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MARCH WORSHIP

Look for the theme of covenant in the Lenten Scripture readings. Lent began as a time of preparation for Easter Baptism. The Old Testament covenants help us understand dimensions of the covenant we enter with God through baptism.

You are encouraged to read the Scripture passages during the week as a way of preparing for the worship of God. If you can, join with others to reflect on the upcoming texts each Wednesday evening at 5:00 p.m. Each Sunday, as one text is set beside a second and a third, new insights emerge from the dialogue between them. Listen well. Ponder faithfully. Expect and hope.

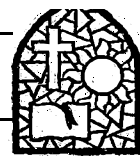
L ENTEN STUDY SERIES – “John’s Jesus”

For the Lenten season, our *Wednesday Nite Alive!* programs will continue to provide a variety of opportunities for study, worship and service. Whether you come regularly on Wednesday nights or not, you might like to know about a special Lenten Study series that is planned for March 4 – April 1, at 7:15 pm. “John’s Jesus” will give us an opportunity to study the 4th Gospel, and John’s unique view of Jesus, the Christ. On each of 5 Wednesday evenings, we will view a segment of the recent film, “The Gospel of John”, and engage in a discussion of what it has to tell us. Filmed in Palestine, released in 2005, this film presents the full text of John’s Gospel (Today’s English Version), and offers a compelling visual enactment of the life and ministry of our Lord. (Those who are fans of the television series “Lost” may be interested to note that Jesus is played by Henry Ian Cusick.) Helping to lead this series will be the Rev. Fred Wood, retired pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Tucson. Whether you’re a *Wednesday Nite Alive!* regular or not, plan to join us for this Lenten Study, in the tradition of a Trinity Academy of Faith





Worship



MARCH SCRIPTURE READINGS

- March 1 Genesis 9:8-17; *Psalm 25:1-10*; 1 Peter 3:18-22 and Mark 1:9-15
March 8 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; *Psalm 22:23-31*; Romans 4:13-25 and Mark 8:31-38
March 15 Exodus 20:1-17; *Psalm 19*; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 and John 2:13-22
March 22 Numbers 21:4-9; *Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*; Ephesians 2:1-10 and John 3:14-21
March 29 Jeremiah 31:31-34; *Psalm 51:1-12*; Hebrews 5:5-10; and John 12:20-33

HEALING: 2009 MINISTRY THEME

This past month, the preaching has linked God's saving work to the healing stories of Jesus (Gospel of Mark, Chapter 1). The word salvation comes from the root word 'salvas' which means 'to heal.' Healing has always been a part of the church's ministry. "The people of God experience a healing whereby they are transformed, and in turn, they open themselves to transforming the world." So writes Diana Butler Bass in her book, Christianity for the Rest of Us. The book introduces churches around the country experiencing good change in this time and one chapter focuses on those congregations paying attention to God's healing work and our part in it. We tend to God's healing with acts of grace, mercy, prayer, ... acts of kindness and pastoral care... all kinds of ways.

At last month's Session Retreat, the elders in their study and prayer, sensed an invitation for our church in the coming year: that Trinity lift up healing as an important theme for our ministry. What does it mean to be a congregation paying attention to God's healing work? Can we see ourselves as people who have experienced some good healing in our lives - healing of our bodies, healing of our spirits, healing of our relationships, healing in other ways? Can we recognize the opportunities God gives us to extend the gift of God's healing to others? What would it look like for Trinity Church to become increasingly aware of God's healing work in the world and to commit ourselves to "our part in God's mission"? These are the kinds of questions we believe will open up an important conversation in the coming months.

We encourage you to speak to one of the elders about this year's retreat... and to share your thoughts with them about this work.

