Concordia University Nebraska Choir at Trinity - March 4

Concordia University’s A Cappella Choir has been performing concerts and joining congregations in worship for 75 years. The choir was organized in 1938-39 by Dr. Theodore Stelzer, professor of music and psychology. One of the United States’ oldest touring Lutheran college choirs, the A Cappella Choir has performed extensively throughout America (including Hawaii), and internationally in Greece, Italy, France, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, India, Thailand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, the Philippines, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Spain, Mexico and Australia.

The 72-voice concert choir is chosen by audition each fall. Student membership is comprised of majors from most academic disciplines representing 15 different states and some foreign countries. Over 180 students audition each fall for a position in the internationally renowned concert choir.

The A Cappella Choir has been invited to perform for music conferences, choral festivals, and international competitions in recent years. They received the Gold Medal for performance at the 12th Annual Australian International Music Festival and earned a place in the winners circle at the 42nd Annual International Choral Competition in Spittal and der Drau in Austria. The choir has regularly performed for the Nebraska Music Education Association’s annual conference and was one of two Nebraska choirs selected to perform for the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) North Central Division choral hour in March 2006.

The A Cappella Choir is directed by Dr. Kurt von Kampen, Professor of Music, Chair of the Music Department, and Director of Choral Activities at Concordia University Nebraska.

Please join us on March 4th in welcoming the A Cappella Choir as they lead our 10:50 service.
Christian Seder Meal - March 29

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” James 1:17

The greatest gift given to us is the eternal life we have through Jesus by His death and resurrection. Before He sacrificed Himself for us, Jesus gave us a holy meal through which we receive His grace and forgiveness. Just as the Father graciously spared the Hebrews from death during the Passover, He not only spares us Christians but reconciles us to Him through the blood of the Holy Lamb – Jesus.

On Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m., Trinity will celebrate a traditional Christian Seder meal with Holy Communion. This very special evening will also be the first time the First Communion Class participates in the Lord’s Supper with our Trinity family.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space. Please sign up early as seating is limited. Tickets to the Seder are free, but signing up and receiving your tickets will secure your seats for the evening. A freewill offering will be gathered at the door.

Please join our Trinity Lutheran community as we gather around His Table and give thanks for the good gift that Jesus has given us in His Body and Blood.

Easter Lily Orders

Beautiful Easter lilies will adorn the gym and sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to purchase one or more for $8.50 each, please write your dedication(s) on the Easter Lily form available at the Welcome Center. Insert your check and form in the envelope provided and place in the Easter Lily box. Lilies may be taken home after the 10:50 a.m. Easter service.

Deadline to order and have dedication in Easter Service Folder is Sunday, March 15.

Lenten Sermon Series

Thy will be done: Jesus gave us those words in the Lord’s Prayer. Thy will be done: Jesus prayed those words in the Garden of Gethsemane. Thy will be done: Jesus still uses those words to shape in us a life of repentance, a life of joy, a life of following Him.

Our journey through Lent in 2018 will be shaped by the theme, Thy Will Be Done. On Saturdays and Sundays we will be considering God’s will in light of that prayer of Jesus. How do we think about God’s will and God’s Kingdom, or God’s will for salvation, or God’s will when we are not willing? How does the prayer Thy Will Be Done affect how I see my own will, my own expectations, my own suffering?

March 03/04 The Potter and the Clay: God’s Will and My Expectations
March 10/11 A Thorn in the Flesh: God’s Will and My Suffering
March 17/18 God’s Will for Salvation: That All People Be Saved
March 24/25 God’s Will When We Are Not Willing
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday
March 25
8:15 a.m.
Palm Sunday Service (C)
10:50 a.m.
Palm Sunday Service with Rite of Confirmation (C)

Maundy Thursday
March 29
Noon
Maundy Thursday Service (C)
6:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Seder Meal with First Communion (C)

Good Friday
March 30
Noon
Good Friday Service
6:30 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday
April 1
6:30 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Service (C)
8:15 and 10:50 a.m.
Easter Festival Services (C)

Easter Breakfast 7:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Voters Enthusiastic About Trinity’s Future

Congregation Approves Candidates, By-Law Changes, & Loan Consolidation

Members of Trinity Downtown gathered for a special Congregational Assembly on February 25, 2018. In what might turn out be an historic event in the life of our church, voters approved adding an Associate Pastor and a DCE to the ministry team.

