



**TRINITY EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND SCHOOL**
CROWN POINT, INDIANA

NEWSLETTER

February, 2010

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SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars. You are invited to celebrate "A Night of Abundant Blessings." The night will include dinner, fellowship, and both live and silent auctions.

Who: Trinity Church & School
What: A Night of Abundant Blessings
Where: Avalon Manor
When: April 9, 2010
Why: Food, Fellowship, and Fundraiser
Cost: \$40 each or \$75 a couple

A list of items to be auctioned will be on the church website at www.trinitycp.org. The proceeds will benefit both church and school. Ticket sales start Sunday, February 21.

From Your Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

February is a great month to talk about loving relationships because of February 14, Valentine's Day. I remember getting and giving valentines to my classmates. The sad thing is that I didn't always want to give valentines to all of my classmates. I wasn't friends with all of them, and didn't like some of them. Valentine's Day doesn't really show loving relationships, does it?

Perhaps we need to look a little deeper in February, especially to February 17, which is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. One might not expect to find clues of a loving relationship in ashes applied to our heads. One might not expect to find a loving relationship in God's words of death, "... for dust you are, and to dust you will return." (Genesis 3:19b) One might not expect to find loving relationships in the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden.

Yet, behind the ashes of death is something far greater than we can earn or deserve. Behind these ashes of sorrow for our sin is the One who would bear our sin, Jesus Christ. That loving relationship of God now has brought about forgiveness, new life, and the promise of eternity, without struggles with sin, the earthly flesh, and the devil. Jesus has endured the dust and ashes of His death to restore our loving relationship with God. Now we begin to understand why we have loving relationships. "We love because He (Jesus) first loved us." (I John 4:19)

I encourage you to take time with your dearly loved husband or wife this month. But I even more so encourage you to remember that God is our husband, and we are his bride, and that his loving relationship with us is based on the sacrifice of his only Son, Jesus Christ. Join with us on this Lenten journey to see that love of God at work for us so that we might be with Him forever!

Pastor Easterday

Worship Services-

Feb. 6-8 5th Weekend after the Epiphany

Pastor Tomas Angon will be with us this weekend as he shares the good news of Jesus Christ as a representative of Northwest Indiana Hispanic Ministry. (A portion of our church mission offerings help support this ministry.) Come prepared to learn a little bit of Spanish and to hear the message of the Savior. (Readings- Isaiah 6:1-13, I Corinthians 14:12b-20, Luke 5:1-11)

Feb. 13-15 The Transfiguration of our Lord

This final weekend before Lent gives us a glimpse of the glorified Christ to prepare us for the 40 days of Lent. We will burn last year's palms at the start of the Sunday School hour in preparation for Ash Wednesday. (Readings- Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Hebrews 3:1-6, Luke 9:28-36)

**Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday (2 & 7 p.m.)
Soup Supper 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Our Lenten journey focus is "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded." The services will consider the seven verses of this well known hymn. Ash Wednesday will begin with a look at "A Wounded Savior for a Wounded People." (Reading focus- Joel 2:12-19)

Feb. 20-22 1st Weekend in Lent

The forty days of Lent begin with Jesus and the forty days of temptation in the wilderness. We will focus on God's power over Satan who is waiting to devour us. (Readings- Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13)

** Feb. 24 Wed. Lenten Service (2 & 7 p.m.)
Soup Supper 5:30-6:45 p.m.

This service addresses "The Wound of Betrayal." (Reading- Matthew 26:20-25)

Feb. 27-Mar. 1 2nd Weekend in Lent

Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20)!
(Readings- Jeremiah 26:81-5, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35)

Looking Ahead

Mar. 3 Wed. Lenten Service (2 & 7 p.m.)
Soup Supper 5:30-6:45 p.m.

This service addresses "The Wound of Apathy."
(Reading: Matthew 26:36-45)

Mar. 10 Wed. Lenten Service (2 & 7 p.m.)
Soup Supper 5:30-6:45 p.m.

This week we see "The Wound of Denial."
(Reading- Matthew 26:69-75)

Mar. 17 Wed. Lenten Service (2 & 7 p.m.)
Soup Supper 5:30-6:45 p.m.

This week the focus is "The Wound of Mockery." (Reading- Matthew 27:27-31)

Mar. 24 Wed. Lenten Service (2 & 7 p.m.)
Soup Supper 5:30-6:45 p.m.

This week's wound is "The Wound of Abandonment." (Reading- Matthew 27:45-48)

Apr. 1 Maundy Thursday (2 & 7 p.m.)