As Christians we try to follow the example of Christ. Christ touched people and healed them. Christ sent his followers out to teach and heal (page 109, Christianity for the Rest of Us). As St. Teresa of Avila once reminded the church:

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
No hands but yours, no feet but yours
Yours are the eyes through which to look out
Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good.
Yours are the hands with which He is to bless [the world] now.*

Dave Wasserman, Co-Pastor

Session Notes

February 20, 2009

With the Class of 2011 on board – Liz Barlow, David Holliday, Carroll Keegstra, Allen Petersen, Liz Strong and Shirley Jo Taylor – the Session has sailed into the business of 2009. Thank you to the retiring Session members – Jan Bond, Ed Hawley, Joan Kingan and Lynn Moser – for their years of leadership service. We are all filled with gratitude for those who take on the hard work of leadership, decision making and planning for the future.

You may recall that in 2008 the Session concentrated on the two themes of hospitality and discernment. While not leaving hospitality and discernment behind, the Session is now exploring the theme of healing for 2009. Each committee will be exploring ways that help bring spirit-filled healing to our body of worshipers, the community and beyond. In just a few minutes of prayer and discussion, members of Session came up with over 25 different ways that we can participate in God's healing grace. These are exciting times, indeed!

Actions taken by the Session this month include approval for Presbyterian Campus Ministry to manage the parking lots for the March 4th Avenue Street Fair and retain 2/3s of the net proceeds, approval of a special offering for the Music Enrichment Fund sometime in the spring and approval for the Administration & Personnel Committee and staff to explore the possibilities of employing a seminary (Princeton) summer intern using up to \$2500 from the Scholarship Fund.

Each committee is busy with plans such as Lenten events and studies, summer programs, financial planning reviews, Personnel Policies reviews, parking lot signage and much more. To highlight just a few of the projects in the works would be to mention the West University Neighborhood Association's need for volunteer labor for their April 4th tree planting project, donations for the Organ Fund are over \$16,000 and the plans for a workshop entitled "Stewardship in the Midst of Economic Cri-

sis." There are many more plans and events that you will see mentioned in the VISION.

Another action taken by the Session in February is to schedule a second Clearness Conversation in March and ask for a congregational decision on March 29th. The team of Carolyn Maycher, Bill Goodhue and Allen Petersen will be framing the question we will address, gathering the necessary resources for an informed conversation, and sending initial and follow up invitation letters to our members. Since the congregation voted "NO" to the question "Does Trinity Church need all of its current property to conduct its future ministry?" on Sunday, February 8th, the second Clearness Conversation will address the portion of our campus we need and the portion we could live without. Pray for Carolyn, Bill and Allen as they proceed and read carefully those letters that arrive at your home and plan to be involved in this important decision.

Janet Hooper, Clerk of Session

WHAT'S IN THE LOVEJOY LIBRARY?

More than two dozen new books are added each year to the Lovejoy Library. In addition to classics of religion, faith, and social justice, books like these can be checked out before and after the 10:30 service:

Religion:

The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith by Marcus J. Borg (230 BOR)

God's Troublemakers: How Women of Faith Are Changing the World by Katharine Rhodes Henderson (200.82 HEN)

Biography:

Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion by Sara Miles. Spiritual memoir of a 21st Century Christian. (MIL)

A Mighty Heart: The Brave Life and Death of My Husband, Danny Pearl by Mariane Pearl with Sarah Crichton (PEA)

Fiction:

The Ash Garden by Dennis Bock. A scientist headed for Los Alamos, a woman on a refugee ship, a Japanese child at Ground Zero. (BOC) *Saving Erasmus* by Steven Cleaver. It's a Wonderful Life meets the Angel of Death. (CLE) *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt* by Anne Rice. The famous author's first novel on her reborn faith. (RIC)