Josh Rodriguez (Elder), presented on behalf of the Call Committee. He shared about the search process for an Associate Pastor who would be designated as the Pastor of Outreach & Missions. An Interview Team representing the Call Committee traveled to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and met with five potential candidates. After the interviews, the Call Committee settled on three of the five as being best able to meet the qualifications for the position. The Committee also chose not to assign a preference for one of the three candidates and allowing the Holy Spirit to work through the process to final selection. After sharing biographic information on each candidate, the Congregation overwhelmingly voted to extend a Call for a Seminary Candidate with the proviso that it be for one of these three candidates:

- Daniel Clemons
- Michael Hofmann
- Nathan Schultz

The Call for an Associate Pastor is now in the hands of the Council of Presidents of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. The Presidents will meet and reach a final decision about candidate placement on April 21st. There are more congregations requesting candidates than the number of men available to meet the demand. While there is no certainty that Trinity will receive a candidate, God has exciting things in the congregation’s future.

Kim Davis (Governing Board), presented on behalf of the Call Committee that has been searching for the last two years for the right person to serve in Youth ministries at Trinity. She shared that in that time over 40 candidates have been considered. Late last year, the Committee made the decision to consider the potential of a candidate from one of the Synod’s universities. Kim also shared about the quality of the candidates Trinity had the opportunity to speak with. After interviewing these candidates, the Committee was delighted to put forward the name of Michael Winckler. Again, the Congregation overwhelmingly approved of the Call Committee’s recommendation. Unlike, the process for getting a pastor from the Seminary, Trinity Downtown is “designating” for a specific candidate. If Michael Winckler accepts Trinity’s designation, then the “designation” automatically becomes a Call from the Congregation. Steve Maynard, Chairman of the Governing Board, explained this distinction during the meeting.

Before making the decisions on the graduating candidates, the Congregation first had to make a change to the section of the By-Laws that address Calling workers. The following change was approved by the Congregation:

Add the following language in subparagraph ‘C’: Notwithstanding any other provision in Article 1, Section 1 (Calling of a Pastor, Teacher, or Worker) of the Bylaws: If a candidate or multiple candidates are pursued from a Synodical Institution, then the Congregation may follow the Call process outlined by that Institution.

In other matters, the Congregation elected Linda Baccus, Montie Callager, Bob Davis, and Ruanne Kuhlmann to open positions on the School Endowment Board. Voters also approved the refinancing of the operational debt of $1,133,000 resulting from the school’s cash flow deficit. This debt will have monthly payments consistent with paying off the loan in eight years or less, and is already included in the 2018 budget. Ron Lacy, CFO, updated those present on these and other financial matters and shared that Trinity Downtown, while in debt, is at a healthy place once again.

I am very excited to serve as your Pastor, and I’m confident that God will continue to use Trinity Downtown to accomplish His work in our community.

Your Pastor,

Michael P. Dorn
New LED Steeple Lights

God has put Trinity in the heart of Houston to be a beacon of light and hope sharing the love of Jesus Christ with our community. One look at our steeple lights and you have a visual reminder of the light we are to share with others.

Not long ago the tower lights burned out and the lit cross on the downtown skyline had faded into the darkness. That is until February 20, when a crew from Bakenhus Electric arrived to install new LED light fixtures. The project required a crane to access where the fixtures would be installed. Thankfully, the work was accomplished safely and successfully.

The cross on top of the steeple is once again brilliantly lit. Because the new fixtures are LED they should function without the need for replacement until far into the future. In the meantime, the people of Trinity Downtown will be busy sharing the light of Christ.
We Declare Your Mighty Acts -
Final Capital Campaign Results

*One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4*

At the close of 2017 Trinity congregation reached the end of the three-year We Declare Your Mighty Acts capital campaign. A huge thank you is due to Trinity’s members for not only meeting, but exceeding the campaign pledged amount!

*I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus. 1 Corinthians 1:4*

**Campaign Statistics**
- Original commitments by 153 giving units totaled $1,641,010.
- Adjusted pledge amount as of August 30, 2017 was $1,602,510.
- Amount received as of December 31, 2017 was $1,654,196!
- Giving breakdown:
  - Pledge fulfillment: $1,477,510 (of the 153 giving units pledged, 112 met or exceeded 90% of their pledged amount; receipts from those who completed and then exceeded their pledge was $97,000)
  - Non-pledge giving: $119,701 (163 additional giving units participated)
  - Gifts in honor of or in memory of individuals: $2,985
  - 10% of Zoch estate: $54,000
- Original campaign distribution guidelines
  - 3% for worship enhancements
  - 10% for missions beyond our congregation
  - 15% for organ refurbishment/upgrade
  - 72% to reduce the mortgage remaining on the Education Center

