

### “A Wonderful Partnership”

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members and friends of Trinity congregation for the privilege of serving as your pastor for the past 34 years. I feel like the Apostle Paul when he wrote to the Christian congregation at Philippi: “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” (Phil. 1:3-4)

Someone asked me what was the greatest aspect of my ministry at Trinity. I responded by saying that the members of Trinity loved and trusted me enough to be willing to try a new ministry in reaching other people with the love of Jesus Christ, even when members had reservations. Whether it was prison work, Sudanese ministry, vicarage program or street ministry, Trinity’s leaders and members would say: “Pastor, if you think we need to do this and that we can do this, we will try our best.” And you did, without exception. Few pastors have had such a Gospel-filled congregation, willing and even eager to follow where their pastors wished to lead them in ministry to others.

### Mission Statement of Trinity Lutheran Church

*“The mission of Trinity is to preach and teach the Good News as it is commanded by God (Matthew 28:18) and to reach out with the hands and arms of love to all humanity to do the work Christ commanded us.”*  
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Trinity Lutheran congregation has always been a loving and supportive church to me and my family all these years. When I came down with my voice problem in the mid-80's, it took two years to get a correct diagnosis, and another two years to begin an effective treatment that enabled me, with the help of God and some wonderful doctors, to regain a serviceable voice. During that time, Trinity’s Board of Elders and many members of the church stepped forward and said to me: “What can we do to help you and Trinity get through this difficult time.” The leaders and members of this church continued to support me and my ministry in Memphis throughout all these years.

On Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, I will preach my last sermon as pastor of Trinity. The Retirement Service is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. It is very hard to leave this wonderful partnership in ministry, but I know it is best for Trinity to begin a new chapter of ministry and for me and June to begin a new life in the Carolinas, close to our oldest daughter. Thank you for the love and support you have given me and my family these 34 years. God bless and keep you!  
 - Ron Wiese

## “God’s Way”

Epiphany themes open many doors of exploration: search and find, light and dark, divine and human, wise and foolish. The basic story of the Wise Men from the east observing a heavenly light (star) and concluding it is God’s way of leading them to worship the newborn King of the Jews.

Their search wasn’t all that direct and easy, but they were not to be distracted. In a small town (Bethlehem), they end their search with great joy. Being warned in a dream not to return the same way they came, they went another way.

I have been at Concordia Lutheran Church in Jackson for a year now, and the leadership of Concordia is still “opening doors of exploration.” It may not be a story of Wise Men following a star, but it is definitely a story of search and find. We have looked for light and direction, and during the past year has journeyed and moved on. The search is still on to find direction and leadership.

I review this experience for Trinity because I know the middle of February, your search will begin. The Wise Men didn’t know where their search would end, but they knew that God’s light would lead them.

Chosen and elected leaders will follow God’s light as they search for the direction that will provide leadership so that the Good News of God’s plan of salvation is made known in this community. The Epiphany story assures us that regardless of how long the task takes, we’re not to be forsaken.

After the Wise Men left their gifts, they returned to their homeland – by another way. That will be true for Concordia and Trinity. There will be other ways of doing things. We will learn from the search process much about ourselves, what we are looking for and what is the best way to get the message to the people. Isaiah said long ago: “Arise, shine, for your light has come.” (Is. 60:1) That same light will dispel the darkness of our days as well, as we search for God’s way.

- Phil Schmidt

## “Worship Matters”

I spent January 11, 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> in St. Louis at a conference sponsored by the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod Commission on Worship and the Commission on Theology and Church Relations, entitled “Toward a Theology of Worship that is...” A number of superb speakers made presentations on how the Lutheran Confessions call upon us to provide worship that is... “Scriptural and Confessional,” “Pastoral and Sacramental,” “Personal and Contextual,” “Missional and Vocational,” and finally, “Practical and Theological.” In addition to the lectures, we broke into small groups for discussion, and shared worship together.

As you might imagine, it was a lot to absorb in 2 1/2 days. The six of us in attendance from the Mid-South District will continue to be in communication regarding the conference, looking for ways to share what we learned there with the pastors, musicians, and congregations of our district.

