

# TRUMPET

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Boxholm, Iowa

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## L E N T E N     S E R V I C E S

**MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> Ash Wednesday Service**  
Faith Lutheran Church, Harcourt  
**7:30 p.m.**  
Refreshments following the service –

**MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> at Trinity, Boxholm**  
Lunch at **6:00 p.m.**  
Serving: Faith Group  
Community Lenten Service at **7:00 p.m.**  
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**MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> at the Boxholm UMC**  
Lunch at **6:00 p.m.**  
Community Lenten Service at **7:00 p.m.**  
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**MARCH 19<sup>th</sup> at the Pilot Mound UMC**  
Lunch at **6:00 p.m.**  
Community Lenten Service at **7:00 p.m.**  
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**MARCH 26<sup>th</sup> at Trinity, Boxholm**  
Soup Supper at **6:00 p.m.**  
TICWF Youth Group  
Community Lenten Service at **7:00 p.m.**

### PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

*Lord, we come to Lent once again to seek you and to find you, but we want to do more this Lent, to seek and find you in a more lasting and meaningful way. Forgive us Lord. We don't want to slip back into our uncaring, habit-ridden ways as soon as Easter passes. We wish with all our beings to seek you in a new way, with new awareness and with new determination.*

*You are the ultimate meaning of Lent. The season makes little sense without you and your resurrection. Help us to enter into the present season, full of love in seeking you and joy in finding you. May your mind, your presence, your example, your Spirit, touch us so that, day by day, we may seek you wherever you may be found, in any circumstances, at any time, in any person, even in ourselves.*





Granddaughter Haileigh is mobile & talking now – or sort of, on both counts. She is crawling fast enough to get at and into things before we can get to her, but not so fast that the cats & dogs can't still make an easy escape. But she is also pulling herself up to things, & taking those first, tentative steps on her own. Already, the pets are looking for obscure or high hiding places to nap. This new wrinkle in their lifestyle when Haileigh visits makes them nervous, but they seem to think it is nicely offset by the rain of edible pieces & crumbs that fall from the high chair: canine manna!

She also says "mama". Nothing unusual there.

More interesting to me was her second word or phrase: "uh-oh." What a great choice for her to make! "Uh-oh" is such an appropriate response to so many different circumstances in the life of a child.

"Don't those whiskers look like a convenient way to carry the cat? Uh-oh."

"Mom's going to try to feed me something green from one of those little jars; and her wearing a white blouse. Uh-oh."

"I'm too young to make a good guess: how many pieces to vases USUALLY come in? Uh-oh."

"Well, thank goodness THAT bout of constipation is over! .....uh-oh."

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I have several dozen Bibles in my library, of different translations & interpretations. I have determined that I don't need another one probably ever in my life – but I might be willing to invest in one more, if it worked the word "uh-oh" freely into its version. I think it would give it a sense of reality that others don't ever reach: the Bible is, after all, an extended history of "uh-oh" moments.

"Then Adam & Eve heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, & they hid....uh-oh."

"Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?....uh-oh."

God said, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them....uh-oh."

"When Joseph's brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him....uh-oh."

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.....uh-oh."

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.....uh-oh"

'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment.....uh-oh.

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Welcome to Lent. Lent is a season of looking at the "uh-oh" moments in our own lives – admitting them, confessing them, bringing them to God, & leaving them there, knowing that they are covered by the power of the blood that flowed from His Son on the cross.

# CHURCH COUNCIL

The **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL** held a short meeting prior to worship on January 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the ballot for the Annual Meeting on Jan. 22. Those present were: Larry Krakau, Larry Fatka, Rich Larson, Randy Reutter, Dustine Peterson, Randy Lehman, Roberta Clausen, Gwen Scheetz & Rhonda Nelson.

- Randy Lehman led the meeting.
- It was recommended that we drop back from 11 to 9 persons on the Council. Roberta & Dustine agreed to run for re-election and Marie Bengtson consented to an appointment to John Swanson's position. Motion made & carried to reduce the number on the Council and also to accept the ballot as presented. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: Auditors: Denise Lehman, Janet Reutter & Chuck Swanson; Luth. Representative for Lenten Services: Gwen Scheetz; Head Ushers: Ken Peterson & Shorty Peterson. It was decided to eliminate the Madrid Home Delegates.
- The meeting was adjourned.



The **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL** held their re-organizational meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> with the following members in attendance: Pastor Rod, Randy Lehman, Larry Krakau, Larry Fatka, Rich Larson, Marie Bengtson, Dustine Peterson, Roberta Clausen, & Rhonda Nelson.

