

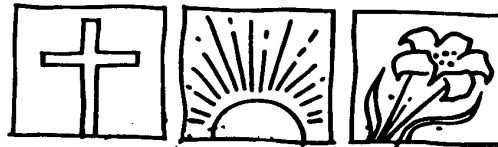
# The TRUMPET

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Trinity Lutheran Church  
Boxholm, Iowa

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## LENT - EASTER SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 29 - *First Sunday in Lent*

6:00 p.m. Light Supper at Trinity

7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Service

Sunday, March 7 - *Second Sunday in Lent*

6:00 p.m. Light Supper at Boxholm United  
Methodist Church

7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Service

Sunday, March 14 - *Third Sunday in Lent*

6:00 p.m. Light Supper at Pilot Mound United  
Methodist Church

7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Service

Sunday, March 21 - *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

6:00 p.m. Light Supper at Trinity

7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Service

Sunday, March 28 - *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

6:00 p.m. Light Supper at Boxholm UMC

7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Service

Sunday, April 4 - *Palm Sunday*

7:00 p.m. Easter Cantata at Pilot Mound UMC  
Refreshments follow

Thursday, April 8 - *Maundy Thursday*

7:00 p.m. Joint Service at Trinity (Faith Luth.)  
Refreshments follow

Friday, April 9 - *Good Friday*

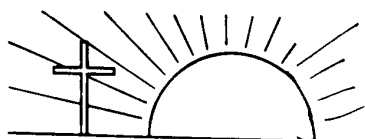
7:00 p.m. Community Service at Boxholm UMC

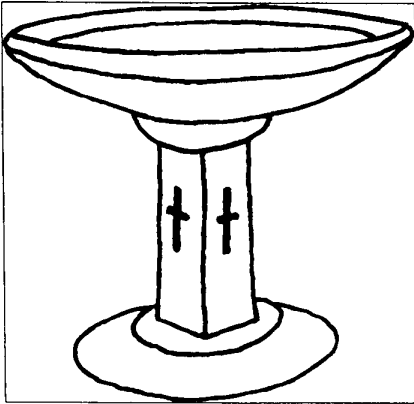
Sunday, April 11 - *Easter Sunday*

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service and Breakfast at  
the Harcourt Park Shelterhouse, sponsored  
by the Cooperative Youth -

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship at Trinity





I don't believe in geniuses. I've known some really smart people, but most (read "each") of them had these quirks that made me think a lot less of a 'Renaissance Man' and a lot more of a 'Rain Man'. I had an economics professor in college who was brilliant in his field, but who never wore a pair of matching shoes. He would wear a three-piece suit (sometimes the same one, day after day after day), but his footwear would change – a bedroom slipper paired with a hiking boot; a penny loafer and a basketball shoe; a sandal and a saddle shoe. It made us wonder if any of his footwear was organized in any manner at all, or if there were perhaps two giant bins of shoes in his closet – one for left shoes and one for any other type of shoe that might exist.

He was a character the likes of which you might read about in a book, and he exhibited flashes of genius, but one glance at his feet made you think that perhaps his beer wagon was short at least one Clydesdale.

But you don't have to be in the presence of great intelligence to see a flash of genius. I taught a confirmation class, in which a young woman thought perhaps King Herod could have used a lot more 'ruth'. I thought this was another bit of contemporary jargon that I was too old to identify, but one of her classmates stopped her and asked what 'ruth' was. She went on to explain that it was kind of like kindness and niceness and tolerance and stuff.

"But I never heard of the word 'ruth' before," her classmate said.

As it turned out, she hadn't either. But the confirmation book had read that Herod was *ruthless*, so she had just assumed that Herod lacked an appropriate reserve of 'ruth'.

Now she was lay down wrong, but darned if I didn't know exactly what she meant! I've run across any number of people who could use a good dose of 'ruth' – that particular blend of character traits that would keep them from being 'ruth-less'. I don't doubt that human behaviorists have spent millions of grant dollars doing research to come up with a definition of that one missing element in so many lives – and I got it for free, from a thirteen year old girl. They just need more 'ruth'.

I got to thinking about this the other day, when my wife and I were again contemplating the possibility of 'dog hell', after one of them had knocked over the trash can & gone through the garbage. Again.

"You'd think she'd be a better dog, after I've bath-tized her so many times..." Cheryl said. Bath-tized? Bath-tism! A flash of genius! It's exactly the phrase we've needed for so long! Theologians & church historians have buried the concept of baptism under so many nuances and mysteries and arguments about just what happens there that it is no small wonder it doesn't mean much of anything to so many today. It's become something we have to get checked off in the process of getting a child, like painting the nursery and that first series of shots – "we've got to get the baby DONE".