Worship is central to the life of every congregation, and the real presence of Christ is central to Lutheran worship. “Real presence” means just that: scripture tells us that wherever two or three are gathered together in Christ’s name, he is in their midst. “Real presence’ means that Christ’s body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. “Real presence” means we have the incredible opportunity each Sunday to meet *with God!*

The purpose of this conference was to encourage us to make sure that the way we worship in our own congregations - the hymns, the preaching, the format of the service - recognize, reflect, and proclaim Christ’s presence among us. Worship thus empowers us to take the story of Christ’s love and sacrifice out to the world, sharing the good news of salvation with others. The details of worship are important because worship matters.

- Martha Israel

## Parish Nurse Notes

The times, they are a-changing! I have heard that accepting a change is not the difficult part of a transition – it is letting go of the old. And I am here to testify to that thought! Even though I have held the “official title” of “parish nurse” at Trinity for only two years, I have enjoyed relationships with so many of you for much longer than two years, greater than 30 years for some. The role of parish nurse just added another dimension to those relationships. I will take so many special memories with me, and many more names added to my correspondence! We will not be strangers!

Now the good news!!! Judy Pinson has graciously agreed to be the health care consultant for Trinity’s members. Her title will be “Health Ministry Coordinator.” She will assume the position in February. Judy holds a masters degree and works as a family nurse practitioner.

Judy will hold her first Health Check Sunday on February 28<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the worship service in the library. Please come and introduce yourself to her if you have not already done so. For health questions, concerns or advice, feel free to call her at 237-5569. Trinity’s members are blessed to have such expertise available to them. Welcome, Judy, to your appointment as part of Trinity’s ministry team!!!

- June Wiese, RN, BPS  
Parish Nurse

## Volunteers Needed

Over 120 members of Trinity have already volunteered to help in one or more areas of ministry at Trinity. They include worship assistants, teachers and helpers, committees, kitchen and garden work, etc. Extra hands are welcome! If you wish to volunteer please pick up a Personal Ministry from the office or from the table in the narthex and return it to the church.

## Retirement Events

Pastor Wiese is retiring in February, and we, his congregation and friends, want to honor and thank him for his years of service to the Church, to the Memphis community, and especially for his 34 years as pastor of Trinity.

To that end, everyone is cordially invited to a dinner to be held Saturday, February 13, 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Christ the King Lutheran Church and School (5296 Park). The meal will be catered by Trinity’s own Terry Turner. The evening will also feature guest speakers and special presentations. There is no cost for the meal, but we do need to know how many to prepare for: ***please RSVP by Monday, February 1 by calling Martha Israel at Trinity’s church office at 901 525-1056 or e-mail trinitymemphis@aol.com.***

On Sunday, February 14, Pastor Phil Schmidt will be the guest preacher at Trinity’s 10:30 a.m. worship. A special Retirement Service will be held at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon at Trinity, with Mid-South District President Ken Lampe as guest speaker. A reception will follow.

We also invite members and friends to contribute to a love offering for Pastor and June. Checks should be made payable to “Wiese Retirement Fund,” and sent to: Gary Schwanke, 2030 Hallwood Drive, Memphis, TN 38107. If you’d like to make a gift, please do so by February 1, 2010 if at all possible. If you have not yet signed the tablecloth, it will be available in the Fellowship Hall up to February 14<sup>th</sup>. If you need transportation to the dinner or one of the services, please call Mary Henderson at 901 458-3657; and we will do our best to find a ride for you.

We thank God for the many blessings He has given to and through the ministry of Pastor Wiese, and the service of his wife, June. Please join us February 13 and 14 as we celebrate and say “Thanks!”

## Church Council Notes

The council met on January 10 with twelve members and Pastor Wiese present. The Treasurer reported that in November the General Fund was down over \$10,000, but was proud to report that the year ended in the black! The Board of Education is still looking for a high school teacher and some substitutes.

In Old Business, a permit will be pulled to install a new range hood in the kitchen that meets fire code. There are still two cemetery lots at Forest Hill Midtown for sale at \$400 each. The Council appointed Gary Schwanke and Jim Eble to the Call Committee, replacing Doug Campbell and Mike Grant who retired from office the beginning of this year.

In New Business the council released from membership the following people: Ron Carney, David Galbreath, Jr., Audra Liles and Sommer, and Ed Richter. The tentative date for the council and board retreat is Feb. 28. A list of nominees for Synod President and Vice President recommended by the Board of Elders was approved with the addition of Rev. Matthew Harrison for President. A motion was approved to reduce the asking price for the church parsonage by \$6,000. The host boards for the Mid-week Lenten suppers were selected. The next meeting of the church council will be on Feb. 28, following the boards planning retreat.