Christian Education



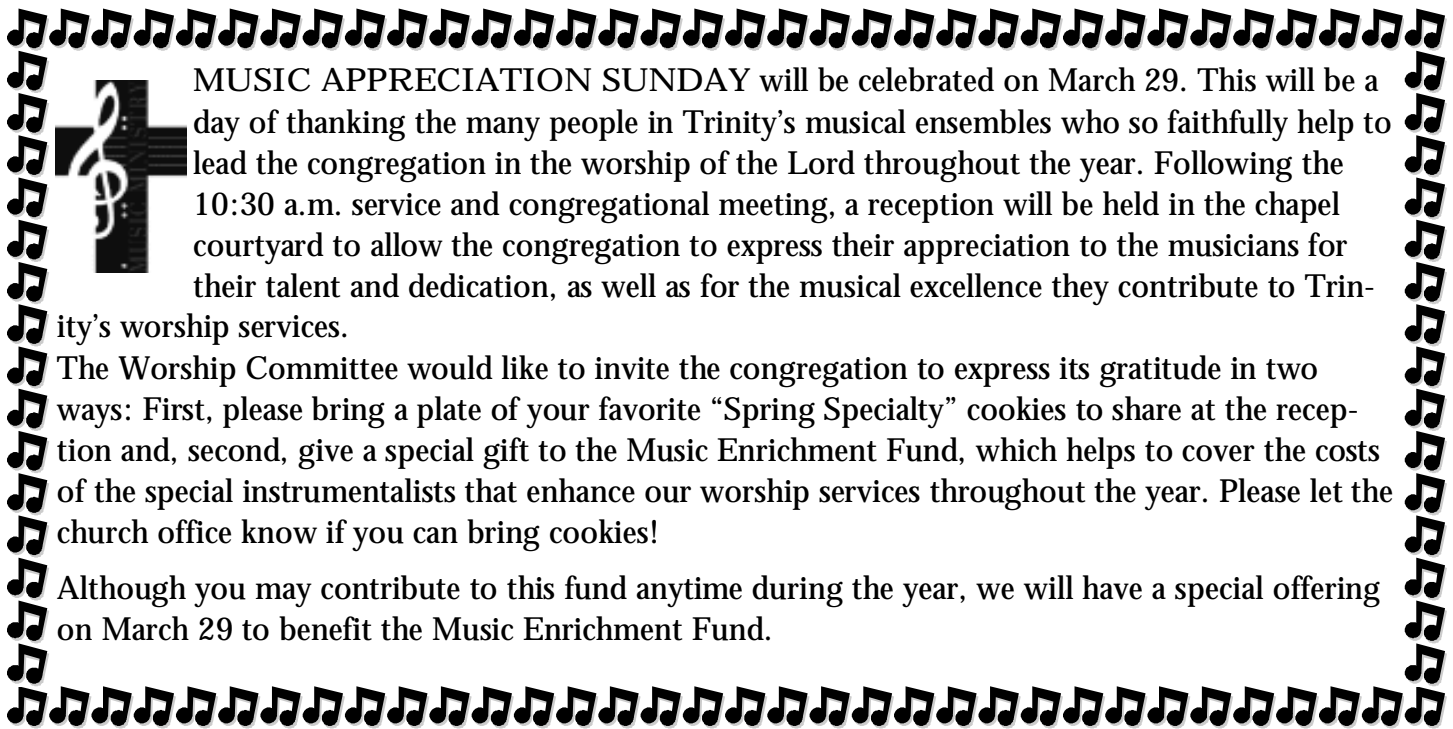
WORD OF LIFE is beginning a new study on the Book of Romans: *A Letter for Today*. Join us, downstairs in the Hine Gallery at 9:00 am.

LECTIO: Are you thirsty for a little quiet in your week? Are you hungry for a conversation about where God is in your life? Are you looking for a way to get engaged with Scripture? "Lectio Divina" (or "holy reading") is a way of praying the Scriptures – attending to what God might be saying in and through them, here and now, to each of us. At 9:00 a.m. each Sunday, we meet in the Upper Room to read together one of the texts for worship. We read it several times, with space for silence and sharing in between. We listen for where the words of Scripture touch our own lives. We pray with and for each other. We are often amazed at how God speaks to us! We welcome others to join us, any Sunday.

KARL'S CROWD: Theologian Karl Barth said "Christians engage the world best with a Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other". Bring your Sunday paper for a lively discussion of faith and the daily news.