This week's focus is "A Meal For The Wounded." (Reading- Exodus 24:3-11)

Apr. 2 Good Friday (2 & 7 p.m.)

The afternoon service will focus on "The Wounds That Heal." (Reading: Isaiah 53:1-

The Principal Connection ...

"However, each one of you also love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband." Ephesians 5:33

It's February! It's the heart month. It is the time when we want to show the one we love how much we love them with the things we say, the things we do, and the things we buy for them.

After 38 years of romance with the one the Lord blessed my life with, I am reminded as I read through

this scripture reading in Ephesians how important it is for me to love. My first date with Ruth was January 15, 1972. We were seniors in high school.

I can honestly say that my life has changed for the better and that I am who I am today because of her love for me. We graduated from Concordia College in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1976, which was the year we were married. Going to college, being married, and praying for your 1st call was a full time challenge. We had 13 part-time jobs just to make ends meet and so we could have home-made chocolate chip cookies. We lived in a two room college housing dormitory. Boy that was the life!

The apostle Paul gives us very clear guidelines for Christian marriages. Though these guidelines in Ephesians can be humanly challenging, they are achievable with the power of the Holy Spirit. God never gives us direction without sharing a way to accomplish His will.

We recognize that there are 3 Biblical truths about Christian marriages in Ephesians. First, married couples are subject to Jesus Christ and then mutually subject to one another. Second, husbands are to be the spiritual leaders of the homes in the same way Christ is the leader of the church. This means we are to be loving, sacrificial, caring, responsible, committed and caring. Third, it is God's desire to do whatever it takes to keep marriages together and for each couple to experience His love through their spouse.

What a marvelous gift we would give to our loved one if we could give these 3 truths in their entirety. Can you imagine how joyous your Valentine's Day would be if you were to share this kind of love and respect with your beloved.

At Trinity Lutheran School we have the love of Christ which makes us the kind of school we are. We are so blessed with families where this scenario is being played out. These are the values and morals we share with our children, to love one another even as Christ loved us. Talk about the thrill of our heart in this "Love Month."

This February we will be very involved in sharing the love of Christ with one another. We have many activities going on which involve us with one another. What a great time to be at Trinity!

February 1-5 we will be collecting Pennies for Patients. This money goes to the Leukemia Foundation to help with finding a cure.

February 8-12 we will have Spirit Week leading up to the Lafayette tournament. Our boys are 16-0 and won the Valparaiso tournament for the first time in 27 years. We are excited about this event.

We will be off of school February 15 for President's Day. Ash Wednesday is February 17. We will be attending Chapel with our congregation members during Lent. What a thrilling time of renewal and remembrance.

Third Quarter midterms come out on February 19 and the children of grades 5-8 will be attending a Sock Hop sponsored by our PTL from 6:30-8:30 PM.

We pray for God's richest blessings and love to all of you from our Faculty and Staff at Trinity Lutheran School. May love of this season of love be yours as you share the news about God's greatest gift of love for us --His Son Jesus. Thanks for your prayers and your generous gifts of money to help support the school! We are so blessed to have you with us! We give thanks for our parents and our congregation members who value our children's spiritual development and share in partnership with us!

John E. Schultz

From the Contemporary Worship and Youth Director. . .

Many years ago, there was a girl with a peculiar name who went to a house that wasn't hers, sat in some chairs, and ate porridge. She broke a chair, completely annihilated a bowl of porridge, and because of this, was soon ready for bed. Walking up the staircase she was completely oblivious to the ferocious family portrayed in framed photographs that climbed up the wall. She continued up to the bedroom where there were three beds loaded with thick brown hair. Goldilocks could only come up with one explanation. "I know where I am now! This was the summer home of the BeeGees... Awesome!" She was wrong. Growing more and more weary, she tried to find the perfect bed. The first was too hard. The second was too soft. But the third, well, that was just right! She fell asleep, found out it wasn't the home of the BeeGees, ran away and never came back because she wanted to stay alive. Obviously, there was no time to talk.

I have never understood the depth of this famous childhood story until recently. Growing up, I understood why you shouldn't go into another person's house uninvited and why you shouldn't eat someone else's food. I am now understanding a deeper moral: It is problematic getting comfortable in a position you shouldn't be in. On the contrary, had she got to know the Bear's--had she went on picnics with them, had she been in the portraits climbing the staircase of their home--she could have sat in the best seat in the house; she could have eaten a great big bowl of porridge. She could have comfortably rested and peacefully awoken.