Gloria Klauser, Secretary

## Special Called Voters Meeting

A special called meeting of Trinity's Voters Assembly will be held Sunday, January 24, following the worship service. Pastor Dan McDougall declined the call to Trinity in early January. The purpose of the meeting is to select from the two remaining candidates an Intentional Interim Pastor, and to select Trinity's nominees for Synod President and Vice Presidents. All voters are urged to attend this important meeting.

## February Events

An USHER TRAINING Session will be held February 7<sup>th</sup>, after the worship service, for anyone interested in serving as an usher. Whether you're a veteran or brand new to usher duty, please join us in the church nave for a brief training session. If you have questions, contact Tom Sander.

A retirement DINNER for Pastor & June Wiese will be held Sat., February 13, 6 p.m. and a RETIREMENT SERVICE held Sun., February 14, 4 p.m. See page 6 for complete information.

The MEMPHIS YOUTH SYMPHONY, conducted by Dr. Douglas Morrison, will present their annual CONCERTO CONCERT, Sunday, February 21, 3 p.m. at the Bartlett Performing Arts Center (3663 Appling Rd.) Ticket cost is \$7.50. The program will feature the winners of the annual concerto competition. Come hear these talented young people!

February 17 is ASH WEDNESDAY, the beginning of Lent. Worship with communion will be held at 7 p.m. The elders will serve a pancake supper at 6 p.m. that evening. Please join us!

## So You'll Know: About Altar Flowers

Trinity members are invited to donate the cost of flowers for the altar. A chart is located in the Fellowship Hall; sign your name beside the date you want. Two or more may share the same date. The first person listed has the altar flowers (cost \$30) and the second the stand flowers (cost \$45). Our helpful flower lady, Wanda Eble, will call you to find out how to list your gift in the bulletin. Checks should be made payable to "Trinity Altar Guild."

## Adult Education Opportunities

### SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES:

(9:15 a.m. each Sunday)

The Fellowship Hall Bible Class led by Pastor Wiese is studying “The End Times.”

The Library Class has merged with the Fellowship Hall Class.

### WEEKDAY HOME BIBLE STUDIES:

- \* Tuesday Morning Covenant Seekers Bible Study led by Pat Ellis at the home of Mary Henderson, meeting at 10 a.m. January 19<sup>th</sup> -beginning a new study.
- \* Tuesday Evening Study led by John Konnerth at the home of Dave and Dot Love, will begin a new study this month.
- \* Tuesday Evening Study led by Dr. Doug Campbell at the home of Mary Henderson meets January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., beginning a study of “Exodus.”
- \* Thursday Evening Study at the Sander’s home, meeting January 28<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., led by David Chester, beginning a new study.
- \* Downtown Evening Bible Study at the home of Ron and Brenda Pfeiffer, continues a study of “Hebrews.” Watch the bulletin or contact the church office for meeting times.

## Church Directory 2010

A new Church Directory is in process, with plans to go to print early in February. If your address or phone has changed, please contact Martha in the office via phone [901 525-1056] or e-mail: trinitymemphis@aol.com.

## “Lutheran Witness” Sunday - Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>

“The Lutheran Witness,” including “The Mid-South Lutheran,” is the monthly magazine of our Mid-South District and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. A year’s subscription costs \$13, but is not included in Trinity’s General Fund Budget. Trinity’s members are asked to bring a special offering on February 7<sup>th</sup> to pay for their own subscription, and if possible, to give something extra so other members of our congregation, especially those on a limited income, can receive “The Witness.” (Please use the “Lutheran Witness” envelope from your 2010 Offering Envelope Packet.) We want every member of Trinity to receive this monthly magazine of our church which is dedicated to helping each of us grow in faith and service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

## “Simply Giving”

“Simply Giving” is an automated giving program from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. It’s designed to help you conveniently, give financial gifts to our congregation. With “Simply Giving,” you can use electronic funds transfer to give your weekly, semi-monthly or monthly offering to our congregation. To learn how you can participate in “Simply Giving,” phone Trinity’s Church Office and a brochure will be mailed to you.