But BATH-TISM – that's a concept that anybody can wrap their heads around, without much confusion of any sort. In BATH-TISM, God arranges to wash off that initial layer of crud we're all born with. After that, the parents & sponsors promise to intentionally keep the baby and themselves spiritually clean until the day comes when the child is ready to take on the job; the Affirmation of their own Bath-tism, as it were.

Luther admonished us to return to our baptism every morning – a great idea, and theologically sound, but not high on my list of priorities at 6:15 on a weekday morning. Bath-tism, though - all we need is a shower head with a massage setting to celebrate that! Clean again – fresh again – ready to start the day – again. Praise God!

Maybe today, fresh from my shower of grace, I can even demonstrate a greater amount of 'ruth' in my life. We'll see...



The TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL met on Feb. 3, 2004. Those councilpersons in attendance were: Pastor Rod, Randy Reutter, Larry Fatka, Roberta Clausen, John Swanson, Mary Ann Haleen, Larry Krakau, Dustine Peterson & Rhonda Nelson.

- Pastor Rod opened with devotions and prayer.
- The secretary's & treasurer's reports were given: Jan. Income: \$3,921.46; Expenses: \$5,205.39; Balance: \$7,935.97; Financial Sec. reported Jan. Income \$598.46 more than in Jan., 2003.
- Pastor Rod reported for Music & Worship committee that Ash Wednesday will be a joint service with Faith at 7:30 p.m. at Faith in Harcourt. Lenten Services with Boxholm & Pilot Mound UMC will start Feb. 29 with light Supper at 6 p.m. & services at 7 p.m. We will be using setting 2 during Lent & "Now the Feast" for the 4 Sundays after Easter.
- Christian Ed...we discussed Sunday School material possibilities & Confirmation is planned for Palm Sunday.
- Memorial Fund received \$90.00 from Helen Johnson family & reported \$4,620 in Savings & \$574.52 in checking.
- Property Committee: Work on the sound system is continuing.
- We need an alternate council member for the Cooperative Council & Roberta Clausen agreed to serve in this capacity.
- Pastor Rod informed us that 750 more cookbooks had been ordered & they should be available on Feb. 22 for the cooperative service.
- We made plans for the Groff Benefit; Larry Krakau will check on ice cream; Rod will place an ad in local newspapers, & Gwen will recruit people to make bars.
- Motion made to purchase a desk top computer rather than a lap top computer as previously discussed because the cost is much less.
- Discussion as held on our baptism practice.
- Meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

- Rhonda Nelson, Secretary



LENTEN  
BIBLE  
STUDY

## THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE

**"You are not an accident. Even before the universe was created, God had you in mind, & he planned you for his purposes. These purposes will extend far beyond the few years you will spend on earth. You were made to last forever!"**

That's the first paragraph on the dust cover of the book, "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren, which we will be using as a Lenten discipline & study for the next few weeks. It is a program book – you read a chapter each day, and intentionally live with its thought for 24 hours. The chapters are designed to turn us to God, the Creator, to find his reasons for creating you.

The classes started February 26th, but if you would still like to join us, talk to Rod. He will arrange to get you a book & get you caught up with the rest of the class.

We will have guests from Faith in Harcourt joining us for this study. The discussion promises to be enlightening, and as always, there will be more than a little laughter...

...and of course, snacks. Always snacks!

We meet **Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. downstairs in Trinity's Fellowship Room.** Won't you consider joining us?

## AS WE PREPARE FOR EASTER.....

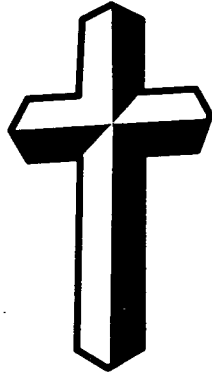
The Lenten season is a time for

Reflection  
Meditation  
Prayer  
Rededication

A time for all persons to  
Examine their lives  
Evaluate priorities  
Establish stronger ties  
with God and others;

A time for us to  
Share our Faith  
Serve others  
Do good to others  
Deepen our friendships and  
Pray for one another.

-G. Todd Roberts



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## The quest

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I asked for bread!

Life led me to a plain,  
And put a plough at hand,  
And bade me toil until my bread I earned.

I asked for drink!

Life led me to a sand  
As dry as tearless grief —  
Forced me to find the springs of sympathy.

