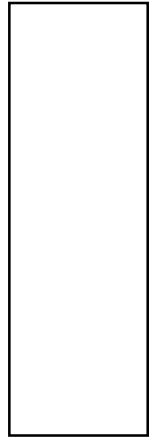


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Transition Priest

Reprise. I'm writing this the afternoon following the Annual Meeting of the parish. (Thank you, Jean for your willingness to let me be late with this!) It was a delightful time for me because I had the opportunity to "play" a little with our outgoing vestry members (Oz, zucchinis, and Winnie-the-Pooh played significant roles...) and to offer personal thanks to Genie, Paul, Willie, Marianne, Jan, the Profile Committee, the Search Committee and most of all, you, the parishioners of Trinity. I'll repeat what I said at the meeting: "Many of you have asked me, with a concerned look on your face, how I'm doing. I've replied (apparently to the surprise of some of you) that I've never had so much fun!" It's absolutely true. This congregation's energy, commitment, and connection with one another and the Spirit of God is phenomenal! You just can't be around it very long without getting charged up. So again, I say THANK YOU for being simply who you are.

There's one thing I'd like you to do. We're in the final two months before Christy begins her time at Trinity. Last year, in the February newsletter, I posed 3 questions for you. I am asking them again to focus on what we have before us. Please put them in your prayers. If you wish, write out a response to them and give it to a member of the vestry.

- 1) What qualities of my/our relationships at Trinity are the most important? What can I/we do to enhance and grow upon those qualities?
- 2) What are the characteristic qualities of the environment (building, mood, etc.) we share at Trinity? What are the larger environmental concerns of our community, nation, etc., that can be addressed through the environment we share at Trinity? What can I/we do to address these?
- 3) We know we'll be needing additional money in the years to come as we grow into a life that incorporates Saint Helen's Center. Growing in numbers will obviously help that. However, some preparation of the present community will be needed so here are some questions that will

have to be addressed before meaningful growth can occur. What is my/our understanding of the gifts God has given me/us? What can I/we do to deepen the commitment and life of all of our parishioners?

We'll be very interested in hearing what the Spirit may be saying to and through you!

Chuck+

REPORT FROM ANNUAL MEETING

ELECTIONS

Senior Warden: Jack Crowell has been elected to serve beginning April 1. Genie McBurnett will continue to serve until April 1.

Junior Warden: Helene Lulich

Vestry: Lynne Fitzwater, Rachel Fox, and Norm Henry.

THANK YOU

- to our retiring vestry members Peter Boehm, Rick Negus, and Orville Bell.
- to those continuing on vestry: Julie Lear, Robert Lebre, Terry Rahmsdorff, Donna Jacobsen, Carol Luther and Jane Lilley.

NEW APPOINTMENT: Mary Wells will be our Family Ministries Coordinator

The experience of the Annual Meeting this year made it clear that Trinity is indeed a parish of Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Arms. We took care of the usual business - approved the Treasurer's Report and the 2008 Budget, passed a resolution allowing Genie to continue as Senior Warden during February and March, elected by acclamation our Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and new Vestry members.

How we manage and spend our money, and whom we chose to lead us, are very important in our life at Trinity. But even more important is how we love and care for and serve each other, our church, our community. This was evident through the reports of all of the gifts the Trinity people have offered, gifts of money, of time and of talent, and in the many expressions of appreciation for all that people have done.