## Music Scholarship Fund

The Shirley J. Witte Music Scholarship Fund is alive and well and available through the Trinity Endowment Fund to pay 1/4 of the cost of music lessons for elementary or high-school age youth, and up to 1/2 of the cost for anyone studying the organ. Contact the Church Office for an application form. Special gifts to this fund are most welcome. Please keep the Shirley Witte Music Scholarship Fund in mind when making a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one.

### Gifts & Memorials

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 In honor of JANET STEWART, a gift was given to Trinity by Ms. Sherry Richardson.

In memory of CLARABEL WIDEMAN, a gift was given to the Downtown Food Pantry by Mr. & Mrs. Hank Mowry.

In memory of IONE PULLIAM, a gift was given to Trinity by Ms. Rikka Pulliam.

In memory of GLEN WARD, a gift was given to Trinity by the Wilkens-Reed Family.

In memory of E.W. HELMS, JR., a gift was given to Trinity by Mr. & Mrs. L.V. Schmidt.

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### Changes of Address

*A new directory will be printed next month. In the meantime, please mark these changes and additions in your current church directory.*

Anna Brugge, 1218 Walnut St, #1005, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
 Kendra & Eric Cox, 185 Brooks Meadows, Millington, TN 38053 // 835-5769

Jennifer Dewey, 260 Avon Rd., 38117  
 Shayla White Purifoy, 1673 Beard Place, Memphis, TN 38112 378-2298

Carl & Heidi Shafer, Mindy, 3776 N. Montclair, 38111 // 452-8406

Lia White, 112 Auction Ave. #208, 38105 // 216-5196  
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 Zachary Zoeller, 3318 Regalwoods Dr., Atlanta, GA 30340 901-486-0181

### Dec. Church and Sunday School Attendance

	CHURCH	AVG.	S.S.	AVG.
2008	430 (4)	107	199 (4)	50
2009	432 (4)	108	199 (4)	50

#### Communion Attendance

	MEMBERS	GUESTS	TOTAL
12/7/08	95	5	100
12/21/08	80	5	85
Private 1/08	9	5	14
	175	10	185
12/6/09	80	7	87
12/20/09	89	4	93
Private 12/09	14	4	18
	173	15	188

### Jan. Church and Sunday School Attendance

	CHURCH	AVG.	S.S.	AVG.
2009	461 (4)	116	213 (4)	54
2010	313 (3)	105	158 (3)	53

#### Communion Attendance

	MEMBERS	GUESTS	TOTAL
1/4/09	85	0	85
1/18/09	80	8	88
Private 1/09	9	5	14
	174	19	191
1/3/10	85	5	90
1/17/10	104	14	118
Private 1/10	13	3	16
	202	22	224

## Von Bora

The Von Bora Circle met in December and enjoyed carol-singing and Christmas fun and games, followed by a delicious luncheon with the Young-at-Heart group. In January, we attended to altar duties and helped with office projects. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. All ladies are invited. The workshop begins at 11, and we'll enjoy a potluck lunch with the Young-at-Heart at 12:00 noon. Bring a dish to share.

## Naomi Circle

The Naomi Circle has begun the new year with a planning session. We reviewed past events and missions, and focused on the first half of 2010. We will be hosting the reception after Pastor Wiese's retirement service, Sunday, Feb. 14. We're asking all Trinity members to bake or purchase cookies for this event. If you would rather make a monetary contribution towards the cost of punch, nuts, and mints, please give your donation to Sue Jones or Wanda Cooper.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our speakers will be Pastor Ron and June Wiese, reflecting on their years of ministry, and plans for the future. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- Jean Schmidt, Reporter

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The "Young-at-Heart" retirees met January 12 at Trinity's Fellowship Hall for a lovely pot-luck luncheon, with the Von Bora Circle. It's always great to see old friends and make new ones. Please join us Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at noon. Bring your favorite dish to share. Call Trinity's office 525-1056 with any questions.

## Youth News

Brrrrr....stay warm this month with LOTS of things going on with Trinity!

SUNDAY, FEB. 7, 10 a.m. YOUTH MEETING to discuss upcoming and SPRING EVENTS!

SATURDAY, FEB. 13. Formal dinner honoring Pastor and June Wiese at CTK. Ask church or your parents for details.

SUNDAY, FEB 14, SWEETHEART SALE. This is our 1<sup>st</sup> fundraiser of the year! We will need your CRAFTIEST IDEAS YET to make this a BIG fund-raiser. Sweets and little homemade gifts are always a BIG HIT! We'll discuss YOUR IDEAS at the FEB. 7 meeting. And remember, you can shop, too! Sweets for mom, dad, grandma, even sweeties!

