

## “Calling a Pastor”

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The time is coming near when this congregation will meet to select their next pastor and issue to him a solemn call to be their new shepherd. I have heard a number of people ask how all this works; so I thought it might be useful to outline the usual procedure used in our church body to call a new pastor.

How the Calling of a Pastor from the Field works in the LCMS  
*(It is vitally important to note that during every step of this process the guidance of the Holy Spirit is continuously sought in prayer by all concerned.)*

1) A congregation makes the intention to Call a Pastor known to their District President, and establishes a Call Committee according to their particular Constitution and By-Laws.

2) The District President forwards to the Call Committee a Congregational Self-Study document to be filled out. In this document, a congregation is asked to describe themselves in words and statistics. They are also asked to state what their mission is and where they see themselves going. And they are asked to describe the type of pastor in terms of gifts, skillsets, interests and passions they would like to invite to join them and help lead them in their mission and journey. The District President also notifies the congregation’s Circuit Counselor, who usually works closely with the congregation in this process.

### 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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3) After gathering the requested information, the Call Committee returns the completed Self-Study to the District President.

4) Based upon the Self-Study, the District President researches names of pastors whom he believes might match up well with what the congregation has indicated they want and need. He does this by his knowledge of the pastors in his own District and who of them might be a viable fit at that time. In addition, he may notify other District Presidents of the type of man the congregation is seeking and ask for any candidates they might know of in their respective Districts. He also has at his disposal the names and backgrounds of pastors from other parts of the country who have indicated either to him directly or through their respective District President that they would be interested in opportunities to serve in the congregation’s District if the right match to their gifts and abilities were to become available. In addition, he considers names that may have been suggested for consideration by the congregation.

5) the District President then gathers the appropriate paperwork on the individuals he feels are valid candidates for consideration by the congregation. This paperwork consists primarily of two official forms: a Personal Information Form (PIF) which gives the basic information about the individual, such as

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name, address, spouse/family information, etc.; and a Self Evaluation Tool (SET) which is filled out by a pastor from time to time giving his understanding of various aspects of the pastoral ministry along with a self-assessment of his own ministerial setting preferences, abilities and gifts.

6) The District President forwards the information he has gathered on the above individuals to the congregation. He may also include a note or two on how he sees this individual fitting into the expressed and/or needed ministry of the congregation.

7) The Call Committee reviews the provided paperwork on each individual. Using whatever methods and criteria they decide upon, the Call Committee evaluates the relative suitability of each individual for joining in and leading the congregation's mission. In conjunction with the Circuit Counselor, they may pursue additional information about certain areas for specific individuals. If the Call Committee so chooses, they may even seek to interview certain candidates via letter, telephone or face-to-face. However they decide to do so, they eventually choose whom they feel are the top candidate(s). It is common that two to five candidates are chosen to present to the congregation.

8) A properly convened meeting of the Constitutionally valid calling body (often the Voters Assembly) is called for the purpose of electing a candidate to whom to extend a solemn Call. Alternatively, a Calling Worship Service may be scheduled. Prior to this meeting or service, the Calling Committee makes available to the congregation the names of those candidates they will be presenting, along with some background information about each.

9) In the context of the meeting or service, the names of the selected candidates are presented by the Calling Committee. They may also provide any amount of additional information about each candidate as they so choose. After all candidates have been presented, the calling body is asked to vote for one of the candidates to Call, following the provisions of their particular Constitution and By-Laws. If a single candidate does not receive the required number of votes on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is eliminated and the remaining candidates are voted upon again. This continues until one candidate receives the required number of votes.

10) When a candidate is selected, the calling body is asked to wait while a member of the Calling Committee telephones the

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selected individual to notify them of their selection, and to ask if there is any reason they cannot prayerfully consider this Call. If the answer to that question is no, the calling body is dismissed and the Call Documents are filled out and sent to the chosen candidate. If the candidate states he cannot prayerfully consider that call at that time, the calling body is told and may then choose to continue the meeting to select another of the candidates to receive their Call; or they may choose to reconvene on another date to do so.