SCHEDULE

Sunday	Time	Service	Deacon	Eucharistic Minister	Lector		Acolyte	Altar Guild	Usher	Coffee Host
					Reader	Prayers				
February 3 Last Sunday after the Epiphany	8:00 10:00 5:00	H.E. II H.E. II H.E. II	Gaye Lawson	Pat Gibson Heidi Wissing Mary Jeanne K	Mark Lane Terry Rahmsdorff	Lynne Fitzwater	Emma P. Will G. Jessica Z.	Team 1 Captain: Judy Wallace	Jack & Ann Farry Tom Stucklen Peggy Ziegler	Helen Crowell Judy Inglis
February 10 1st Sunday in Lent	8:00 10:00 5:00	H.E. I H.E. II H.E. II	Willie Hoffer Gaye Lawson Willie H.	Judy Montgomery Elizabeth Henry Steve W.	Pete Loving Connie McCracken	Deby Falconer	Marley S. Savannah Nathan W.	Team 2 Captain: June Serley	Russ & Jeanne Merritt John Bolen June Serley	Karen C. Mary W.
February 17 2nd Sunday in Lent	8:00 10:00 5:00	H.E. II H.E. II H.E. II	Gaye Lawson Willie Hoffer	Greg Young Jean Gillespie Shirley James	Loretta Slepikas David Clark	Carol Bryant	Mark W. Jack C. Griffin J.	Team 3 Captain: Connie Miller	Sylvie DeKalb Mike Williams Rick & Sandy Negus	Sandy Noble Connie M.
February 24 3rd Sunday in Lent	8:00 10:00 5:00	H.E. I H.E. II H.E. II.	Willie Hoffer Willie Hoffer	Pat Gibson Peggy Ziegler Mary Jeanne K	Kathy Arthurs Tena Paulson	Terry R.	Will G. Jessica Z. Gabby C.	Team 4 Captain: Joan Walker	Judy & Scott Wallace Warren & Pat Facey	Karly Nash Rosemary D.
March 2 4th Sunday in Lent	8:00 10:00 5:00	H.E. II H.E. II H.E. II	Willie Hoffer Gaye Lawson Willie H.	Greg Young Ray Jeff Spreier Elizabeth Henry	Mark Lane Lynne Fitzwater	David Clark	Neillie Hall Bo Hall Liam Hall	Team 1 Captain: Judy Wallace	Rod & Trisch Clark John Bolen Joan Walker	Donna J. Christy M.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Interim Rector: The Rev. Chuck Christopher	Senior Warden: Genie McBurnett begining April 1	Jack Crowell
Priest: The Rev. Paul Morton	Junior Warden: Helene Lulich	
Deacons: The Rev. Willie Hoffer The Rev. Gaye Lawson	Vestry:	
Administrative Assistant: Jan Stalker	Robert Lebre	Julie Lear
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E-mail: ministry@trinitybend.org	Norm Henry	Rachel Fox
Website: www.trinitybend.org	Lynne Fitzwater	
Secretary: Emily Moore	Services:	
Music Director: Jim Knox	Sun. 8 am	Holy Eucharist
Parish Nurse: Marianne Lebre	Sun. 10 am	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Trumpet Editor: Jean Gillespie	Sun. 5 pm	Holy Eucharist

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

Feb. 1	Beth Ellis	Feb. 14	McKenzie Burpee
Feb. 2	Eugenia Ryder	Feb. 14	Jacob Ashby
Feb. 3	Jane Lilley	Feb. 15	John Stearns
Feb. 3	Pat Serrurier	Feb. 17	Ella Rodgers
Feb. 3	Dan Nyaradi	Feb. 19	Emma Paulson
Feb. 4	Grace Hoiness	Feb. 19	Joshua Zachem
Feb. 4	Susan Steves	Feb. 21	Don Lindeleaf
Feb. 5	Jane Lussier	Feb. 22	Dana Martin
Feb. 6	Tena Paulson	Feb. 23	Bill Ellis
Feb. 6	Sarah Perle	Feb. 25	Patricia Facey
Feb. 7	Sylvia DeKalb	Feb. 25	Lauren Hicks
Feb. 11	David Bilyeu	Feb. 25	Sam Hicks
Feb. 11	Philip Hatch	Feb. 26	Anna Rodgers
Feb. 11	Porter Fratzke	Feb. 26	Emerson Fratzke
Feb. 12	Robert Porter	Feb. 28	Connie Miller
		Feb. 28	Barbara Elder

A New Birth!

Julia Grace Ong, daughter of Timothy and Kimbra Guillot Ong

Baptism  We welcome Joanne Barr Porter into the Body of Christ.

Deaths We remember in our prayers Taylor Gerke and Kirian Kossler who have entered into a new life.



The Financial Reports and the 2008 Budget are in the Annual Meeting booklet, copies of which are in the parish office and in the Narthex (the area by the front door of the church). Reports from Chuck Christopher, Paul Morton, Pete Lovering, and the Trinity Foundation are in the booklet, as well as reports written by the people in charge of our parish activities. Some of these reports may be found in future issues of the Trumpet.

Following is a brief report of the meeting.

2008 Budget: Bob Selder began his report by thanking the Finance Committee for their work, and also Jan and Genie. He said that this is an interesting year, and he explained how some of the changes at Trinity affect the budget. We will have a new rector beginning April 1. We will be taking over SHC in the fall. Our Sexton will change from 1/2 time to 3/4 time when we take possession of SHC. The Family Ministry Coordinator will begin March 1. We have increased the Parish Administrator compensation to a proper level. A major uncertainty is the date we will take over SHC; the budget is based on the date of October 1. Also we do not yet know if the Future Present Campaign Funds will be exempt from DPA, the 25% of our income which we pay to the diocese. Bob noted that the pledges for 2008 have increased by 16.8%, which is remarkable for a parish in transition. He thanked Bob Fox for the successful campaign.