**Fulfillment Update**

The worship enhancements and organ refurbishment/upgrade commitments have been funded. Trinity’s historic organ, which had lasted for 60 years, required a wholesale refurbishment and upgrade due to the effects of time and decades of outside humid, dirty Houston air. It has been amazing to experience the results and to continue the tradition of uplifting organ music. In addition to our own supremely talented Carla Barrows, the Trinity Concert Series has been able to bring in top national talent and host a number of highly successful concerts to date, including Ken Cowan, Associate Professor and head of Rice University’s organ program; Walt Strony, America’s top theatre organist who thrilled...
us with the background music while we watched the original silent film version of Phantom of the Opera; the 500 Forward Reformation Hymn Festival with Carla Barrows, the Eon Brass from the University of Houston and the Trinity Festival Choir; and Grammy winner and chairman of the organ department at The Juilliard School, Paul Jacobs. The ongoing concert series represents a significant opportunity to reach out to the entire Houston community.

Of the original commitment to missions beyond Trinity, to date $54,000 has been funded which was divided between the Harms-Behnken Fund, the seminary in St. Louis for supporting the training of new pastors, and the Texas District. The balance of the original commitment will be transferred to the Harms-Behnken Fund. The Mission MAT recommends distribution of this fund in consultation with the Senior Pastor and Governing Board. The fund was created to support short-term missionaries from Trinity, full-time long-term missionaries abroad or domestically, and specific mission projects abroad. It is named after two former Trinity pastors, each of whom subsequently served as President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

As we wrap up the We Declare Your Mighty Acts capital campaign, we want to express our deep gratitude once more for the generous outpouring of Trinity’s members. However, this is just a milestone in our ongoing journey as we continue to reach out to a world desperately in need of God’s saving love. We take heart from God’s promises. We are the city set on a hill that cannot be hidden. It is with excitement that we look forward to what God has in store for us!

_But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. 2 Peter 3:18_

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**PEP Club - Houston Livestock Show**

Time to pull out your boots and Stetsons - the PEP Club is going to the Houston Livestock Show on Wednesday, March 7. No need to fret about parking as we’ll be taking a bus from Trinity that drops us at the door. Adults >60 and children <12 are free on that day and we’ll have a VIP tour starting at 1:00 p.m. Everyone else is welcome to join us by purchasing a $15 day admission. This outing does not include the evening rodeo.

Plan to leave at 9:15 and to return to Trinity by 3:30 pm. Special livestock events that day are paint horse, wagyu beef, and market broiler shows. Daily activities include petting zoo and milking parlor, pig races, school art entries, livestock exhibits, music performances, shopping, dining and too many more to list.

Please RSVP no later than March 4:

TCB online
Bea Uhl 713.864.4919 or beauhl@sbcglobal.net
Cynthia Roney - roneyc10@gmail.com
The Blessings of Serving as a Stephen Minister

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. They have a passion for bringing Christ’s love and care to people during a time of need. Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout the church and community. What a powerful way for Trinity congregation to respond to Christ’s commandment: “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:12).

Stephen Ministers are caring and compassionate, good listeners, firm believers in God and someone who can keep confidences. Stephen Ministers are there for those who are dealing with low self-esteem, illness/hospitalization, family frustrations and challenges, death or serious loss, financial setbacks, faith issues, terminal illness, loneliness, job loss or relocation, aging and elderly, separation/divorce, pregnancy/adoption, disabled and their families and a host of other conflicts.

Though some people find it difficult to admit they need help, in fact, realizing that one needs help and then seeking that help is a sign of strength, as well as an opportunity to grow personally and spiritually. It can be a great benefit in talking to an objective person when it isn’t possible or practical to share with a family member. A Stephen Minister is ready to be that person. They are not trained counselors and never pretend to be. Their only purpose is to give people who are experiencing challenges, hurts, or crises a listening ear who will not give advice, will not judge, but will be there to hold your hand and let you talk. St. Paul in Galatians 6:2 said we should “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Stephen Ministry also helps to build the spiritual and emotional life of those who “give” care. Most people go into Stephen Ministry to help others but then are surprised by how much it enriches their own heart and relationships. I want to share a few testimonies from Stephen Ministers and how Stephen Ministry has blessed them:

“Stephen Ministry taught me how to be a caregiver, but even more, it taught me how to live life in a new way - sharing Christ’s love with other people. It’s an awesome blessing to be used by God to bring hope and healing to someone else.” Mike, Georgia

“Stephen Ministry has enhanced every relationship I have. Now I can listen and be there without feeling like I have to rush in and try to “fix” things. I am much more at peace in difficult situations because I realize that it’s not me, but Christ within me, who does the work.” Yvette, Pennsylvania

“Since becoming a Stephen Minister, I’ve experienced a richness of God’s grace beyond anything I could have imagined. To truly listen with the ears of Christ, to see others through His eyes, to know His heart, to see Jesus working through me to touch the life of someone else is a window into heaven.” William, Texas

“My faith has grown, my prayer life has been strengthened, and I know how to really make a difference in people’s lives. I encourage anyone who has the chance to become a Stephen Minister to go for it!” Jason, Boston

“Stephen Ministry has given me a way to serve God more faithfully by bringing His presence to those in need. In the process, God has blessed me with skills I didn’t know I had and enriched my life in more ways than I could imagine.” Gene, Virginia

For myself, I can’t imagine my life without Stephen Ministry now. It becomes a part of you. It has strengthened my faith, it has enriched my prayer life, I am closer to God as I am “searching the Scriptures” more, I listen better, I encourage more and I thank God for all these blessings.