We sometimes get comfortable in situations we aren't really a part of as members of the royal priesthood, don't we? Isn't that the reason why God allows for some porridge to be hot? Isn't that the reason why God allows some chairs to break? Isn't that the reason why should not be sleeping in the bed of the unknown? We get to know a triune God.

There is a reason we "get to know people" rather than "need to know or must know". It's an opportunity. As we become apart of the family, as we start to appear in family portraits assailing the royal stairway, as begin to know our Lord, we sit at the banquet table, we sit at his throne, we crawl in the arms of a Lord and Savior comfortably resting and at peace. In the Deuteronomy, "But you will cross the Jordan and settle in the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and he will give you rest from all your enemies around you so that you will live in safety.

There are many opportunities at Trinity to grow this faith in God and in the relationships with our brothers and sisters:

First Step Saturdays

Anyone In The Church

First Saturday of Every Month

Come, be the Church together. We join together, anyone and everyone, over breakfast provided and a devotion. We then pray, here about the days servant projects that are presented by anyone who comes and then go and let God use us as instruments of love. Meet us at Trinity at 9:00am, we debrief and are done by noon.

Awestruck Experience

8th Thru 12th Grade

June 25-July 2

Any 8th thru 12th grade that likes music, dodgeball, games, food, fun, tug-of-war, traveling, outdoors, helping others, skits, hiking, and/or great times should seriously consider signing up for the Awestruck Experience. All details are online and forms are available on the youth board across the pastors office. Sign up deadline is March 1st.

6:10

Jr. High, Sr. High, and Others

Every other Wednesday

6:10 is an interactive worship experience designed for anyone in Jr. High to come a fellowship, eat, worship, sing, play...all in the name of Jesus. Sr. High will be conducting skits, performing songs, and leading games. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Brandon. Exact dates are available on the schedule on the youth board across from the pastors offices.

Needing Volunteers!

Contemporary Audio Help

Anyone interested in learning more about the Contemporary Worship Service and our needs, you are more than invited to come see Brandon on what you can do to enhance our Sunday morning service.

Brandon Grelle

Board of Church Properties

We have a contractor to repair our school casement windows. We plan to meet with him to set the scope, cost of his work and timing.

We still plan to do selected interior painting this winter.

The Board intends to ask for new carpet in the extended care and kindergarten class rooms. We have glued down open seams in those rooms. Some are too wide to glue.

We are investigating what it will take to install an Ethylene Glycol mixture system on the school and other hot water systems we have. This will help prevent coils from freezing if we have a power outage or pump failure. More on this later.

We have met with the potential supplier of new hi-efficiency lights for the gym. This could save us money on usage and also be easier to use for the worship services and meetings in the gym. The new fixtures would be more efficient, be 'instant-on, instant-off' and have other favorable features.

Our Board has created an email address on the TrinityCP system that you can use to communicate with us. Anyone who may not know the members of the board can send information, ask questions or just thank us for the great job we are doing. This will be posted on the Trinity website. It is properties@trinitycp.org.

We also plan to work with our Webmaster and post our list of large capital projects (wish list) for members to refer to. The larger projects on this list are typically jobs that will not be supported by our regular operating budget. Special funding would be required.

We are working together with the Board of Elders in setting goals for improving the audio system in the church with an eye toward video recording and presentation. We plan to meet in February to begin listing our goals.

Thanks again to our volunteers who shovel snow for their many hours in the cold.

We continue to be good stewards of our property and the funds that we have available. There are many groups that use our buildings and grounds on a weekly basis. We ask that you make good use of the property and treat it as your own.

Gary Diekelmann
properties@trinitycp.org

Board of Finance & Staff Management

As 2009 has come to a close and we begin a new year the Board of Finance and Staffing will focus on 3 main goals for 2010

First is continued assistance in bringing the position of the proposed Day School Development Director to a successful close. Along with that, to work with, and offer any direction and assistance that the director may require, to insure the success of the total program. Through the continued success of this program a sizable portion of the financial goals of both the Church and School can be met. As a board we will work with the Day School Board and Treasurer to see that the needs for scholarship, compensation, and benefits funds for the staff of Trinity Church and School are met to the best of our abilities.

This goal not only meets the financial aspect of increasing revenues but also has an out reach effect by continuing to provide the facilities for a Christian education. It also provides funds for families that without assistance may not have the resources to send their children to Trinity therefore missing an opportunity to minister to them.

