Kids' Choir**

**April 24<sup>th</sup> – *Jesus is Alive* party/games**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> - Summer Musical** preview

#### Kids' Choir "Basic" Lesson Plan

6:30-7:00 pm – Devotional plus bible &/or music games

7:00–7:30 pm—Rehearse Musical or Skits

# Youth - Spring News

March 27<sup>th</sup> Youth Feed the Homeless- Join the Teens as they impact others!

April- Trip to College! - Date coming soon



April 24<sup>th</sup>, Car Wash Fundraiser

May 8<sup>th</sup> Car Wash Fundraiser for Mission Trip

June Car Wash Date to be Announced

July 11-18<sup>th</sup> Mission Trip to Fort McDermitt Reservation

## Westminster Woods for Kids!

Days are getting longer and before we know it, our Trinity kids will be off to Westminster Woods for a week of fun and growing in the faith. Because early sign-ups save us a lot of money and are due April 1st, we need to choose a week, sign up the kids and make a deposit to reserve their slots. So.....there will be a brief meeting for all parents on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 a.m. service in Room 12. There will be scholarship information available so none of the kids will be left behind. In addition to choosing the week, we'll also discuss transportation to and from camp. Camp can be a life-changing opportunity to draw closer to Jesus Christ in a totally different setting and our kids always come back excited and full of wonderful stories about all they've experienced. For information, please plan to attend this meeting. Our coordinators for this event are Shannon Kelley at 372-2505, or Connie Orman at 760-6874.



Vacation Bible eXperience – Mon. June 21 – Fri. June 25

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm *each evening!!*

Save the dates and plan to join us at "Hero HeadQuarters" this summer! At Hero HeadQuarters, kids will meet unlikely Bible heroes who are often overlooked. In fact, we don't know a single one of their names! They were not famous leaders or called by God to perform amazing miracles – yet their small acts were used by God to do wonderful things!

The Vacation Bible eXperience will happen Monday, June 21 through June 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 each evening. Watch for more details! If you'd like to help out, please contact Nancy at the church office, 371-875, or [info@trinitywestsac.org](mailto:info@trinitywestsac.org) or Sue Goodwin, 717-5299 or [slgoodwin@yahoo.com](mailto:slgoodwin@yahoo.com)



WEDNESDAYS - COME FOR DINNER, STAY FOR FUN!

### Wednesday's F.I.R.E.

Each Wednesday, beginning at 6:00pm



After dinner, the kids will go to Room 4, 5 and 6 for the Cherub Choir and Kids' Choir and Drama Club. We also have, Youth Group, our wonderful Latino Bible study in Room 12 or another Adult Bible Study which is held in the Café. Sign up on the blue sheet/clipboard in the Coffee/Conference room so we'll make sure to have enough dinner for all! Childcare is provided for the youngest.



Dinner cost is minimal - \$3 per person or \$10 per family. And remember, if \$\$ is a major concern - no worries! Come anyway - our treat!



KIDS' CHOIR  
AND DRAMA  
CLUB

F.I.R.E. ! = Family Fellowship—Inspiration—Relationships—Eating

### - Mark Your Calendar -

#### All Church Clean-up Day



SPRING  
CLEANING

Saturday, March 27

9:00 am—1:00 pm

(Lunch Provided)

Wear Your old clothes, bring some cleaning supplies and let's start Scrubbin.' We need you! So, please sign-up on the pink sheet in the lounge. Thanks for your help!

### FUN, FOOD, GAMES, and MORE

#### Kids' Fun Day is

Saturday, June 14th

10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Kids' Fun Day is coming sooner than you think! There will be bounce houses, hot dogs, sno-cones, games, prizes, crafts and more! Trinity Kids' Choir will sing for us.

The best thing is —

**EVERYTHING IS FREE!!!**



### Save the dates!!

Plan your family's summer calendar now!

Youth Car Wash Fundraiser @ Whitey's Jolly Kone  
Saturday, April 24 & May 8 - 9 am to 4 pm

Kids Fun Day! Saturday, June 14th  
from 10 am—2 pm

Vacation Bible experience (VBX)

June 21-25 from 6 pm—8 pm

Kids' Choir & Drama Club Summer performance

Wednesday, August 25 at 6 pm

# One great hour of sharing

The fish banks are in the children's hands and the inserts are in the bulletins. One great hour of sharing is under way.

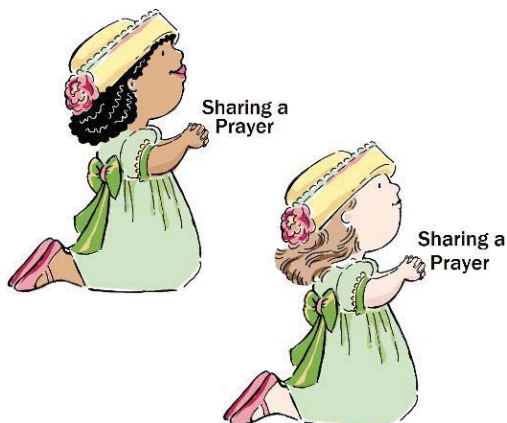


One Great Hour of Sharing began more than sixty years ago, in response to the devastation of World War II, a Saturday evening nationwide broadcast asked Americans to give generously the next morning to their churches. A remarkable variety of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded.