If you sense that God might be calling you to serve as a Stephen Minister or if you are going through a time in your life that you would benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Michael Dorn at mdorn@trinitydt.org or 713.229.2940 or Ron Lacy at rlacy@trinitydt.org or 713.229.2970.

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...” (Colossians 3:12).

Linda Gray, Stephen Leader

Testimonies used with permission by Stephen Ministries St. Louis
Finance Corner - March 1, 2018

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Proverbs 11:24 ESV

Dear Supporter of Trinity’s Ministry:

Your faithful generosity is making a real difference in the life of our church and our community. Our financial position continued to improve in January, with tithes, offerings and other income exceeding our budget by $15,000. January’s revenues were actually 24% greater than January of 2017, and average worship service attendance was 408, up 19 from December of 2017. And our Mighty Acts Capital Campaign finished strong at the end of December 2017 with donations exceeding the original pledges of $1,641,010 by over $13,000.

That said, the operational debt of over $1.132m which we’ve accumulated over the last few years remains a burden we must continue to address in the months and years to come. Your faithfulness in returning to the Lord a portion of His financial blessings is key to us expanding our ability to joyfully share Christ’s saving love with all people, NOW!

Joining Jesus alongside you,
Ron Lacy, CFO

Lent—Jesus—A Take-Away Thought - Midweek Lenten Services

Join us for Midweek Lenten Services at Noon and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Services will include Passion History Readings from the Gospel of St. John, Lenten Hymns, Holy Communion and a Lenten Take-away Thought.

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**Be in the Word**

**Adult Bible Classes - Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

**“1st and 2nd Peter”** - Led by Pastor Paul Dorn’s Team - Room 233

1 and 2 Peter – a 13-week course: If you are concerned about living your Christian faith in a sometimes unreceptive and even hostile environment, the words of hope that Peter wrote by inspiration of the Holy Spirit are timely and encouraging.

**“Hermeneutics”** - Led by Thomas DeVries Team - Room 234

The Hermeneutics class, which uses the tools of the liberal arts to understand the lessons of our faith, has a fresh new set of topics we will be weaving through the next several months. They include Stoicism, Intermittent Fasting, Church History, Allen Edmonds, Biases, Faith in Government and the Challenges of Prayer. The discussions are geared towards individuals in their 20s and 30s who have not yet started a family.

**“Images of Christ”** - Led by Jim Cleary’s Team - Room 205

Good Shepherd. Branch. Bridegroom. Cornerstone. There are many images of Christ in Scripture. Some of these word-portraits are easier for us to grasp than others, but each reveals an important aspect of who Christ is. Join us as we take on a new image each week. Discussion-oriented.

**“Philippians” - Partnership, Power & Praise in Jesus** - Led by Reggie Buford’s Team - Room 209

**“Travels with Moses”** - Led by Bill Fischer’s Team - Room 201

Moses is one of the primary people in the Old Testament and his life and actions form the basis of much of our beliefs. While many people are familiar with Moses’ role with Plagues in Egypt, the Exodus, the Parting of the Red Sea and the Ten Commandments, there is much more to his life. The “Heroes of Faith” chapter of Hebrews 11 devotes more time to Moses and Abraham than anyone else. Our study will follow how God used this very human man to guide His people. We learn the life of Moses in several Old Testament books: Exodus, a small part of Leviticus, and parts of Numbers. Deuteronomy repeats many of the same incidents as Exodus, and we’ll look at some of them for more details.