Second, as a steward of the resources that God provides, the Board will continue to refine the annual financial review and establish a process to insure that all of the resources can be and are accounted for. Also, the Board will create as needed, additional controls, policies, and procedures to provide that spending is done in an orderly and systematic way that will not create undue stress on cash management or the budget.

This goal meets the requirements of the second focus by specifically addressing the need for fiscal restraint to meet the needs of both today and the future to move Trinity forward in its mission.

Third, the Board will work to insure that all employment practices, state and federal, are being met. In addition, that the staff has an employee handbook as a point of reference and guidance for consistent and fair answers to the policies and practices of Trinity Church and School.

This goal while designed to prevent problems or reduce the negative impact of problems that may occur should also serve to build on relationships among the staff of Trinity Church and School.

As we move forward throughout the year we will strive to be ever mindful of the blessings that God bestows on us daily, and to use those blessings to his every benefit.

Jud Salmon

Board of Discipleship

Looking for a few pioneers! One of the goals this year for the Board of Discipleship is to begin a growing Cell Group movement at Trinity to:

- Support one another in living out God's grace in the issues of life.
- Reach out to others in the community with Jesus' love through such loving groups.
- Model the power of God's love and grace to deal with the struggles of a sinful world.

What is a Cell Group? A Cell Group is a small group of people meeting a couple times a month, usually in a group member's home. The Cell Group is formed around a common issue all the members share, such as:

- A family member in the military, away from home.
- The recent loss of a loved one.
- Marriage enrichment.
- Parenting difficult children
- Or any number of other issues...

How is a Cell Group different from a **watch Group** (Trinity's small groups)? See the following:

| Activity: | watch Groups | Cell Groups |
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| Scripture | Bible Study, or Devotion, or 'Verse of the Day' (depending on watch Group type). | Scripture consulted on the common issue that brought the Cell Group together. "What does God say about _____?" |
| Fellowship | Care for each other, joy in seeing each other, getting to know others, sharing our common connection in Jesus. | Significant aspect: "We are all in this together.", based on the common issue that brought the Cell Group together in addition to aspects listed under watch Groups . |
| Prayer/Worship | General prayers, petitions for members of the group. Worship in a variety of ways. | Specific prayer for individuals in the group for grace and wisdom to handle the common issue in addition to general prayers and worship. |
| Missional Service | Group engages in or supports service in Jesus' Name for those outside the group. | Equips members to better serve others affected by the common issue that brought the Cell Group together. |

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| Support | Done through all of the above activities. | Gathered together to support one another in dealing with a common issue with the resources God provides in His Word and through His people. |
| Nature of Group | More permanent in nature. May give birth to new groups. (Encouraged to do so, if possible!) | More temporary in nature. May disband when betterment occurs, or participants may discontinue when issue is resolved. New participants may join. |

So...several brave individuals are needed to begin Cell Groups. The Board of Discipleship has a basic template for what that would look like, but we need to adapt the model to our community. (*Can you say, "Guinea pig?" Also known as a pioneer...*) On the basis of experience with 2 or 3 pioneer groups, the Board would encourage additional groups to form this fall. See DCE Wendt if you would love to be a pioneer!

Child Protection Training

Child Protection Training will be offered on the following two dates:

- Sunday, February 7th – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Cafeteria A
- Sunday, March 7th – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Cafeteria A

There will be no dates in April. Numerous offerings will be on the Calendar in May and June. Stay tuned!

To work with children at Trinity, people need to fill out an Application, a criminal background check form and attend a training session.

Desserts Galore!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 6th**! Come to the Youth Chili supper and Dessert Auction. 4 to 6:30 p.m. Free will offering for the chili. Dessert auction will begin around 5:00 p.m. A perfect opportunity to snag sweet sustenance for the Super Bowl (or any occasion)! Supports about 20 of our youth to attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering this summer. Invite your friends!

LOOKING AHEAD:



What are you doing the week of **June 14-18, 2010**? If you answered I don't know I have the answer for you, join the staff of Planet Zoom (Vacation Bible School) and share the love of Jesus with one another. Teachers, aides, snacks, outdoor, music, nursery and craft helpers are needed. Volunteer all week or even 1 day, all are welcomed. Contact Kerri Wilkes to volunteer today at 690-1415 or bwilkes98@sbcglobal.net. Look for more details next month. I look forward to having you on staff of Planet Zoom. God's Blessings

Kerri Wilkes, VBS director

Happy Anniversary!