That Sunday will also be the farewell Sunday before Pastor's retirement. I know you all know how much we mean to him. Please share your thoughts with him over the next few weeks on how much he means to YOU! Write a letter or send an email to trinitymemphis@aol.com Best of all, come see him at church! But don't delay! He and June will be in Memphis for a few months following his retirement, so I think he would enjoy seeing YOUR SMILING faces MORE THAN ANYTHING THAT YOU COULD GIVE HIM!

Our Pastor is one of a kind.... be grateful that God granted you the honor of having him in your life!

Proud to call you my family in Christ!

- Rosie

## Dates of Special Significance

### Birthdays in February

- 2 - Michael Corley, Tom Sander
- 6 - John Bennett, Doug Reed
- 7 - Paul Koehler
- 8 - David Brugge, Crystal Johnson
- 9 - Martha Israel
- 10 - Melody Konnerth, June Wiese
- 11 - Molly Hansgen, Anna Brugge,  
Shirley Parrish
- 12 - Gary Schwanke
- 13 - Nathan Chester, Jean Oldham,  
Barry Stafford
- 14 - Catherine Stewart, Kathy Zoeller
- 17 - Michael Daly, Casey Pulliam
- 18 - Dar Heidbrink
- 20 - Madeleine Landrum-Noe
- 21 - Lisa Miller, Lisa Stovall
- 23 - Jerry Brown, Barbara Sharp,  
Linda Wells
- 24 - Jim Joesel, Jr.
- 25 - Nikki McCormack
- 27 - Ken Wilkins
- 28 - Brian Anderson, Sara Hays

### Wedding Anniversaries in February

- 1 – Jason & Toni Payne (1<sup>st</sup>)
- 8 – Keith & Becky Rushing (35<sup>th</sup>)
- 13 – Dwight & Elizabeth Lee (10<sup>th</sup>)
- 19 – Mike & Vicki Grant (27<sup>th</sup>)
- 20 – Jerry & Carolyn Peterson (50<sup>th</sup>)
- 26 – Ed & Gail Bramlet (10<sup>th</sup>)
- 28 – Tim & Beth Stamey (6<sup>th</sup>)

## News of Members and Friends

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Toni (Pulliam) and Jason Payne, blessed with the gift of a baby in November, 2009.... Janet Stewart, honored in December by St. Jude Hospital as a “Lifetime Member” with their volunteer services....

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Roy Chitman (VA), Mary Lee Henard, Beulah Montgomery, Cam McDonald, Alexandria Pinkins, Brett Rehberg, L.V. and Marie Schmidt, Kimiko Schreiber, Tony Spaniol, Steven Stenwall; Dale Anderson, Jeffrey Dennis, Gertie Eddleman, Hank Mowry, Doug Oldham, Rita Purdy, Doug Reed, Molly Wilkens-Reed, Louise Alspaugh, Lovell Barger, Gene Breimon, Robert Casper, Jessica Crociata, Susan Coffman, Harriet Davis, Rosemarie Davis, Adele Harrison, Mary Jo Ibrahim, Terry Karnes, Rose Klimek, Shirley Laster, Kimberly Lee, Kathy Liebman, Carla Mathena, Paul Norman, Kathy Stracener, Carrie Szumila, Joyce Thuftedal, Donald Thuftedal, Barbara Westberg, Betty White.... Florence Carter, Dorothy Homann, Herta Kumitz, Marjorie Parham, Elsie Rice, Dannie Lee, Ray Pulliam, Walter Ringger, Nettie Snapp, Irene White....

### MAY GOD COMFORT THE BEREAVED:

especially the family of Rosa Lee Ingram (Beulah Montgomery’s niece) who died Dec. 15, 2009; the family of Marion Waller (Gerald Poll’s sister), who died Dec. 19, 2009; the family of Glen Ward (Gloria Klauser’s father), who died Dec. 23, 2009; the family of Dusty Evans (nephew of Dale & Nancy Anderson) who died Dec. 31, 2009; and the family of E.W. Helms, Jr., who died Jan. 8, 2010....

### MEMBERS ON THE MOVE:

L.V. Schmidt is visiting his brother in Florida. You can drop him a note care of Rev. Earl Schmidt, 7345 Swinton Ave., Port Charlotte, FL 33981....