**Kids Bible Time/Youth Bible Classes - Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

**Age 3 through 3rd grade meet in Kids Park (Mary/Martha Hall in basement) for opening**

**Pre-K (ages 3 and 4)** - Basement Nursery Room

**K - 3rd Grade** - Basement

**4th-5th Grade** - Room 207, 2nd floor

**5th - 7th Grade** - First Communion - Room 214

**6th-7th Grade** - Room 208, 2nd floor

**8th Grade** - Confirmation Class in Room 124

**9th-12th Grade** - Underground Student Center (basement)

**Adult Midweek Bible Studies**

**Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Class - “Prayer”**

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. - Room 205. Women’s Bible Study led by Audrey Black

The topic on “Prayer” is based on the LifeLight Foundations In-Depth Bible Study Series. For more information, please contact Audrey Black at 713.782.6307 or dgb32@att.net.
Wednesday Women’s Bible Study - “Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah - The Lord Delivers His Faithful!”
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. - Gathering Space - Women’s Bible Study led by Jan Case

Sonrise Bible Study
Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. - Room 124 - Led by Pastor Black
Class discusses the Scripture readings assigned for the following Sunday. The class is open to men and women. Coffee is available. For more information, contact Pastor Black at 713.229.2917 or dblack@trinitydt.org.

TnT - 20s and 30s Group Bible Study
Current Study: “Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?: 12 False Christs” by Rev. Dr. Matthew Richard - Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at 7:30 p.m. - off site. Contact Rachel and Dag Calafell at rachel.calafell@gmail.com or 832.389.8998 for more information.

Gulf Coast Concert Band Performs at Trinity
Sunday, March 18, at 2:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church will host a performance by the Gulf Coast Concert Band (GCCB) on Sunday, March 18, at 2:30 p.m. in the Trinity sanctuary. Come be uplifted by rousing marches, swinging jazz tunes of yesterday, thoughtful sacred music, and stirring contemporary wind band literature. The band is directed by Maestro Benjamin Butler II, retired educator from Texas Southern University. The band is open to adults who want to play in a premier performing group. Dedicated community musicians performing in the band include engineers, teachers, doctors, and musical enthusiasts, including Trinity’s Dottie Burroughs on oboe.

Band rehearsals are held Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 in the Music Room of Lutheran High North, 1130 W. 34th Street. Monthly performances are given at venues around the Houston area. Typical performances have included Brookwood Community, Country Place, The Houston Yacht Club, and St. Mark’s 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Celebration. We hope you will come and bring friends to celebrate.

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40 Days for Life

Trinity is once again joining the Houston Lutherans for Life in sponsoring two days for the Spring Lenten campaign. Pastor Black has approved Monday and Tuesday, March 5th and 6th, for us to peacefully pray outside of the Planned Parenthood Center at 4600 Gulf Freeway.

I’m quoting this from the Coalition for Life: “Because you were there:
1) Pregnant moms have ONE FINAL opportunity to escape the traumatic experience of an abortion and choose life for their unborn child.
2) Hearts are touched, minds are changed and moms choose life.
3) Over 90% of women that are redirected to our practical assistance have chosen life.

Join us in a peaceful presence. The most vulnerable among us are innocent, defenseless unborn human beings. These babies have no voice. Their pain, their anguish and their cries are silent. They depend on us to SPEAK UP! They depend on us to ACT in defense of their lives.”

Please prayerfully consider volunteering two hours on either of these days and call Jan Case at 281.392.5899 or email her at jcase001@gmail.com to RSVP.

2017 Blanket Report

I’m sure most of you have seen members carrying around baby blankets and yarn. Several Lutheran churches participate in this ministry. Gethsemane - one lady cuts the material, hems and occasionally crochets. Our Savior cuts most of the flannel to be hemmed. Pilgrim does the embroidery. St. Mark hems most of our blankets. Zion and Our Savior make burp pads. Trinity downtown does the crocheting. Thrivent gave us 6 Action Cards which gave us $1500.00 for flannel, yarn and supplies. The rest of the costs are covered by donations to Our Savior Blanket Fund and workers buying their own supplies. In 2017 Living Word crocheted 17 blankets. Our Savior crocheted 393. St Mark 333, Trinity Downtown 240, Zion, Tomball 127. 1,105 blankets were given to the Big Blue Bus and 50 blankets were given to the Baby Blue Bus. Sheets and burp pads were also given out. Women are grateful and excited to receive our blankets. When a girl leaves the bus we know she has chosen life for her baby. Thank you to all the Trinity members who support this blanket ministry and if you are interested in joining us, call or email Jan Case, 281.392.5899, jcase001@gmail.com.
Emergency Room

In the February issue of our “Trinity Today” there was information regarding when to visit an Urgent Care Center. This month we will discuss when a visit to the Emergency Room should be considered. “Emergency Care Services” are defined as “inpatient or outpatient services that are necessary to prevent death or serious impairment of health and, because of the danger to life or health, require use of the most accessible hospital available and equipped to furnish those services.” If you have any of the symptoms, or similar symptoms listed below or if you feel that your condition cannot be treated at an Urgent Care Center or by your physician, it is imperative that you seek immediate medical attention by going to the EMERGENCY ROOM or by calling 9-1-1.