I asked for joy!

Life led me to a street,  
And had me hear the cries  
of wayward souls who waited to be freed.

I asked for words!

Life led me to a wood,  
Set me in solitude  
where speech was still and wisdom came by  
prayer.

I asked for love!

Life led me to a hill,  
And bound me to a cross  
To bear and lift and be hanged upon.

## WONDER

*God help me  
to feel wonder...  
in a leaf  
in a ray of sun  
in a snowfall,  
To laugh and cry  
with somebody else  
or all by myself.  
To let gaiety in my life  
and to show someone else how.  
To take a friend's hand  
for no special reason.  
To value the small things  
but to want to do great things.  
To believe what Your Son said about  
becoming like little children.  
May I be at home in your kingdom.  
Amen.*



WELCOME  
SPRING!

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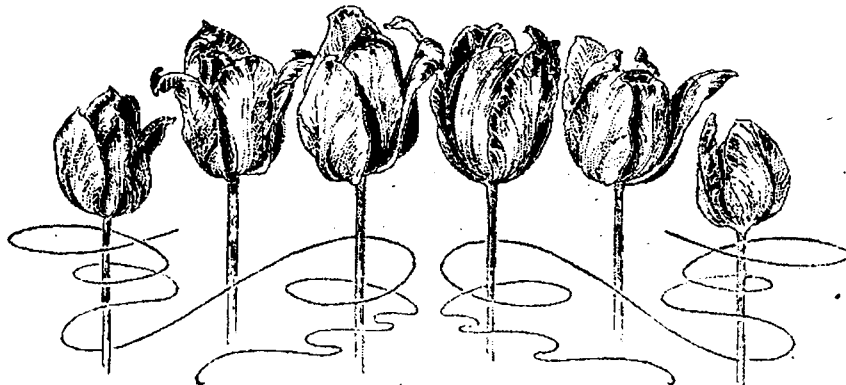
## Spring

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And the Spring arose on the garden fair,  
Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere;  
And each flower and herb on Earth's dark breast  
Rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.

—Percy B. Shelley





**HOSPITALIZED** since the last Newsletter: Carl Peterson, Don Swanson

*Thank You*

**MANY THANKS** to everyone who remembered me with prayers, cards, and visits following my hip surgery. God bless you.

- Elaine Kauffman

**THANK YOU...**

Sincere thanks to family, friends and Pastor Rod who visited me at Mary Greeley Medical Center during my 30 day stay. Phone calls and cards made time pass much faster. Its nice to be home.

Sincerely, Carl A. Peterson

**THANK YOU** very much for participating in "Superbowl Sunday".

We collected \$25.00 and 21 cans of soup. All of what was collected went to the Ogden Food Pantry. Thanks again!

-Ashley Blair

...What really matters is what happens in us, not to us.

-James W. Kennedy

...What is seen will pass, but what is unseen is eternal.

...Spring proclaims the eternal "yes" of Easter.

...The dewdrop does God's work as much as the thunderstorm.



...Trinity Council and Members...

Thank you so much for the Radio Shack gift card at Christmas. I had bought 2 DVD players for FUSION, but we did not have one at home, so I finally bought one for home! The kids are very happy!

I miss not being able to be with you more, but I am afraid this is the downside of Cooperative Ministry. I am so grateful for all the ministry Rod provides. We are, indeed, blessed with his presence.

I continue to be excited about our ministry together. Thank you for your leadership and support.

May God continue to bless us as we journey together into the future.

-Pastor Jim, Tami & family

**A Measure of Our Love & Faithfulness:**

(Giving)	(Attendance)
Sun., Feb. 1: \$ 835.00 .....	51
Sun., Feb. 8 \$1,562.00 .....	45
	700.00 from WELCA
Food Pantry: \$6.00 & 3 bags of food	
Sun., Feb.15: \$ 250.00 .....	48
Sun., Feb.22: \$2,504.00 ICE CREAM	
	SUNDAY-
	Groff Benefit (no service at Trinity)

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS.....**

tuna, beef stew, crackers, fruit, pasta, peanut butter, macaroni & cheese

**LAY READERS for March:**

- 7 Mandy Larson
- 14 Gwen Scheetz
- 21 Kate Alevantis
- 28 Roberta Clausen

March 7 Communion Assistant: Gwen Scheetz

Stewards: Larry & Mary Krakau

Head Usher for March: Randy Lehman

Helpers: Bob Nelson & Chuck Swanson

Altar: Norma Henrichs, Irene Westfall



# Women of the ELCA

**March Bible Study**  
"The Work of Christ"  
Philippians 2:1-30

**March Altar Flowers**  
Mission Growth Committee  
Rhonda Nelson, Viola Anderson,  
Bea Freeman, Annette Peterson

Wednesday, March 3, 1:00 p.m.  
2:30 p.m.