## **Thank You!**

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, encouragement, visits, calls and emotional support in my battle with cancer. The good Lord spared my life and I am truly blessed to serve Him for as long as He allows. Keep up your wonderful ministries. I love you all.  
- Rose Klimek

Thank you all for the love and prayers you gave for me. God is good and I am still working for our Lord here in Tipton County. My husband, Elwood, was greatly blessed and when he was called home, he had achieved all his dreams to work with the church. And it was always good. God is good.... - Peggy Bush

On behalf of the Hospitality Hub, thank you for your generous gift of \$500. The mission of the HUB is to connect homeless people with the resources they need to begin their journey out of homelessness. Your contribution will make a difference in our community..... - Bernice Kimmons, Exec. Director

The paradox of transforming darkness into light is at the heart of MIFA's history and its mission....Through your gift of \$1,171.28, you are a vital part of strengthening "the good of all." Our profound thanks go to you for sharing light in so many ways with us, and with so many in the Mid-South who fervently seek it."  
- Margaret Craddock, MIFA Exec. Dir.

Thank you so very much for your kind gift of \$535.50! It is such a blessing to have friends like you, who support this ministry unselfishly through your gifts and prayers, especially at a time like this.....  
- D. Scott, Bjork, President and CEO,  
Memphis Union Mission

Words cannot express how much we appreciate your congregation's kind donation of \$535.50, just like many of our patients have told us they can hardly express how loved and cared they feel when they come to our clinic.....  
- G. Scott Morris, Exec. Dir., Church Health Center

## **"Thank You, Trinity Family!"**

June and I wish to thank Trinity Congregation for the surprise celebration given us at the monthly church luncheon on Sunday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, the anniversary of my installation at Trinity. We were deeply honored and humbled by the many kind words that were spoken to us regarding our 34 years at Trinity.

We were overwhelmed by the congregational gift of a replica of Trinity that we can take with us to the Carolinas. It is truly a masterpiece. It will remain in the display case in the fellowship hall for all to enjoy until we actually move, which will probably be in a couple of months at the earliest.

We also thank the congregation for the beautiful dining room table cloth inscribed with names and well-wishes from so many members and friends of Trinity. We will leave that table cloth on a table in the fellowship hall so other members can still add their names to it from now until Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.

We also thank the youth for the party they gave us on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. We have been so greatly blessed to be a part of Trinity's family these many years! God bless you all!

- Ron and June Wiese

## **Area Church News**

The DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (DNA) is a community organization that offers its members the opportunity to help make our neighborhood a better place to live. The strength of DNA is in the people who get involved. Contact DNA president Terry Woodard (351-8201) or [www.memphisdna.org](http://www.memphisdna.org) for more information. Annual membership cost is \$25 for an individual, \$40 for family.

The Mid-South District International LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE will hold its annual convention Feb. 26-27 at First Lutheran Church in Little Rock. Registration materials are available in the church office.

## January / February, 2010

JAN. 24	3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.    Worship - Voters meeting	10:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m.
JAN. 31	4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.    Holy Communion -	10:30 a.m.
FEB. 3	Naomi Circle meeting at Trinity	7:00 p.m.
FEB. 7	5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.    Holy Communion - Usher Training Session	10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon
FEB. 9	Von Bora Circle    Workshop - Young-at-Heart / Von Bora Luncheon	11:00 a.m. 12:00 noon
FEB.13	Wiese Retirement Dinner, at CTK	6:00 p.m.
FEB. 14	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.    Holy Communion - Retirement Service for Pastor Wiese	10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
FEB.17	ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP (Supper - 6 p.m.)	7:00 p.m.
FEB. 21	1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.    Holy Communion - Memphis Youth Symphony, at Bartlett Center	10:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
FEB. 24	Midweek Lenten Service (Supper - 6 p.m.)	7:00 p.m.
FEB. 28	2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.    Worship -	10:30 a.m.
MAR 3	Midweek Lenten Service (Supper - 6 p.m.)	7:00 p.m.

*See Page 8 for a complete schedule of weekday Home Bible Studies.*

Visit Trinity's Web Site at [www.trinitymemphis.org](http://www.trinitymemphis.org)

Tune in to "The Lutheran Hour" each Sunday morning at  
8:30 a.m. on WMC (790 on AM dial).

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