THEOLOGY FOR TODAY: We will begin a new study of Tex Sample's book *Earthy Mysticism: Spirituality for Unspiritual People*. Tex Sample is an engaging story teller. We can all learn much from his honest and straight forward ways. All are welcome to join in the discussion of these stories. This book is available on Amazon.com. We meet at 11:45 a.m. in Suite 205 of the Mission Center. Please join us. If you have questions call Bev Bechtel at 297-2300.

THE CUP ENCOUNTERS THE WIRED WORD! If you're a young adult – student, grad student, or out in the world earning a living – plan to join Co-Pastor Dave Wasserman on Sundays at 11:45 a.m. in the Upper Room for a lively discussion about faith and the daily news. A resource called The Wired Word will provide a starting place for looking at the week's news stories from a faith perspective. YOU and the Sunday paper and the coffee pot will provide the rest. Come join a lively conversation of your peers.



MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY will be celebrated on March 29. This will be a day of thanking the many people in Trinity's musical ensembles who so faithfully help to lead the congregation in the worship of the Lord throughout the year. Following the 10:30 a.m. service and congregational meeting, a reception will be held in the chapel courtyard to allow the congregation to express their appreciation to the musicians for their talent and dedication, as well as for the musical excellence they contribute to Trinity's worship services.

The Worship Committee would like to invite the congregation to express its gratitude in two ways: First, please bring a plate of your favorite "Spring Specialty" cookies to share at the reception and, second, give a special gift to the Music Enrichment Fund, which helps to cover the costs of the special instrumentalists that enhance our worship services throughout the year. Please let the church office know if you can bring cookies!

Although you may contribute to this fund anytime during the year, we will have a special offering on March 29 to benefit the Music Enrichment Fund.



Congregational Life



LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKS are available in the narthex. Please take one home for your household to use during the season. Additional booklets for families with children are available in the Nursery. If you would like to have a booklet delivered to you, please call the church office. Let a Lenten practice of prayer and daily Scripture reading deepen your faith and life in Christ.

PATIO CONCERTS 2009! Spring is coming and so is the next series of Friday night Patio Concerts at Trinity! The first concert will be Friday, March 13, 7:00-9:00 pm, on the patio outside the church office! The Mas O Menos String Band, Mustard Seed, and the Trinity Jazz Trio are confirmed for this first concert. We're hoping to add one other group for the evening's entertainment! If you'd be interested in helping with the refreshment table, call Lori Boston at 623-1664.

PICTURE SHOW: For those of you who are interested in seeing Pat Keegstra's pictures of Macchu Pichu and the Galapagos Islands, she will show them on Sunday, March 15, after the time of fellowship, about 12:30 p.m.

CLEARNESS CONVERSATION #2 SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 22ND: In January, Trinity Church began a special journey to consider its future at 4th & University. At the first of several Clearness Conversations being scheduled this year, the congregation explored the question of whether Trinity needs all of its 44,000 square feet of buildings to support its own future ministry. On February 8, at the annual congregational meeting, we voted nearly unanimously that we do not need all of our current space for Trinity's future ministry. At its February 17th meeting, the Session took steps to hold the second Clearness Conversation. A gathering will be held on Sunday, March 22nd after the 10:30 worship service. At that meeting we will be talking about our current mission and focusing on "identifying the part of the campus that will best house our continuing

ministry and mission, and the part of the campus we can best live without." There will be a called congregational meeting on March 29th, to review and act on the Session's recommendations in response to this second Conversation.

Please note March 22 on your calendars. (NOTE: This is Street Fair weekend, but there's no need to worry. The entire parking lot is being reserved for church members and visitors that morning.) Call the church office (623-2579) to register and we'll reserve a place at lunch for you.

MONTLURE PRESBYTERIAN CAMP: Camps run through June and July for all students in grades 4 through 12 (school year 2009/2010). Please visit the new Montlure website - www.montlure.org - where online registration and payments are now accepted. Montlure Camp is located in the beautiful mountain valley near Greer, Arizona at the very cool altitude of 8,500 feet. Applications for counselors (paid and volunteer) are also being accepted. Please contact Cathy Cross with any questions 797-5608, ccross2@q.com.