Friday, March 5, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 17, 2:00 p.m.

Monday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.

## **WORSHIP AT OGDEN MANOR –**

Elizabeth Group

**ELIZABETH GROUP:** Hostess: Annette, Faye, Elin; Devotions: Doris Peterson; Lesson: Annette Peterson; Roll Call: Verse from Psalms

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** at the Pilot Mound United Methodist Church

*"In Faith, Women Shape the World"*

-prepared by the Women of Panama  
**QUILT WORK DAY;** Potluck dinner at noon & lunch; Bible study ?

**LOIS GROUP;** Hostess: Viola Anderson; Devotions: Elaine Kauffman; Lesson: Elaine (Bible Study); Roll Call: Lenten Verse

**MIRIAM GROUP;** Hostess: Bea Freeman; Devotions: Norma Henrichs; Lesson: Gwen Scheetz; Roll Call: Favorite Bible Story

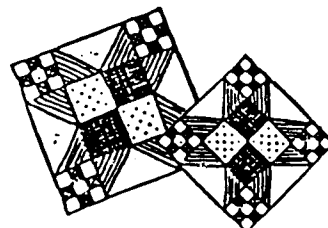
The first Lenten service will be on February 29 and the Elizabeth Group is in charge of the light meal preceding the service. The meal will be served at 6 p.m. and the service will begin at 7 p.m. The season of Lent is a thinking time, a praying time and a singing time. It is a time to remember Jesus and the forty days He spent alone deciding the kind of a life He would live.

World Day of Prayer will be held at the United Meth. Church in Pilot Mound on March 5 at 2:00 p.m. This year's program is from the women of Panama.

Our Quilt Work Day will be held on March 10 beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will have a potluck dinner at noon and of course, coffee morning and afternoons as well. At the time of this writing I don't know how many quilts we will have to work on so I don't know if we will have our Bible study or not. Keep watching the bulletins!

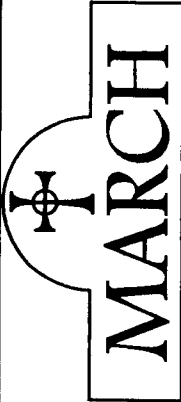
*"It is not the greatness of my faith that moves mountains,  
but my faith in the greatness of God".*

-Women of the ELCA President, *Gwen Scheetz*



*World Day of  
Prayer*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & coffee fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion 6:00 p.m. Light Supper at Boxholm UMC 7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Worship	8	9	10	11	12	13
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & coffee fellowship 10:30 Worship; Food Pantry Choir rehearsal 2:00 p.m. "Sonshine Singers" at Phillips School, Ft. Dodge 6 p.m. Light Supper-Pilot UMC 7 p.m. Community Lenten Worship	15	16	17	18	19	20
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & coffee fellowship 10:00 a.m. Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship/Temple Talk 6:00 p.m. Light Supper at Trinity Lutheran Church 7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Worship	22	23	24	25	26	27
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & coffee fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship; Choir rehearsal follows 6:00 p.m. Light Supper at Boxholm UMC 7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Worship	29	30	31			

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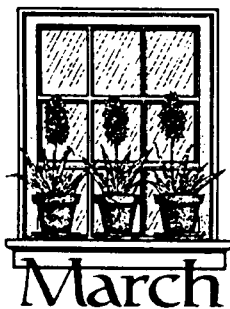
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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

DATED MATERIAL

FIRST CLASS

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 4  | Mary Krakau       | 20 | Nicole Shute      |
| 7  | John Ferrari, Jr. | 20 | Elaine Kauffman   |
| 7  | Steve Nelson      | 21 | Raymond McFarland |
| 8  | Don Swanson       | 23 | Denise Lehman     |
| 9  | Chuck Swanson     | 24 | Dorothy Henrichs  |
| 10 | Brayden Greimann  | 25 | Paul Peterson     |
| 15 | Mitchell Peterson | 25 | Sue Shreve        |

## ANNIVERSARIES

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|----|--------------------------|
| 10 | Larry and Mary Krakau    |
| 26 | Ron and Delores Peterson |



DON'T GET YOUR CLOTHES DIRTY. THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE CLEAN TO WEAR TO CHURCH.