- Church officers will remain the same as last year: Chairman: Rod Meyer; Vice-Chr: Randy Lehman; Secretary: Rhonda Nelson; Treasurer: Larry Fatka; Financial Secretary: Larry Krakau, Memorial Treasurer: Rich Larson; Building Fund Treasurer: Randy Reutter.
- Several changes were made in the church committees & communion assistants & those will be published in the new Directory. Marie will serve as Chairman of Music & Worship & Roberta will serve as Co-Chr. on the Property Committee. Property Committee will prepare a new mowing schedule & it was suggested that the Music & Worship Committee might work on a new mission statement for the church.
- Rod reported that Lenten services will be held with the Methodist churches as in previous years with a light lunch prior to services on Sunday evenings. Ash Wed. service will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Faith in Harcourt.
- Larry Krakau suggested that we might want to reduce the number of voting members required to be present at our annual meeting to 25 rather than 40. Pastor Rod will review the Bylaws to see if the Council can vote to change this number.
- After examining the sound system & speakers in the church, a motion was made to eliminate the lapel microphone and install another portable mic in the altar area instead.
- John & Jolene Swanson have requested a transfer to the United Methodist Church in Woodward, Iowa.
- There will be no Council meeting in February and our next Council meeting will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned.

-Rhonda Nelson, Secretary

AWAKEN TO BIRTH

New day

already born!

who heralded your coming?  
who acknowledged your birth?

Not we

so busy with yesterday's tasks,  
so impressed with our full schedules.

Your coming

has left us with crowded emptiness,  
and our ordered routines.

But what now?

How does the plant know

to turn to the warming light?

How does the rain know where to fall

to bring new green blades?

Hidden in the heart of creation

is the Creator's truth,

but we must prepare to receive  
or truth may die in the birth!

New day

already born!

Awaken us to the birth already among

us

so that death may not be our end!



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

-James W. Kennedy

...The nail-pierced Figure on Calvary  
haunts our race as a symbol of what  
is forever taking place generation  
after generation, and of what each of  
us has our part in.

-Henry Sloane Coffin

*I was not worthy*

*But was made worthy*

*By the one who came before*

*And is to come again.*

-Susan Mehegan

**YOU ARE INVITED..to a  
"COME & GO SHOWER"**

for

**Karen Fatka**

**April 8, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**Come & enjoy visiting with**

**Karen & an afternoon**

**Lunch. She is**

**Registered at:**

**Target, Kohl's, Younkers**



... When faithfulness is most difficult,  
it is most rewarding.

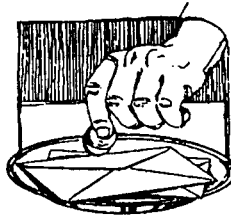
... Isn't it strange that some Christians  
withhold from the world the best news  
that ever came into it!

... Jesus didn't lose his life, he gave it.



...John Ferrari is now at the care facility in Stratford...

**FLOWERS** in the altar area on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, were from the funeral of *Mildred Sundell* (Jan.23) Also the large floral Arrangement in the Chapel.



**S M I L E**.....

The Presents of God



A 3-yr. old boy in our congregation, who had received more than his share of gifts, was attending his infant sister's Baptism. He sat attentively for most of the service. When the pastor spoke the words..."now in the presence of God," The young boy smiled & piped up loud and clear, "Did he say PRESENTS?"

Same Department

A pastor knocked on the parishioner's door. "Angel, is that you?" said a voice from inside. "No, but I'm from the same department!"

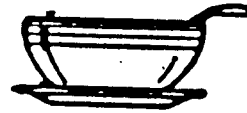


A Measure of Our Love & Faithfulness:

(Giving)	(Attendance)
<u>Sun., Jan.29:</u> \$2,344.00 .....	70
	8.00 Initial
<u>Sun., Feb.5:</u> \$1,578.00 .....	46
<u>Sun., Feb.12:</u> \$1,163.00 .....	48
Food Pantry: \$14.00 & 3 bags of food	
<u>Sun.Feb. 19:</u> (Countryside Ministry Worship at Zion)	

**THANKS.....**

Thanks to all who contributed to the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** on Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>..... \$35.00 & 29 soup cans



**LAY READERS FOR MARCH**

- 5 Brenda Anderson
- 12 Bob Nibel
- 19 Larry Fatka
- 26 Linda Swanson

March 5 Communion Stewards: Larry & Mary Krakau

Head Usher for March: Randy Lehman

Helpers: Andy Ross, Chuck Swanson

Altar: Norma Henrichs, Irene Westfall, Annette Peterson

Bulletins: Annette Peterson, Ken Peterson

Newsletters assemblers: Gwen Scheetz, Norma Henrichs, Annette Peterson

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

... *Without you, God's plan is incomplete...*

- With a childlike trust, I lovingly place myself and all my affairs in the hands of the Father. That which is for my highest good shall come to me.