THE ARIZONA CHOIR AT TRINITY: The Arizona Choir, the premiere choral ensemble at The University of Arizona School of Music, will perform at Trinity on Palm Sunday evening, April 5th, at 7:00 pm. The concert, entitled "Baroque Palms to Passion" will feature Heinrich Schutz' *St. John Passion* and J.S. Bach's cantata for Palm Sunday, *Himmelskonig, sei willkommen*, BWV 182.

These two works will explore the events of Holy Week from Jesus' entry on Palm Sunday into Jerusalem to His arrest, trial and Crucifixion on Good Friday. The *St. John Passion* will be sung in an English translation prepared by Dr. Bruce Chamberlain, conductor of The Arizona Choir. The concert is FREE and open to the public. The Arizona Choir will perform the *St. John Passion* again as part of our worship service on Good Friday at 2:00 p.m.



Wednesday *Nite* Alive! in MARCH

Time/Group Name/ Location	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
5:00 p.m. The Word Library	Bible Study Covenant with Abram Saved by grace thru faith Take up your cross <i>Harriet Marsh</i>	Bible Study 10 Commandments Cross is foolishness Jesus clears out Temple <i>Dave Wasserman</i>	Bible Study Serpents in the wilder- ness Saved by grace, as gift God so loved the world <i>Bill Voigt</i>	Bible Study A new covenant <i>Give me a clean heart</i> Jesus as High Priest <i>Marney</i>
6:00 p.m. Chapel		Meditation Service: "Getting Quiet with God"		
6:30 p.m. Trinity Hall		Supper and Fellowship		
7:15 p.m. The Life (Faith) Fellowship Hall	John's Jesus <i>Fred Wood, retired pastor</i>	John's Jesus <i>Fred Wood, retired pastor</i>	John's Jesus <i>Fred Wood, retired pastor</i>	John's Jesus <i>Fred Wood, retired pastor</i>
7:15 p.m. The World (Issues) Hine Gallery	Paint and Plaster on Historic Houses <i>Dave Croteau</i>	Humane Borders <i>Karl Tucker, Volunteer with Humane Borders</i>	U.S. Customs/Border Patrol <i>Omar Candelaria, Pub- lic Affairs Office of the U.S. Border Patrol</i>	Issues in Native American Circles <i>Dave Croteau, Al- lynn Spence & Kevin Lopez</i>
7:15 p.m. Helping Hands (Serving) Trinity Hall	Ryan's Bears <i>Ruth Myers</i>	Making Bookmarks to include w/notebooks (Tucson Metropolitan Ministries) <i>Kathy Moser</i>	Sandwich Making for Casa Maria	Prayers Bears for Salvation Army Hospitality House <i>Kathy Moser</i>

Choose One!



Billie Holbrook provides dental evaluations

*Trinity
Serves*



Charlie Bowker & Don Blascak, coordinators



Community Health Action Van at the Tucson Homeless Connect event on February 13.

Mission News



On January 26, 2009, Kentucky was struck by what has been called the biggest natural disaster in the state's history. As of Thursday, February 5, tens of thousands of residents in Kentucky remained without power or

potable water following snow and ice storms that tore through Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky and other states. The storms caused 27 deaths in Kentucky, mostly from carbon monoxide poisoning from generators, and at its peak created a loss of power to more than 750,000 homes.

President Obama has declared 90 of Kentucky's 120 counties major disaster areas and has ordered federal aid to supplement local recovery efforts.

PDA RESPONSE: One Great Hour of Sharing funds will be provided to all three Presbyteries in within Kentucky (Mid-Kentucky, Transylvania and Western Kentucky) to help the presbyteries in their disaster response efforts including assistance for churches that have been providing shelter for affected families.