11) The Called candidate usually schedules a visit to the congregation to fully assess the Call and his own view of suitability and match up to the congregation's needs and wants, as well as whether his and his family's needs can also be served there. After a suitable period of contemplation and prayer (usually no more than 4-5 weeks), the candidate gives his answer to the Call, by either accepting the Call, or declining it.

You, the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, are currently in step Number 7 of the above, since your District President has provided to the Call Committee here a number of names for consideration. As stated at the very beginning of this procedure, it is vitally important that the guidance of the Holy Spirit is sought in every step by all concerned. So, as the Call Committee works, and as you await the scheduling of the gathering in which you will be asked to elect your next pastor, PRAY. Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in this selection; and pray for your new pastor, whomever he might be, that God would bless him and use him mightily to lead you in the furtherance of God's work in this place.

- Pastor Jim

## ***Thank You!***

I want to thank all who extended to me special Christmas greetings this holiday season. Your remembrances and kindnesses to me are sincerely appreciated.

- Pastor Jim

## “Looking Forward”

For several days the local newscasters have been predicting a winter storm. And they got it right. At least, there is enough snow on the ground (Jan. 10) that I’m writing this article at my home computer rather than from church.

We hear predictions all the time. Sports pundits are debating whether Oregon or Auburn will win tonight’s college football championship. Financial experts are interpreting market indicators in attempts to foretell the future state of the economy. I understand that someone has even claimed to know the date when the world will end (supposedly in 2012.)

When Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus to the temple, they also heard predictions – from two unlikely sources, Simeon and Anna. How is it that these old people managed to recognize what younger priests and prophets did not? Scripture tells us that Simeon was “looking forward to the consolation of Israel,” and that Anna worshiped in the temple “night and day.” By grace, they were immersed in God’s work and will, and thus were prepared to recognize the Messiah when he appeared.

What are the predictions for the new year here at Trinity? One thing 2011 brings is the hope of finding a new permanent pastor to lead us in the ministry God has for our congregation.

Every new year brings exciting possibilities and also produces some anxiety. Will the year bring a healthy new baby, an exciting job, or illness or financial reverses? As the saying goes, “I don’t know what the future holds, but I know Who holds the future.” If we put ourselves in Jesus’ hands, the future is to be joyfully anticipated as Christ continues the work He has begun in us, both as individuals and as a congregation. Like Simeon and Anna, let’s devote ourselves to prayer and to seeking God’s will, and joyfully live each day, secure in His love.

- Martha Israel

## Church Council Notes

The council met on December 13 at Mary Henderson’s home. Out-going chairman Gary Schwanke expressed his thanks for everyone’s hard work this past year, and the Council also gave Gary a big “Thank You” for his leadership.

In Old Business, a chairman for the Board of Finance is needed. The Transition Task Force reported that three Town Hall Meetings will be scheduled for January, at the church. The Mid-South District will have five names to give us to consider for our new pastor, hopefully before Christmas. There will be a Voters Meeting February 13, 2011. Installation of new officers will be held Sunday, January 9, 2011.

In New Business, Sharon Wright’s request for release from Trinity was approved. Discussion was held regarding publicity for church events, particularly the Fish Fry and the German Christmas Service. Attendance was down for both events this year. The Council agreed to do more in the way of getting the message out next year. The Council and Boards Retreat will be held January 9. The date and time of our regular monthly Council meetings will remain the second Sunday of each month, following worship. The Call Committee will meet January 30.

The meeting was adjourned and Pastor Myers closed with prayer.

Mary Henderson, secretary *pro tem*

## 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.” If you need more information, please contact the church office or Caroline Sheely.

## February Events



Trinity's YOUTH will sponsor a SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY at Trinity on February 6<sup>th</sup>, from 3 - 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to come for food, fun, games and, of course, the SUPER BOWL live on big screen TV. Cost is \$6.00 per person, and proceeds go to MIFA for their Meals on Wheels program. Plan now to come and bring a friend!