During Lent we have been including stories about trying to get to a deep level of partnership with people. It's very easy when we listen to Jesus' last words to his disciples, "Feed my sheep," to hear that as a command to do for people what needs to be done. People are thirsty? Dig them a well. People are homeless or refugees? Build them a house. People are hungry? Feed them.

Perhaps that's what's remarkable about partnership — anyone truly giving themselves to such a relationship can find themselves transformed in unexpected ways. A group of former farmers stricken with river blindness finds that they can still grow food to feed their families. A collection of refugees displaced by the war joins a few surviving inhabitants to form a new community. A group of three church human development programs finds there are many new things they can learn about human possibility. One Great Hour of Sharing has always been about partnership and about transformation. But to participate in the transformation you have to join the partnership.




To join the partnership, please consider giving to this special offering on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010.



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**March, 2010**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Feb 28</b> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Adult Bible Study 11:00am Worship 3:00 pm Worship@ River-bend	<b>1</b> 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-@ Steve & Ali's Home	<b>2</b> 11:00am Senior Exercise 7:00pm Destiny AA Rm4	<b>3</b> 2:00pm Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Church Ministry Prayer 6:00pm FIRE 6:30pm Kids' Choir/Drama 6:30pm Youth Group	<b>4</b> 9:00am Quilters 11:00am Senior Exercise 12:00pm Bible Study 4:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Jujitsu Class	<b>5</b> <b>Youth 30-Hour Famine</b>	
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# March 2010



## Xanath's Quiencenera



## Caleb's Baptism



## 1000 Hams



# Happy Birthday Wishes March & April



## MARCH

March 1 Grace Achuff  
 March 2 Lucy Henry, Julia Faiello\*  
 March 3 Jill Henrikson, Sarah Wallinder\*  
 March 4 Jean Fentress  
 March 5 Misha Lute\*  
 March 8 Tia Khan\*  
 March 10 Verdene Greilich  
 March 12 Terri Young  
 March 14 John Chanley  
 March 17 Sally Nickaloff  
 March 18 Will Sjurson, Sophia Blunk\*  
 March 20 Vanessa Sharon  
 March 23 Jim David, Peter Wallinder\*  
 March 24 Molly Stegman\*  
 March 26 Bob Parry  
 March 27 Linda Brooks,  
                   Michele Richardson-Phipps  
 March 28 Gary Younglove  
 March 31 Cristian Barrett,\* Daniel Turner\*

names of children

## APRIL

April 1 Floy Gleason, Savannah Watson &  
           Desmond Barrett  
 April 4 Kaitlyn Barrow-Tapia ,  
           Clara Brisbin  
 April 5 TJ Fram  
 April 6 Dennis Metcalf, Wesley Rodrigue  
 April 7 Glenda Dahms, April Torres  
 April 8 Denis Karnaukh, Amber Berntsen  
 April 9 Sandy King  
 April 11 Jenny Stegman  
 April 12 Liley Vogt  
 April 13 Jessica Burnett, John Lee &  
           Brooks-Owen Burgeson  
 April 17 Lila Hanson  
 April 18 Joshua Sharon  
 April 19 Alannah Arias, Aurelia Torres  
 April 20 Brandon Bachmeier  
 April 23 Steven Metcalf, Kaitlin Pitts,  
           Kamela Rasmussen & Kayla Page  
 April 24 Scott Brisbin, Craig Davis  
 April 25 Yesenia Ochoa  
 April 26 Joe Sokolich  
 April 27 Sarah Adcock, Alex Stanchits  
 April 29 Janet Bagdazian,  
           Tito Candelario  
 April 30 Victoria Cunico, Serg Karnaukh



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Nancy Faith, Office Manager

Dan Meyerpeter, Youth Leader

Joe Faith, Music Director

And Many, Many Volunteers

## TRINITY'S VISION STATEMENT

Trinity Church is a Spirit-filled, loving, and life-transforming community of believers, who experience Jesus Christ and grow in faith together, challenging each other to serve with compassion and creativity. In response to God's grace, we bring the hope of life in Jesus Christ to the community and the world, inviting them to join us on this journey of discipleship.

Please pray with us  
during March & April  
O God,  
As we continue to live the  
JOY  
of the Easter season ,  
Lord  
and the life you gave so we  
may never be apart from  
you help us to learn how to  
walk closer with you by read-  
ing, listening and living your  
Word in our lives everyday.  
*Amen*