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY- Food Drive for the Homeless Update: The donations to the Trinity Food Pantry food drive for the homeless resulted in over two palettes covered "knee high" with food. In four days of operation since the end of the food drive we have served 36 customers with food bags containing two nutritionally balanced meals. Thank you again!



SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING on February 22, raised \$1,173 for the Community Food Bank. Thanks to all who gave so generously!

WEST UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (WUNA) has received \$349 from the casual Christmas Eve service for our tree planting project. Thank you for the generous contribution! The "green" we received will turn into the "greening" of the neighborhood as we plant over a hundred trees this spring! The tree project is sure to be a great day of community involvement! If you would like to participate in the tree planting day, which is scheduled for April 4, please contact Lori Boston at 271-8334.

SEWING FOR MISSION needs friends to sew baby gowns at home or at the church for Presbyterian Mission Hospitals. We also need any flannelette and any colorful baby weight yarn you may have 'moldering' in a closet. For more info, call Imogene at 322-8934. THANKS!



TRINITY SERVES: This month, we acknowledge Trinity's services to the homeless population during the past months. We hosted Project

Hospitality for four nights in January and February, providing overnight shelter and meals for homeless men. On February 13, Trinity provided the location for the Tucson Homeless Connect project which provided a number of services to assist the homeless. Trinity members and staff were there to help more than 200 homeless get con-

nected to services in the community.



Tucson Homeless Connect Volunteers



Trinity Presbyterian Women



TPW MARCH GATHERING

We will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the new Ronald McDonald House on East Allen Road.

To get to the facility, you go north on Campbell Ave. and pass Prince Rd. and turn right at the next traffic light. Go past the new Cancer Center and it is down the street. Ruth Myers has offered to have some goodies at her home afterwards. Ruth lives at 3322 E. Waverly. You will have to get access to Waverly from Country Club south of Grant Rd. Thank you to Jan Bond for setting this up and Ruth for offering to host goodies afterwards.

SPRING GATHERING

SAVE THE DATE!

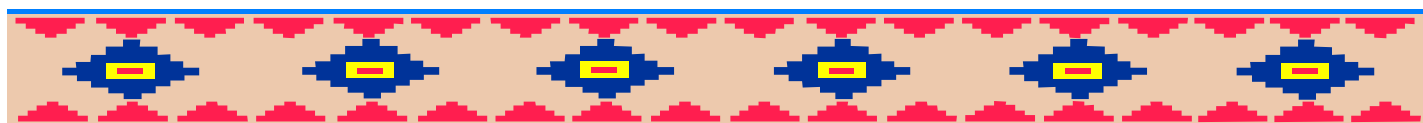
WHERE: PAPAGO UNITED, SELLS

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009

PROGRAM: GLOBAL EXCHANGE TO EASTERN EUROPE

FIELD TRIP TO TOHONO O'ODHAM CULTURAL CENTER

Carpools will leave Trinity at 7:45 a.m.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP:

Mark your April calendars now.

Sunday, April 5 Palm/Passion Sunday
8 & 10:30 am

Thursday, April 9 Maundy Thursday
7:30 pm

Friday, April 10 Good Friday 2:00 pm

Sunday, April 12 Easter Sunday
8 & 10:30

On Easter Sunday, the Christian Education Committee will host a brunch beginning at 9:00 am and a Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK

"Godspell"

On Wednesday, April 8th, we will have a special *Wednesday Nite Alive!* which will include supper & the film "Godspell", which tells the life of Jesus based on Matthew's Gospel

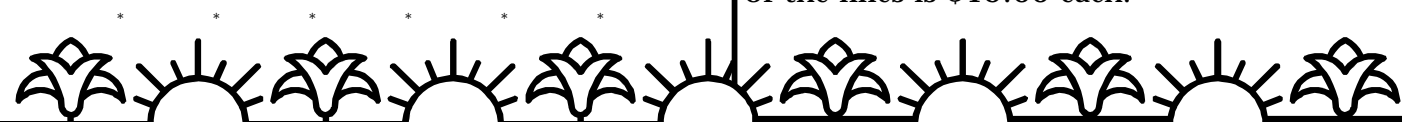
at 6:00 p.m. in
Fellowship Hall.