The Endowment Fund will sponsor a congregational LUNCHEON on Sunday, February 13, following the worship service. The men are cooking, and there is no charge for this meal. We'll also get a brief report on the work of Trinity's Endowment Fund. Please make plans now to join us.



A special called meeting of Trinity's VOTERS ASSEMBLY will be held Sunday, February 13, following the church luncheon. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the revised TTF recommendations, and act on a couple of motions from last summer's Synodical convention. All voters are urged to attend this important meeting.

March 9 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!

### St. Olaf Choir in Memphis

The world-renowned SAINT OLAF CHOIR will present a concert Thursday, February 10, 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church (3245 Central, at Greer). For tickets, call 1-800-363-5487 or go online to [stolaftickets.com](http://stolaftickets.com).

## Adult Education Opportunities

### SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES:

(9:15 a.m. each Sunday)

The Fellowship Hall Bible Class meets in the large classroom downstairs in the Education Wing. Pastor Myers is the study leader.

### WEEKDAY HOME BIBLE STUDIES:

- \* Tuesday Morning Covenant Seekers Bible Study, temporarily meeting at the church, with guest leader Martha Israel meeting at 10 a.m. February 1 and 15. For information call Mary Henderson at 758-1416.
- \* Tuesday Evening Study led by John Konnerth at the home of Dave and Dot Love (662 781-0730), will meet February 1 & 15, studying world religions.
- \* Thursday Evening Study at Lutheran Village, meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7 p.m., led by David Chester, continuing a study of Luther's Small Catechism. For information, call Dorothy Martens at 383-7747.
- \* Downtown Evening Bible Study at the home of Ron and Brenda Pfeiffer, continues a study of "1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> John." Watch the bulletin or contact the church office for meeting times.

### Youth Choir

Thank you, Youth Choir, for your awesome singing job with the Adult Choir at Trinity's Christmas Eve worship! Our choir continues meeting this Winter and Spring after worship services on January 30, February 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. We are preparing music for the seasons of Epiphany, Lent and Easter. Get ready to try out the handchimes! Please call Doug Campbell with any questions: 901 526-1293.

## Circle of Inspiration

In 2010 the Memphis Police Department recorded a record decrease in all crimes in Memphis *except domestic violence*. In fact, domestic abuse in our city has *increased* nearly 4 to 5 percent since 2009.

The Circle of Inspiration Outreach Ministry provides both the practical and spiritual support necessary to help victims establish a safe environment for themselves and their children. The Circle provides a semi-monthly faith centered support group, individual Christian counseling, social service referral and emergency assistance with food, shelter, clothing, transportation, utilities and rent.

We need your help to continue to provide these vital services to victims and their families. The following is a list of ways you can help:

- Provide and help set up refreshments for semi-monthly support group meetings.
- Donate personal, toiletry and baby items such as: ladies and children's underwear, socks, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, body lotion, disposable diapers, baby wipes, baby oil and powder.
- Donate household items: washcloths, towels, bed linens, laundry detergent, silverware, light bulbs, paper towels, toilet paper.
- Donate gas and grocery store gift cards.
- Volunteers(s) to send a care card and invitation to worship from Trinity.
- Donate blank journals - for group and individual counseling.

If you or anyone you know is being abused and in need of assistance, please contact Vernetta Eddleman at 901 359-8516 or 901 359-2547.

## “Lutheran Witness” Sunday - Jan. 30<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 \$14, but is not included in Trinity's General Fund Budget. Trinity's members are asked to bring a special offering on January 30<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 2011 Offering Envelope Packet.) We want every member of Trinity to receive this monthly magazine which is dedicated to helping each of us grow in faith and service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 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.

## Area Church News - Special Need

Bethany Cox, daughter of Pastor Duncan and Kim Cox, was in a near-fatal car accident in September, and currently is a total care quadriplegic. Please keep her in your prayers, and if you can help with a financial gift to help defray expenses, you may send your contribution to the Bethany Cox Fund at the Mid-South District Office, ATTN: Nancy Lee, 1675 Wynne Road, Cordova, TN 38016.

