

HTLC NEWS

February 2012

The Mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is to live, learn, teach and share God's love and forgiveness with others as demonstrated through Jesus Christ.

Pastor's Pontifications

First of all, I want to thank all of you for all your prayers, cards and calls during my recent health concerns. It was and is an amazing comfort knowing that there were so many prayers offered up on my behalf and it shows how God strengthens us and supports us during difficult times. I know that I'm not alone when it comes to health difficulties because many of you, or people you know, have had or are still having problems with health. Of course we kind of expect some health issues as we grow older but they are never any fun to deal with no matter what age we are. It also occurred to me during this time how much we depend on the medical world to identify and help us with our injuries and illnesses. We probably don't always realize that doctors, nurses and other medical staff are really blessings from God. The advances in medical treatments are ways that God continues to show us His miracles do take place on a daily basis. I am blessed to have a Christian doctor who recognizes that God is in charge and that she is His instrument and does not have all the answers and that it is God alone who is the Great Physician.

It is God who reminds us that His mercies are new every morning and that everything will work out for the best for those who love Him. It might be hard to remember that when we are hurting or don't have answers regarding our health issues, but God wants us to turn to Him in every situation, trust that He knows what is taking place and that He is still with us during these times. As many of you know, one of my favorite texts from Scripture is: **1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18** where God tells us: **"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Whatever happens, give thanks because it is God's will in Christ Jesus that you do this."** I think these words from God are essential always but become even more important during times of health problems and during any other difficulty we may be facing.

People who don't believe definitely watch those of us who do believe when we face trials and tribulations in our lives. They want to see how we handle things, what are the emotions we show and from where does our strength come. When they see that we are joyful and giving thanks even during the worst of situations, they are experiencing God's mercy and grace right before their eyes. They often times will ask why we are so happy when we should be depressed, frightened and perhaps even angry. Since God has given us this wonderful gift of faith, we can easily provide them with an answer. Faith assures us that Jesus did indeed pay the cost of our sins with His blood and His life. We are forgiven and have been made new again. We also understand that He remains with us every minute of every day because He says: **I will never leave you or forsake you. I live in you and you live in me. You are not alone.** And of course we know what He has planned for us down the road. A perfect life free from sin, sorrow, pain and temptation.

Knowing all this we can always be joyful and we can capitalize on the opportunities God gives us to show and tell about the reason we have such hope within us. Yes indeed, God is an amazing God. How can we not tell others? This month, truly enjoy the Love of God and pass it around. Thanks again for your prayers and may God fill you each and every day with His love.

Because of Christ,
Pastor Roger

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1 — 4:00 p.m. — Confirmation

February 2 — 10:00 a.m. — **Marilyn's Bible Class** will resume. The classes will last 9 weeks taking it to March 29. Class will be studying the book of Romans. There is a **one "class day"** change, the second week it will be held on Wednesday, February 8, at 10:00 a.m.

February 5 — **One Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Fellowship Breakfast**

February 7 — 6:30 p.m. — Hospitality & Fellowship meeting

February 8 — 4:00 p.m. — Confirmation

February 11 — **Valentine's Day Dinner, doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m.**

February 15 — 4:00 p.m. — Confirmation

February 22 — 7:00 P.M. — Ash Wednesday Service

February 25 — **Trivia Night Fundraiser for the Childcare & Learning Center**
Doors open at 6:00 p.m., first question at 7:00 p.m. Theme this year is Hawaiian Luau. Cost is \$100 per table for a table of 8. Cost is \$12.50 per individual.

February 26 — **Mission Box** offerings will be collected

February 29 — **4:00** p.m. — Confirmation

March 4 — **One Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Fellowship Breakfast**

March 17 — Green Auction — More information will follow.

March 23 — Hospitality & Fellowship fish & chicken dinner — More information will follow.

April 1 — **One Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Fellowship Breakfast**

April 8 — **Easter Sunday** One service at 9:00 a.m. followed by the **Easter Egg Hunt**

April 20 — Hospitality & Fellowship Fried Chicken dinner — More information will follow.

Items to Remember

Best Choice and Campbell Labels: The church receives \$61.00 per thousand Best Choice labels. The Child Care receives computer supplies for Campbell Soup labels.

Save your Can tabs. For all tabs turned in, the Ronald McDonald House receives cash from the recycler.

Remember — Save your old cell phones and bring them to church to recycle for phone cards for our servicemen to be able to call home. A box is in the Narthex for them.

When You Travel: Save those shampoos, lotions, soaps, etc for the **Backpack Program for Foster Kids**. There is a list in the Narthex of acceptable clothing and other items. **This is different than our regular Backpack program** for the school.

We collect the following items for the **Lutheran Women's Missionary League:**

- **Recyclable eyeglasses** (Adults & Kids) to enable others to see better.
- **Canceled stamps for Missions:** common stamps, commemorative stamps, high value stamps and foreign stamps. (Do not save Love, Forever, Liberty Bell or Christmas stamps.) Note: At least ¼" margin of paper is needed around each stamp to qualify. Please save and place in plastic collection box in narthex. **THANK YOU!**

Got Coupons? Share your coupons! Bring them in and put them in the basket in the Narthex. Every little bit helps. There could even be some you could use, so feel free to go thru them & take what you need.