Deadline for the April 2009 *VISION* is March 23. Please submit typewritten articles to the Church Office or to:
TPCTucson@aol.com or
tpctucson@trinitychurchtucson.org.

TIME TO ORDER!



The lilies that decorate our chancel on Easter are a lovely tradition. These blooms are regarded as flowers of the resurrection that also symbolize the care of God. The deacons deliver many of them with care to Trinity members who are unable to celebrate Easter Worship with us in the Sanctuary. If you would like to help decorate the chancel for Easter, and, if you choose, provide a lily in memory of a loved one, please send a check or your credit card information and your dedication on or before Palm Sunday. The cost of the lilies is \$15.00 each.





Trinity Milestones



Memorials

- In honor of Fay McCormick* by Carol Donisi
- In memory of Eleanor Gerlach* by Leone Mohney
- In memory of Will Kelsey* by Art & Alice Grattias, Imogene Moser and Eileen Scott
- In memory of Ed Moses* by Leone Mohney
- In memory of Lila Shellhorn* by Leone Mohney
- In memory of Helen Wilson* by Leone Mohney

Baptism

Elliot Carter Witt, infant son of Autumn and Jacob Witt was baptized on February 22.

Deaths

Will Kelsey died February 5, 2009.

Notes of Thanks

To my dear Trinity family and Trinity staff, I want to thank all of you for the wonderful outpouring of love, prayers and concern for me during my surgery (in January) and recovery. I was and still am so touched by the abundance of cards, visits, phone calls and inquiries regarding my health. I also want to say a big thank you to those who provided meals and rides to church. I can't imagine life without you! I am so blessed to belong to such a caring and loving church family. Love, Kathy Moser

March Birthdays

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|----|-----------------|----|------------------------|
| 1 | Harriet Marsh | 17 | Lela Lax |
| | Joel Sebring | 18 | Edgar Buck |
| 4 | Ed Hawley | | Jerry Rowe |
| | Jeanette Wilka | 20 | Linda Aufmuth |
| 6 | Claire Friis | 21 | Delores Boerhave |
| | Jan Menke | 22 | Roberta Crawford |
| 7 | Amy Sisley | | Allen Petersen |
| 8 | Kevin Barr | 24 | Margaret Blakeman - 93 |
| 10 | Kevin Rupprecht | 25 | Dean Carter |
| 14 | Sally Riester | | Bunny Mallams |
| 15 | Jeanette Dalke | | |

April Birthdays (1—10)

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| 1 | Virginia Dalton | 8 | Greg Marcus |
| 2 | Linda Bylina | | Nellie Murillo |
| 3 | Mark Odell | 9 | Karen Sebring |
| 5 | Brian Ziolkowski | 10 | Jacquilin Beck |
| 8 | Frances Duffek | | Sharon Krienke |
| | Helen Greer | | |



March Anniversaries

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| 4 | Mary and Herb Hull - 59 years! |
| 9 | Bucky & Cherie Lovejoy |
| 12 | Linda and Michael Bylina |
| 19 | Jeanette and Lester Wilka - 57 years! |



Correction: Our apologies for the error in the February Vision. We had incorrectly stated Jan Menke's age as 89. She will be 81 on her birthday this year. Happy Birthday!



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 WEB SITE!

Concert on THE Patio

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

WEDNESDAYS in LENT

“John’s Jesus”

5:00 pm – <i>WednesdayNiteAlive!</i> Bible Study	Library
6:00 pm – Getting Quiet with God	Chapel
6:30 pm – Supper	Trinity Hall
7:15 pm – Lenten Study *	Fellowship Hall

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March 4

March 11

March 18



March 25

April 1

Lent begins

* Note: Other regular *WedNiteAlive!* activities in “The World” and “Helping Hands” will also be offered.