## Gifts & Memorials

In memory of BARBARA CROSS, a gift was given to Trinity by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Zoeller; to Trinity Ministry by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Schwanke.

In memory of FLOYD HEYER, gifts were given to Trinity by Miss Paula Martens, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bacigalupo, Mrs. Dorothy Martens, Rev. & Mrs. Phil Schmidt; to Trinity Ministry by Miss Louise Oswald, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Eble, Ms. Martha Israel, Mr. & Mrs. John Konnerth, Mrs. Linda Wilkins.

In honor of MARTHA ISRAEL, a gift was given to Trinity Ministry by Mr. & Mrs. Nat Ellis.

In memory of LAURA KRAYER, a gift was given to Trinity Ministry by Mrs. Linda Wilkins.

In memory of LAURA KRAYER, ESTELLE TOWNSLEY, LOUISE TOWNSLEY, and SAM F. TOWNSLEY, a gift was given to Trinity by Mr. & Mrs. Sam Townsley.

In memory of DEBORAH DUKE, gifts were given to Trinity by Rev. & Mrs. Phil Schmidt, Mrs. Dorothy Martens, Ms. Paula Martens, Mrs. Bertha Huffman, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Owen; to Trinity Ministry by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Eble, Ms. Martha Israel; to the Building Fund by Mrs. Linda Wilkins, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Schwanke.

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

In memory of FLORENCE CARTER, a gift was given to Trinity Ministry by Mrs. Linda Wilkins.

In memory of MARIE SPANIOL, a gift was given to the Branden Spaniol Scholarship Fund by Mr. J. Allen Scoggin.

## Dec. Church and Sunday School Attendance

	CHURCH	AVG.	S.S.	AVG.
2009	432 (4)	108	199 (4)	50
2010	339 (4)	85	152 (4)	38

### Communion Attendance

	MEMBERS	GUESTS	TOTAL
12/6/09	80	7	87
12/20/09	89	4	93
Private 12/09	14	4	18
	173	15	188
12/5/10	60	7	67
12/19/10	74	4	78
Private 12/10	12	0	12
	146	11	157

## Jan. Church and Sunday School Attendance

	CHURCH	AVG.	S.S.	AVG.
2010	313 (3)	105	158 (3)	53
2011	276 (3)	92	121 (3)	40

### Communion Attendance

	MEMBERS	GUESTS	TOTAL
1/3/10	85	5	90
1/17/10	104	14	118
Private 1/10	13	3	16
	202	22	224
1/2/11	70	6	76
1/16/11	77	7	84
Private 1/11	10	2	12
	157	15	172

## Von Bora

The Von Bora Circle met in December and enjoyed carol-singing, a musical program presented by Lydia and Thea Wilkens-Reed, and Christmas fun and games, followed by a delicious luncheon with the Young-at-Heart group. In January, wintry weather kept everyone at home. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. All ladies are invited. The workshop begins at 11, and we'll join the Young-at-Heart for lunch at 12:00 noon. Bring a dish to share.

The "Young-at-Heart" retirees decided that, much as they enjoy each other's company, icy parking lots are to be avoided and cancelled the January meeting. However, we hope for more favorable weather next month. Please join us Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at noon. Bring

your favorite dish to share. Call Trinity's office 525-1056 with any questions.

## Official Acts

### BAPTISMS

Alexandra Rose Barrasso, born May 24, 2010, daughter of Pamela Hurley and James Barrasso, baptized Dec. 23, 2010.

### FUNERALS

Dorothy Homann, died January 9, 2011; memorial service Jan. 15, 2011 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

### MEMBERS RELEASED- Jan. 9, 2011

Sarah Harr, released to join St. John's United Methodist Church

## Church Directory 2011

A new Church Directory is in process, with plans to go to print 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.