# Women of the ELCA

## MARCH BIBLE STUDY

“Act Boldly with Faithfulness”

There are so many stories from the Bible that tell about faithful people. We, too, can experience faithfulness in the people we meet today.



## MARCH ALTAR FLOWERS

Mission Growth committee  
Bea Freeman, Elaine Kauffman,  
Rhonda Nelson, Doris Peterson

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

**Worship at the Ogden Manor - Miriam Group**  
**HOPE GROUP**; Hostess: Janet Reutter;  
Devotions: Irene Westfall; Lesson: Viola  
Anderson; Roll Call: Psalms

Friday, March 3, 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 8, 9:00 a.m.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – at Trinity  
**QUILT WORK DAY**; noon potluck; short  
business meeting; Devotions: Mission  
Growth

Wednesday, March 15, 2:00 p.m.

**FAITH GROUP**; Hostess: Doris Peterson at  
her home; Devotions: DeLoris Lundvall;  
Lesson: Annette Peterson; Roll Call:  
Lenten-Easter Thought

Monday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.

**MIRIAM GROUP**; Hostess: Linda Swanson;  
Devotions: Mary Krakau; Lesson: Bea Freeman;  
Roll Call: Sunday School Memory

Wednesday, March 29, 1:00 p.m.

**Worship at the Ogden Manor – Faith Group**

Our calendars are saying soon it will be March 1 which tells me that the first day of Spring is getting closer each day! We have had an unusual winter but the warmer temperatures were very welcome. It also is saying to me that March 1 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season, 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.

Remember that World Day of Prayer is here at Trinity on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. The series is written by the women of South Africa and is entitled “Signs of the Times.” I have asked the Miriam Group to provide lunch for that afternoon. Then our first Lenten Service is here at Trinity on March 5<sup>th</sup> and a light meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the service at 7:00 p.m. I have asked the Faith Group to plan that meal and to ask the Miriam Group to help wherever they need them as they would not all be used to help on World Day of Prayer.

I will be calling an Executive Board Meeting very soon as we have to make plans for our Mother-Daughter luncheon on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our Quilt Work Day in January was well attended and a lot was accomplished. As I write this we will be having another day of quilting on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Many hands make it all go so much easier and we do get a lot done and enjoy our times of fellowship with coffees and a noon potluck!

Also keep in mind the Cluster 8 Spring Event will be held at Fulton, Moorland, on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with the theme being “Sowing Seeds of Faith”. Trinity has the opening for that day.

*“It’s good to be a Christian and know it, but  
it’s better to be a Christian and show it!!”*



-Women of the ELCA President, *Gwen Scheetz*

*World Day of  
Prayer*



# FEBRUARY 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (Green) <u>9:15 a.m.</u> Sunday School <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Coffee Fellowship <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Worship/Holy Communion ... Youth Event			<u>2:00 p.m.</u> Hope Group <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Confirmation <u>7:30 a.m.</u> Bible Study	<u>7:00 p.m.</u> Joint Choir Rehearsal at Zion		<u>8:30 a.m.</u> "Christian Woman Speaks" <u>11-1:00</u> Soup Lunch & Bake Sale at Faith
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (Green) <u>9:15 a.m.</u> Sunday School <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Coffee Fellowship <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Worship			<u>2:00 p.m.</u> Women of ELCA General Meeting <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Confirmation <u>7:30 p.m.</u> Bible Study			
Lincoln's Birthday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (Green) <u>9:15 a.m.</u> Sunday School <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Coffee Fellowship <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Worship Food Pantry Sunday <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Valentine Dinner at Faith		Valentine's Day (Green)	<u>10:00 a.m.</u> VBS meeting at Trinity <u>2:00 p.m.</u> Faith Group <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Confirmation <u>7:30 p.m.</u> Bible Study			
<u>9:15 a.m.</u> Sunday School <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Countryside Ministry Joint Service at Zion, Gowrie (no service at Trinity)	Presidents' Day		<u>9:00 a.m.</u> Quilt Work Day; noon Potluck <u>1:00 p.m.</u> Ogden Manor- (Miriam Gr.) <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Confirmation <u>7:30</u> Bible Study			
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD Last Sunday after Epiphany (White) <u>9:15 a.m.</u> Sunday School <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Coffee Fellowship <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Worship	<u>7:30 p.m.</u> Miriam Group		March 1 ASH WEDNESDAY <u>7:30 p.m.</u> Service at Faith, Harcourt			



*I have learned to be content  
whatever the circumstances.  
I can do everything through  
Him who gives me strength.*  
Philippians 4:11;13

*Then his flesh is renewed like  
a child's; it is restored as in  
the days of his youth.*  
Job 33:25



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

## ANNIVERSARIES

19	Larry & Mary Krakau
26	Ron & Delores Peterson