REMEMBER! BEWARE! AS BEFORE, THIS IS A PARTIAL LIST:

- Bleeding that won’t stop
- Severe chest pain
- Stroke
- Fainting
- Heat injury with loss of consciousness or disorientation
- Loss of vision or sudden change in vision
- Broken bone pokes through your skin
- Seizures
- Serious burns
- Spinal injury (neck or back)
- Sudden changes in mental state
- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- Vomiting or coughing up blood

SOURCE: Next Generation Accountable Care Organization

May our Lenten journey bring us multiple blessings as we contemplate what our Lenten Season provides for us.

“For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.” John 3:17 (KJV)

Julie Bertrand, R.N.

Join Pastor Michael & Veloyce Dom for a Ten Day Life-Changing tour of the Holy Land

October 9-18, 2018
Contact Pastor Dom at mdorn@trinitydt.org for details.
Greetings from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis!

We are now well into Lent and quickly approaching reading week here at the seminary. That means we’re already almost half-way done with this semester. Call Day and Commencement will be here before we know it. While these dates don’t have a huge impact on me in this first year of my studies, this is an exciting time for the seminary community as a whole and especially for the men who will be receiving vicarage assignments and first calls. Not only that, but the congregations who will be welcoming new vicars and pastors are looking forward to those days with eager anticipation. For my part, I’m just glad to have some warmer weather now and looking forward to Easter!

This new semester got off to a quick start. I have been learning so much as our class is going through preparation to begin preaching. Not only are we taking our first class on homiletics (the art of preaching), but our class on the synoptic gospels is focused on Luke, which is what will be covered in the lectionary when we are on vicarage. So, we will be ready all the more to take on regular preaching assignments during our vicarage assignments in our third year. It is good to know that the leaders of the seminary have set up the curriculum to ensure that we are properly prepared and equipped for the tasks that lay ahead of us. And not only are the courses setup in such a way to prepare us for ministry, but the professors have emphasized that these courses are not purely academic endeavors. That is, as we learn and grow in our knowledge about the faith, the courses should be driving us to grow in our own faith in Christ. It is such a great blessing to be here at Concordia and learning from these men who are not only incredibly intelligent and skilled in the areas in which they teach, but who are also ordained ministers with true pastors’ hearts. It is evident that they love Christ and His Church, they care about us, and that they want us to succeed for the sake of the people we will one day be serving.

I’ve mentioned my cross-cultural module last semester and I was able to stay in contact with that congregation. As a result, I was able to experience a Purim party this past Friday. Purim is the Jewish festival that celebrates the story of Esther. The entire book of Esther is read while children perform a melodrama of the story. The audience participates with noisemakers and cheers in reaction to the villain (Haman) and the heroes (Mordecai and Esther). And don’t forget about the great meal that comes before, which includes Hamantaschen, the traditional triangular pastries filled with various sorts of jam or pie filling. These are said to represent the three-pointed hat of Haman. Whatever the origin is, they were delicious!

Aside from some continued interaction with that congregation, the curriculum had me replace the cross-cultural module with an institutional module this semester. The module I chose was to work in an assisted living facility run by Lutheran Senior Services. I have been assigned three people to visit each week and I will be practicing pastoral visitation with these folks throughout the semester. We got started a bit late, so I’ve only had one visit since the orientation. However, I can already see the challenges and joys set before me as I try to get to know these folks and bring Jesus to them amidst their troubles and concerns.

My Field Education experience continues to be a blessing. A couple of weeks ago, I was able to stand in for our regular confirmation teacher, who also happens to be the systematics professor I had last semester. I also was able to be the liturgist for our Ash Wednesday service. While I was a bit surprised that we used the order of Matins, I was happy to participate in such a beautiful service and to have my first chance to chant the liturgy in a service. Not only that, but I helped the pastor in the imposition of ashes. Having been on the receiving end for so many years, it was quite an experience to be on the other side – to place my hand on people’s heads, one after another, and remind them that their death is coming, while placing a cross of ashes on their forehead. What a powerful statement. Although we lie in dust and ashes as we go through this life of repentance, and our bodies will return to dust after we die, even in the ashes we see the hope of the cross, which culminates in the resurrection of Christ, promising us that same resurrection in our baptism, as Paul reminds us in Romans 6. Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gifts which do not depend on us creatures, but are given freely out of the great mercy and love of our creator, our gracious heavenly Father!
On a similar note, around the same time as the terrible tragedy of the school shooting in Florida on Ash Wednesday, we examined a sermon in our homiletics class which talked about the gift and privilege of prayer in the face of trouble. The text was the account from Genesis 18 where Abraham bargains with God to spare the city of Sodom. In the spirit of Lent, Abraham humbly recognizes his lowly estate as dust and ashes, yet he holds on to the promise God has given him and clings to God’s mercy. We may not know why such awful things happen in our world, but God has given us His sure and certain promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation in spite of the evil of this world. We were also reminded in chapel that God suffers with us. As we go through this season of Lent, I encourage you to examine your life and confess your sins to our Father, who has promised to hear us and to forgive us all of our sins for the sake of His Son, Christ our Lord. But as you are in prayer for yourself, remember to pray for others who also need the comfort that Christ brings, those who are hurting because of the sin in this world. Pray for your brothers and sisters, but also for your enemies. Pray that God’s kingdom would come among us, just as we do in the second petition of the Lord’s Prayer. Look for the final restoration to come with eager anticipation as we journey towards Easter and the remembrance of the very foundation of our faith – the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