## Naomi Circle

2010 was a year of action and fun for the women of the Naomi Circle. In February we bid farewell to Ron and June Wiese as they prepared to move to North Carolina. We've had diverse educational experiences ranging from a talk about yoga and a healthy life style to information from LifeChoices about reproductive health and issues to an update on the Circle of Inspiration's ministry to abused women. We learned about reverse mortgages with our LWML sisters in West Memphis, and even took a trip to Israel via a slide show with Pastor Timm Griffin.

We've been very busy with service projects, including a fund-raising dinner to help with tuition costs for Lutheran Summer Music Camp for one of our talented teens, hosting a wedding reception, and our own Deli Luncheon on Rally Day. We also found time for fun, traveling to Holly Springs, MS for the Pilgrimage of Homes, and enjoying dinner together at one of Memphis' fine restaurants.

Our members are always busy, volunteering as ushers and lectors, singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, working with the youth, and many other personal ministry involvements.

At our January meeting, we discussed plans, programs and topics for 2011. If this sounds like a group you'd like to be part of, please join us the first Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Our next meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have a work-night to assemble household items for the Circle of Inspiration. If you have any questions, call Diane Schwanke at 27407229. All ladies are invited. Please join us!

- Jean Schmidt, Reporter

## Youth News

Score! **SOUP-ER BOWL** is set to be a *Great Time* for Trinity – and we hope to raise some MONEY for MIFA in the process. We need *ALL* of the *Youth Team...* especially if you are NOT a FOOTBALL FAN! Decorators, Bakers, Game Players (Video games, too!) - we need you all to help run the party!

Decorations & Party Set-Up will happen Saturday, Feb. 5 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. **Make plans to be here! I will need ALL Youth<Parents<Friends<Interested Trinity Adults!!** All FOOD for Sunday's Party can be brought at this time.

And then Sunday, Feb. 6 is the Big Day: **Soup-er Bowl Party** at Trinity from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Kick-off for the game is 5:00 p.m., and there will be plenty of activities as we await the big game: several Game Booths, Prizes, G-r-r-reat Refreshments: BIG Screen with the game Streamed Live! ... and, yes, a FABULOUS HALF-TIME SHOW! And all in the name of a great cause: MIFA's *Meals-On-Wheels* program that gets over 60,000 meals out to Senior Citizens in the Memphis area for Free! Let's TEAM-Up for MIFA!

Our **Valentine Gift Shop** will be open for the Luncheon and Voters Meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. I will be sending home a few CRAFTS for some of the Sunday School Classes to do and then sell to raise funds for the EASTER SUNRISE BREAKFAST.

What a Great Start to 2011! Trinity is so glad to have you guys. Christ loves you, was given for you, died for you – and now we are RENEWED through His resurrection with the gift of salvation! Keep your Third Commandment and WORSHIP our Heavenly Father in His house WITH US every Sunday...!

Love 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
- 11 - Molly Hansgen, Anna Brugge,  
Shirley Parrish
- 12 - Gary Schwanke
- 13 - Nathan Chester, Jean Oldham,  
Barry Stafford
- 14 - Catherine Stewart, Kathy Zoeller
- 15 - Roderic Pinkins
- 17 - Michael Daly, Casey Pulliam
- 18 - Dar Heidbrink
- 20 - Madeleine Landrum-Noe
- 21 - 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 8 – Keith & Becky Rushing (36<sup>th</sup>)
- 13 – Dwight & Elizabeth Lee (11<sup>th</sup>)
- 19 – Mike & Vicki Grant (28<sup>th</sup>)
- 20 – Jerry & Carolyn Peterson (51<sup>st</sup>)
- 26 – Ed & Gail Bramlet (11<sup>th</sup>)
- 28 – Tim & Beth Stamey (7<sup>th</sup>)





## News of Members and Friends

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Alexandra Rose Barrasso, daughter of Pam Hurley and James Barrasso on her baptism December 23, 2010.... Caroline Schmidt and Ceylon Mooney married December 26, 2010 at her parents' home.... Dustin McDaniel, son of Melody Konnerth, was sworn in January 11<sup>th</sup> for a second term as Arkansas Attorney General....