Pray for St. Clair Ministerial Alliance – Three of their projects, Agape House, Good Samaritan Fund, and Good News Club (once a week after school program at the elementary school) are supported, in part, by our monthly mission offering "little boxes," collected on the last Sunday of the month. If you don't have a "little box" you can pick one up in the Narthex. **Thrivent** will match our gifts up to **\$200.00** for the months of **September, October & November. Please try to add a little extra for these 3 months so we get the matching funds.**

Daily Bible Reading Guide – Pastor Roger encourages us to search the scriptures daily. Go to <http://www.LBT.org> and click on Daily Bible Readings Guide. Selected Scripture reading for every day is furnished compliments of Lutheran Bible Translators. The same guide is offered each day under "Through the Bible in a Year" near the bottom of the Synod's Web page, <http://www.lcms.org/>. Just think, if we read the selected Scripture every day, in one year we will have read the entire Bible.

For Men — Visit Lutheran Hour Ministries Men's Network <http://www.lhmmen.com> See the Video at <http://www.lhmmen.com/whypromo.asp>

Holy Trinity's "**Emergency Response Team**" is still available to help out when bad weather strikes. Whether a tree falls across your drive or storms cause some other damage, we can help. For help any time of the night or day call the church office (636-629-3355). If no answer, please call **Russ Jackson (cell 636-234-6800)** or **Glen Stelhorn (cell 636-584-3970)** and we'll get someone there.

We have been given two sets of a Large Print Bible, which is bound by individual books — **Psalms, Proverbs, Acts, Romans, First & Second Corinthians & Favorite Hymns**. Books are on display on a table in Narthex as a sample. If you would like to check out a book, please write your name, date and title of the book you are taking to read on the sign-up sheet on the table.

Please Note: In the event of a funeral, the church provides the meat and the parishioners provide the side dishes and help if they can. Some of you have not been receiving calls but we hope with a revised the Call Tree list everyone will get a call.

If you have other items to send to **Otis Woodard's inner city Outreach**, bring them and leave in the Narthex with his name on them. The Stellhorns will make sure they are delivered! A St. Mark's Eureka family delivers goodies every week. God Bless!

Lord's Prayer – Litany

V. OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN

R. For the privilege of being a Christian; For the fellowship of Christians throughout the world; For the privilege of speaking to You in prayer; For the promise of all that I need to remain Your child—I praise You.

V. HALLOWED BE THY NAME

R. For a reverent heart which loves Your Word; For a godly life which reflects Your love to my neighbor; For pastors, teachers, parents and friends who teach me Your will; For the understanding of that which is false and the wisdom to shun it—I beseech You.

V. THY KINGDOM COME

R. For a stronger faith and a more godly life; For a clearer witness to my fellow man; For a greater love for souls who do not know Your mercy; For a deeper concern for heavenly treasures—I Implore You.

V. THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

R. For the grace to obey You when I do not want to; For the willingness to serve when I would rather be served; For the joyfulness in worshiping You above all things; For the privilege of laboring with You to seek the lost—I beg You.

V. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

R. For the daily gifts which meet my daily needs; For freedom from care because You do care for me; For the joy of sharing Your gifts with Your needy children; For a grateful heart which rejoices in Your goodness—I thank You.

V. AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US

R. When I am a poor witness to my neighbors; When I refuse to forgive even though You have freely forgiven; When I am prejudiced against races and classes and persons; When my faith is so feeble, my hope so dim, and my charity so cold—Forgive me.

V. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

R. When I am tested by You in order to trust You more; When I am tempted to do the wrong or to fail to do the right; When I am misled into ways of living which dishonor You; When I am ready to deny You before men because I am afraid—Lead Me.

V. BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

R. When I cannot understand Your dealing with me; When evil men try to harm me because I am faithful; When the ravages of war seem to burst on a dying world; When I face death, the last great battle of life—Deliver me.

V. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

R. I ask what is Yours to give; I ask what You can give; I will praise You for what You do give—Lord I believe, help you my unbelief. Amen

Know your bible: Biblical runners

As we begin a new year filled with resolutions to pursue improved fitness and a healthier lifestyle, let's revisit some biblical characters who ran:

1. Who outran a team of horses? (1 Kings 18:46)
2. What disciple outran Peter to Jesus' tomb? (John 20:4)
3. Who ran to the priest Eli, thinking Eli had called him in the night, though it was God who called? (1 Samuel 3:4-5)
4. What boy ran into the Philistine camp to confront their best warrior? (1 Samuel 17:48-49)
5. What did a man at Jesus' crucifixion run to find for the dying Jesus? (Matthew 27:46-48)
6. According to Isaiah, what sort of people can run and not be weary? (Isaiah 40:31)
7. What two women ran from Jesus' empty tomb to tell the disciples what had happened? (Matthew 28:8)
8. What short man ran to see Jesus but could not because of his height? (Luke 19:4)



Cathy Barns	02/02
Mark Dalton	02/03
Doris Reynolds	02/03
Marvin Barks	02/09
Jeremy Rego	02/10
Braden Laird	02/12
Chloe Machen	02/13
Andrew Collings	02/15
Karen Foster	02/16
John McGlenn	02/16
Glenn Stellhorn	02/16
Amanda Dalton	02/18
D.J. Mansker	02/20
Denise Baxter	02/25
Robyn Stellhorn	02/26



Patsy & Gary Collings
Kim & Pastor Roger Altenberger
Karen & Dick Foster

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Please Note: If your Anniversary or Birthday does not appear in this section when it should, please contact the office with the information. Thank You.