One practical way you could begin these prayers is to consider the life affirming work of groups such as Lutherans for Life. After participating with the Concordia Seminary Life Team in a stand and pray event at the Planned Parenthood facility here in St. Louis, I was invited to and went through some initial training produced by Lutherans for Life about Life Teams yesterday. Starting or getting involved with a Life Team may be a good option for you. Regardless of your interaction with a Life Team, I encourage you to think about ways you can pray for and act in support of life in your community as you consider the value that God places on life – He created it and is restoring it through Christ!

“Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.” (Joel 2:13b, ESV)

In Christ,
Chuck Ridley

Bagamoyo, Tanzania – Mission Trip
June 25, 2018 - July 6, 2018

God is at work, preparing the way to reach the Zaramo, the largest Unreached People Group in Tanzania, who live near the capital city of Dar es Salaam. They are over a million in number, most of whom have yet to hear of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Among this people group, there is a very small number who claim to be Christ followers, with the remaining claiming Islam.

Let’s shine God’s light together as we teach local pastors and faithful believers how to share the story of Jesus Christ and disciple new believers. We will spend the mornings teaching in small groups and then head into the field after lunch to put these newly learned skills to use. Early in the campaign, our team will model how to share the gospel, but will progressively remove ourselves from the process allowing our “students” to take the lead so they are fully capable of continuing without us when we leave.

Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” This perfectly describes the state of the Zaramo people. He is already preparing the way, and is raising up laborers to bring in the harvest. Will you answer the call to reach the unreached?

If you would like more information about joining this mission trip, please contact Alanna Bree at alannabree@sbcglobal.net.
Seeking Jesus

“He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53: 3-5

There is a moving scene in Franco Zeffirelli’s 1977 film Jesus of Nazareth that shows the character of Nicodemus standing along the Via Dolorosa as Jesus is carrying His cross to Golgatha. Nicodemus, played by the always-fabulous Sir Laurence Olivier, looks at the battered, beaten, and bloodied Jesus and quotes the ancient prophecy of Isaiah 53. At that moment Nicodemus realizes what is taking place. He is witnessing the very fulfillment of God the Father’s redemptive act of salvation as promised in Genesis 3:15, Psalm 22, Isaiah 53 and other countless Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament.

Now as much as I love the scene in the film, and as possible as it could be, the account is not found in The Bible. In fact we don’t know a lot about Nicodemus beyond his encounter at night with Jesus in John 3.

We know that Nicodemus was a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. At some level he is a seeker of Jesus as he approaches Jesus alone and at night. Jesus stuns Nicodemus with a message that in order to see the kingdom of God, a man must be born again (John 3:3) and that God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

After this encounter in John 3, we hear of Nicodemus again in John 7 as the Pharisees are discussing what to do with their perceived “Jesus problem,” and finally Nicodemus is instrumental in the caring and preparation of Jesus’ body for burial after His crucifixion (John 19:39).

As you continue upon your own Lenten journey to the cross, let me challenge you to do some Nicodemus reflecting.

Maybe your commitment to daily study of the Word and weekly Bible study is rock solid and can be a huge encouragement to those you encounter on your journey with Jesus. Perhaps this is a time to reset and reestablish those healthy spiritual disciplines that have gotten away from you. And perhaps as you read this article you feel as if you have no idea how to start seeking Jesus beyond weekly worship. If this is you, please know that you are not alone. I would love to sit down for coffee and discuss taking that next step in growing in your faith. Ask your questions and seek Jesus!