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

Sarah Harr, Ruth Kratzke (Bill Kratzke's mother), Charles Mathis, Kimberly Guest, Al Leak, Sharon Mowry, Dale Anderson, Tillie Anderton, Jim & Wanda Eble, Dorothy Martens, David Wehmeier (Deb Wales' brother), Linda Wilkins; Jeffrey Dennis, Gertie Eddleman, Rose Monger, Doug Reed, Steven Stenwall, Bill Clark, Susan Coffman, Harriet Davis, Rosemarie Davis, Adele Harrison, Mary Jo Ibrahim, Rose Klimek, Shirley Laster, Kimberly Lee, Kathy Liebman, Carla Mathena, Paul Norman, Pat O'Neal, Rita Purdy, Adam Schranze, Kathy Stracener, Carrie Szumila.... Helen Denio (Spring Gate), Marjorie Parham (Waverly Glen), Nettie Snapp (Highlands), Janet Stewart (St. Peter's), Dannie Lee, Beulah Montgomery, Hank Mowry, Ray Pulliam, Ruth Purdy, Irene White....

### **MAY GOD COMFORT THE BEREAVED:**

especially the family of Carl L. Weaver (Wanda Eble's nephew) who died November 19; the family of Maude Chuha (Catherine Stewart's sister) who died November 24 in Cleveland; the Heyer Family on the death of Fred's twin brother, Floyd, who died November 30, 2010; and the death of Fred & Francine's daughter, Debby Duke on December 18, 2010; the family of Rita Purdy (Ruth Purdy's sister), who died January 1<sup>st</sup>; the family of Dorothy Homann, who died January 9<sup>th</sup>; the family of Leona Dixon (Martha Israel's aunt) who died January 13<sup>th</sup> in Iowa....

### **MEMBERS ON THE MOVE:**

Dave & Dot Love traveled to South Carolina for the Christmas holidays and found 5-star accommodations at the home of Ron & June Wiese. (There was even an occasional chocolate on the pillow!) Side trip highlights included the Biltmore and the Billy Graham Museum. They very much enjoyed attending several worship services with the Wiese's, including a Christmas service led by Pastor Wiese....

## Thank You!

Dear Trinity Family,

Thanks so much for all the prayers and other expressions of encouragement during my recent problem. Such an extended absence from church and bible class is new to me and has been a good lesson in counting my blessings – which include all of you!  
- Dorothy Martens

From the Heyers and Johnsons:

The family of Fred and Francine Heyer wish to thank the members of Trinity for their prayers, cards and personal expressions of sympathy on the unexpected deaths of Fred's twin brother in Georgia (Floyd Heyer) and their daughter Deborah Lynn Heyer Duke in Texas.

Both Floyd and Debby were confirmed at Trinity, and Debby was also baptized and married here. Pastor Wayne Grauman, who served his vicarage at Trinity under Pastor Paul Martens in 1972-1973, officiated at Debby's funeral service.

From LifeChoices:

Sue Parker, the director of LifeChoices, is so grateful for our support through donations and prayer in Trinity's return of the "filled" baby bottles. Our support helps save moms and babies!

# January / February, 2011

JAN. 23	3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.    Worship - Town Hall Meeting	10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon
JAN. 30	4 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.    Holy Communion -	10:30 a.m.
FEB. 2	Naomi Circle meeting at Trinity	7:00 p.m.
FEB. 6	5 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.    Holy Communion - Soup-er Bowl Sunday, at Trinity	10:30 a.m. 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.
FEB. 8	Von Bora Circle    Workshop - Young-at-Heart / Von Bora Luncheon	11:00 a.m. 12:00 noon
FEB. 13	6 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.    Worship - Endowment Fund Luncheon, Voters Meeting Church Council Meeting	10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m.
FEB. 20	7 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.    Holy Communion -	10:30 a.m.
FEB. 24		
FEB. 27	8 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.    Worship -	10:30 a.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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