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| 2/3 | Mark & Susan Magruder |
| 2/4 | Joe & Betty Perry |
| 2/5 | Maverick & Karen Burcham, Mark & Beth Reiners |
| 2/6 | Tom & Vicky Fanno |
| 2/11 | Roger & Darlene Marvel, Robert & Jennifer Pollitt |
| 2/14 | Tim & Judi Fair |
| 2/15 | Norman & Shirley Lotz |
| 2/16 | Greg & Melissa Jevert |
| 2/18 | Bill & Sandy Heiser |
| 2/26 | Cyril & Nicole Duffala |
| 2/28 | Reetin & Heidi Ghasa |
| 2/29 | Ryan & Vicki Stojkovich |

Happy Birthday!

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| 2/1 | Tom Taylor, Karen Burcham, Deb Komasinski, Kelly McGraw |
| 2/2 | Monty McNab, Sharon Tillery, Quinn Witham, Amanda Manley, Patrick Claus |
| 2/3 | Lorene Fuehrmeyer, Lisa Gapen, Tim Maxwell, Leann Tustison |
| 2/4 | Shirley Patz, Kyle Erickson, Jenna Doherty |
| 2/5 | Judi Fair, Terri Martin, Michael Gella, Kim Hart, Trey Tustison |
| 2/6 | Mark Rydberg, Amber Hart, Kaleigh Mueller, Megan Magruder |
| 2/7 | Brittany Dunlap |
| 2/8 | Audrey Wieler, Doug Luebcke, Melissa Jevert, Hope Stinson |
| 2/9 | Linda Swanson, Matt Dallman, Sara Tokoly, Erik Dahlman |
| 2/10 | Nobert Luebcke, Albert Noak Jr, Judy McNab, Chuck Alliss, Tom Fanno, Dennis Reynolds |
| 2/11 | Ilse Lunkes, Joyce Rather, Adam Hughes, |

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| | Adam Goeringer, Joshua Long |
| 2/12 | Larry Mickow, Tom Pavlovick, Linda Fehil, Ed Dixon, Kam Stash |
| 2/13 | Julie Burkhardt |
| 2/14 | Tom Whitaker, Kathryn Birmingham |
| 2/15 | Sharon Butler, Star Lugar, Bob Stinson, Alexis Aardsma, Christy Aardsma |
| 2/16 | Ruth Coe, John Andrews, Don Stieve, Diane Jackson, Kelsey Surma |
| 2/17 | Jim Hensley, Laura Gella, Michael Doherty, Kim Smith, Emma Kulak |
| 2/18 | Sue Murphy, Jill Woldt, Olivia Pillar, Karli Swanson |
| 2/19 | John Matuska, Bonnie Surma, Roland Brauer II, Matt McCann, Carolyn Dienes, Skylar Cebra |
| 2/20 | Ralph Einspahr, Rich Nester, Becky DeVries, Rebecca Guess, Joe Wolter, Chase Rinkovsky |
| 2/21 | Tina Matuska, Drew Gardiner, Ariel Jansma, Robert Pollitt III |
| 2/22 | Ed Hamilton, Brad Wilkes, Alex Maxwell, Matthew Bunde, Colten Mowery |
| 2/23 | Eleanor Groet, Ron Morris |
| 2/24 | Brian Knipper, Jessica Snyder, Brayden Shea |
| 2/25 | Karla Stiener, Ed Klingberg Sr, Ryan Stojkovich, Joe Stadnik |
| 2/26 | Irene Ringers, Carol Croak, Lily Koelikamp |
| 2/27 | Don Guske, Fred Kujawski, Bob McCann, Vickie Loeber, Hannah Arroyo |
| 2/28 | Ryan Whitaker |



Wednesday, February 20th for article submission to the March newsletter. Articles may be dropped off at church or sent to newsletter@trinitycp.org.

Bible Study



Faith Stepping Stones

"Children are a reward from the Lord" Psalm 127:3
Children are a blessing. Parents have a lot of responsibility in raising our children. God has entrusted us with our children and asks us to **"bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord"**. Two opportunities for parents are offered in February to gain practical skills in nurturing the Christian faith in our children.