Joining Jesus with you,
Matt Meier
mmeier@trinitydt.org

Plastic Bags for Homeless Mats

The Peace-Filled Quilters currently have an overabundance of plastic bags for the Homeless Mats. At this time they are temporarily suspending collection of bags. The quilters wish to thank everyone who has generously donated bags in the past.
Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is an organization which works with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering. LWR was created in 1945 to provide relief to Europe after World War II and has continued providing help and support to over 4 million people through 126 projects in 36 countries including Philippines, Syria, and South Sudan. When disaster strikes, LWR provides life-saving relief and support to those most in need and continues long after the headlines have faded, working with communities to rebuild their lives and recover their livelihoods. LWR along with local partners helps people to have access to clean water and health care, teaches people about water management, diseases of poverty, and agricultural techniques, and provides people with the skills to participate in the decision making processes that affect their lives. Small-scale farmers have access to markets through LWR such as Fair Trade Coffee and Fair Trade Chocolate. LWR is part of the Lutheran Malaria Initiative to eliminate deaths from malaria in Africa. To learn more about LWR, go to www.lwr.org. Ladies Circle Ministries members support LWR by gathering on the third Tuesday of the month to make quilts throughout the year, making the kits of care, and collecting soap. The Lutheran World Relief Ingathering will occur the Monday after Easter to pack and send the quilts, kits, and soap to the LWR. Please bring your kits to church by Monday, April 2nd and put them in the LWR container in the foyer.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

- 1 bath-size towel (approximately 52” x 27”), dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 ounces) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers, remove packaging

*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing the individual toothbrush in a business envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarns. Do not use any plastic bags.

SOAP

New bars of any brand soap, in their original wrapping. All bars are accepted; however, bath-size bars (4 to 5 ounces) are highly preferred.

SCHOOL KITS

- 4 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8” x 10½”; no looseleaf paper
- 1 30-cm ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 5 black/blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- 1 box 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 2½” eraser
- 1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14” x 17” with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Do not add other items or leave out any item listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove excess packaging; pack all items in bag and close. Do not enclose the kit or any of its items in plastic bags.

BABY CARE KITS

- 2 light weight cotton t-shirts
- 2 long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel or crocheted or knitted with light weight yarn, up to 52” square
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 1 jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with hood, or include a baby cap
- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 ounces) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins

Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Varying sizes of the clothing items will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows. Sweaters with buttons or tie down the front are preferred. Diapers can be made from flannel. Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) may be substituted for new ones. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Do not enclose the kit or any of its items in plastic bags.

Donated items should not have any religious symbols, messages or Trinity’s name or be decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
BAPTISMS
January 28
Bryce James Blanchard

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Lennon Kate Rodriguez

January 28
Dysen Shaw Webber

February 4
Ella Louise Stegemiller

February 5
Adelaide Joy Klugewicz

February 11
David James Calafell

February 3
David Dylan Diltz

DEATHS
February 4
James D. Woods

February 16
Lucile Nerger

REVENUE UPDATE
Year To Date through 02/18/18
Actual Receipts ............... $250,273
Budgeted Receipts ........... $231,638

ORGAN FUND UPDATE
Year To Date through 02/18/18
Total Contributions .......... $451,397
Remaining Balance .......... $140,485

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**Ladies Circle Ministries Luncheon Gathering - March 1**

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Circle will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, in the Mary & Martha Fellowship Hall.

The guest speakers will be Dalton and Deanne Noack, retired missionary/educators who served in many places, including India, Brazil, Sri Lanka, and Ghana, West Africa. They have titled their presentation “Traveling New Roads & Trying New Recipes.”

The mission project for this meeting will be the gathering of freewill offerings for the support of Lutheran Hour Ministries.

A covered dish luncheon honoring birthdays of January, February and March will be served at noon. Members and guests are encouraged to come and bring along a friend. For more information, please call Ethelene Marshall, president, at 713.849.9266.

Additional dates to remember:
- March 7 & 21 - 10:30 a.m. Devotions at Highland Park Care Center, 2714 Morrison St.
- Sunday, April 1 - Bake Sale benefitting Good Samaritan Auxiliary and Bethesda Lutheran Group Homes
- April 2 - Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering

**The 39 Club**

The 39 Club is invited to meet in the foyer following the 10:50 a.m. service on March 11 and plan to have lunch together at Shanghai River Restaurant, 2407 Westheimer Road.

In February the group enjoyed delicious “Chili and fixin’s,” as well as fellowship in conversation around the dinner table at Jean’s home.

Those who are single, 39 and over, are invited to join us. For more information, contact Jean Minsch at 281.550.4752.

**A Life Quote for the Church Year – March 25 – Palm Sunday/Annunciation of Our Lord**

“Whose life matters most? Every human being down to the teeniest and feeblest, since God made sure to incarnate Himself as embryo in Mary’s womb and then became completely helpless in crucified execution. How much do they matter? So much that Jesus redeemed them each and all, with His lifeblood as the price.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, bring forth Your name from our lips so that it draws all people to You. Amen.”

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