**Saturday, February 6th, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Room 103**

Adolescence – Stepping Stone 6: Surviving Adolescence

Explore effective ways to support your growing child, stay in a positive relationship with one another and discover the ‘secret formula’ for building a relationship that is stronger at the end of adolescence than it was at the beginning. Learn the *practice* of reflecting on the days Highs & Lows on the basis of the Bible verse for the day and bringing the days’ events to God in prayer. Daily forgiveness and blessing from earlier practices surround this practice. **Learn the secret formula!**

Saturday, February 27th, 2010 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Room 103

Birth – Stepping Stone 1: Raising a Healthy Baby

Learn about physical, emotional and spiritual development in your baby with a focus on how to nurture the gift of baptismal faith. Learn the *practice* of blessing your child each night at bedtime.

Polar Plunge 2010

Are you “freezin’ for a reason? Be a fan of fun. Take the plunge for Special Olympics Indiana. The Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Indiana will be coming to Hidden Lake in Merrillville on February 10, 2010. Registration 9-10 a.m. Plunge 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact Plunge Director Margot Sabato at solake@slccs.com or 219-663-0627. You can also visit www.soindiana.org to learn more.

Mission Connections ...

LWR Haiti Relief Effort: As news of what is being called the largest earthquake to hit Haiti in more than 200 years reached LCMS World Relief and Human Care, the Synod's mercy arm began preparing to reach out in the Caribbean nation with much needed assistance and working in cooperation with Lutheran partners. Please join this effort today ... your gift in any amount -- \$50, \$100, \$500, or substantially more -- will strengthen and support our men and women who will respond to disaster in Haiti in the weeks and months ahead. Go to www.lcms.org for more information. Thank you!

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“Worship for Shut-Ins”

This 30-minute Lutheran television program provides shut-ins and short-term hospitalized children, adults, and seniors, a weekly worship service that includes Hymns, Scripture, Creed, Sermon, Lord's Prayer, and Benediction, with opening and closing comments from our host, Don Luepke. “Worship for Shut-Ins” can be seen on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. on **Cable TV TLN (Total Living Network)**.

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February 7, 2010 – Luke 5:1-11

“They Left Everything”

Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven, IN

The Disciples “left everything and followed Jesus”. It is hard to imagine leaving everything to follow Jesus but that is what we are called to do. Jesus gave us the perfect example as He left everything to give us eternal life.

February 14, 2010 – Luke 9:28-36

“Who Is Jesus?”

Rev. Jay Mason, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM

Transfiguration Sunday; Valentine's Day:

- I. Who is Jesus? . . . Hot topic in Jerusalem
- II. The Transfiguration
 1. Jesus' appearance
 2. Elijah & Moses
 3. God spoke to disciples
- III. So What?

February 21, 2010 – Luke 4:1-13

“Standing and Withstanding Temptation”

Rev. Karl Frincke, Concordia Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN

Jesus was tempted mightily for us. He defeated the devil. As a result we can defeat temptation.

February 28, 2010 – Luke 13:34

“Stubborn? Obdurate? Gathered?”

Rev. James Elsner, Prince of Peace, Hudson, IN

We have been stubborn - especially as children. But a similar attitude in spiritual matters crushes one for eternity! God in His grace calls us from this sin and gathers us to Himself through Jesus!

NEWS FROM THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS

Lutheran Night at VU: The South Shore Group of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is helping to sponsor Lutheran Night at the Valparaiso University men's basketball game on **Monday, February 8, 2010**. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. in the Athletic Recreation Center (ARC) at Valparaiso University. The Crusaders will be playing a great game against the University of Illinois of Chicago. When you purchase your tickets in advance adult tickets are \$3.00 for and kids 10 and under are FREE. Ticket sales can be made with the athletic ticket box office at (219) 464-5233. If you should have any questions, please contact Carsten Falkenberg at (219) 663-8699.

Values, money and teens – what do they have in common?

You! Believe it or not. When it comes to money, what values do you want your child to have? Is it generous? Responsible? Thrifty? Something else? Values serve as an important foundation to managing money.

Did you know:

- When a group of parents were asked to select a topic they wish they had learned more about when they were a teen, 57% chose money management.*
- 67% of parents think their teens are not interested in learning about personal money management.*
- 60% of American teens identified personal finance as a top priority.**

Have a discussion with your teen about personal money management (share, save & spend) and how they can be good stewards of their resources. Talk about their values, their goals and share your experiences to help open up the discussion.

Starting the conversation now can help develop healthy money habits that will last a lifetime. For questions about your personal money management, contact Carsten Falkenberg, Senior Financial Consultant at 219-663-8699 or carsten.falkenberg@thrivent.com today or visit thrivent.com.

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