Genie praised Bob Selder for all that he does for us.

Junior Warden report: Pete Lovering drew our attention to the list in the Annual Meeting booklet of work completed by our sexton Mark Schlerf, a list 1/2 page long. He said that formerly this work would have been asked of the Jr. Warden and volunteers, and we owe Mark a lot of thanks. Pete also mentioned some of the major projects which have been completed, including roof repair and painting of Trinity, and painting, new siding, and other work at Saint Helens Center.

Genie thanked Pete for being a smart, calm, thoughtful person who cares a lot about this place.

She also thanked Paul Morton, saying that we appreciate that he can love us, stretch us, and laugh with us.

Transition Priest report: Chuck said that in his report in the Annual Meeting booklet he has highlighted items having to do with the transition process. He then expressed his thanks to several people in our parish; this can be found below.

Senior Warden report: Genie spoke of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our parish. These remarks can be found on page 6 of the Trumpet.

Family Ministry Coordinator - Mary Wells. Genie introduced Mary, saying that she has worked with children, teens and families; has developed programs and supported volunteers. Mary spoke to us briefly. A message from Mary is on page 7 of the Trumpet.

New Foundation Board member: Mike McKnight announced that Bob Fox has been elected as a new member of the Foundation, and thanked Connie Jarvis, retiring after serving 5 years on the Foundation.

There was humor during the meeting also. When the new vestry members were announced, Chuck made presentations to the retiring vestry members. To Rick Negus, who has lead the Family Kitchen from trouble to success, he gave the first annual OZ award, for those who give of themselves in ways that give the hope of rainbows for others. To Peter Boehm, who sees children, and all others, as his friends, who like Christopher Robin is loyal, insightful and energetic in responding to others' needs, he gave a framed print of the 100 Acre Wood so that he'll never get lost. To Orville Bell, whose answer to the call to serve the remainder of an unexpired term on the vestry was like so many he's given to Trinity – generous and strong, and who is known as a gardener, sharing his tomatoes and zucchinis, he gave a zucchini wiener dog, and sang a special song for him, Homegrown Zucchinis.

Jean Gillespie

TRANSITION PRIEST’S THANK YOU’S

I have many of you to thank – really, all of you! There are a few, however that I’d like to write into the record because of their direct support of the transition ministry we’ve shared in the last 16 months.

First and foremost my thanks go to Genie McBurnett. I pray you

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 11 Family Kitchen	2 12 Fam. Kit. Bag Lunch
8 H.E. II 3 9 St. C. Choir 9:05 Adult Ed. 10 H.E. II St. Brigid celebration 5 Eucharist 6 dinner, auction, program	4	5 5 Fam.Kit 4:30-6:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancakes at SHC	6 Ash Wednesday 11 Fam. Kit. 12 Eucharist 7 Eucharist at Grace 1st Lutheran	7 5 Family Kitchen	8 10 Enneagram 11 Fam.Kit.	9 12 Fam. Kit.
8 H.E. I 10 9 St. C. Choir 9:05 Adult Ed. 10 H.E. II 5 Eucharist Soup supper & Study program	11 10 Depression Bipolar Support 12 Prayer Shawl 7 Vestry Meeting	12 5 Family Kitchen	13 9 Worship Mtg 10:30 Staff Mtg 11 Fam. Kit. 4:30 Cent.Pr. 7:00 Choir 7 Roots & Branches	14 5 Family Kitchen 6 Women’s COL	15 11 Fam.Kit.	16 12 Fam.Kit.
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PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

A big thank you to all who had their pictures taken for the pictorial directory! We appreciate your understanding about the postponement and rescheduling, and about your waiting during viewing and technical difficulties! We will work to finish up our next part and get it off to Life Touch.

Thanks!

Emily Moore and Sara Johnson

One group plans to go to New Orleans, staying at the Urban Ministry Center of the Diocese of Louisiana from March 31, 2008 to April 5. More information on the trip is available from Willis Moore, St. Paul's, The Dalles, who can be contacted by telephone at 800-538-3950; his email address is profwillishamoore@gmail.com

The following week, from April 6 to 12, a second group will go to Long Beach in the Diocese of Mississippi, staying at Camp Coast Care, a facility owned by the diocese. Larry Cramblett of St. Mark's, Hood River, is arranging that trip. Workers must be over 16, and room and board are provided, although donations are appreciated. Home Depot will train volunteers. Cramblett's telephone number is 541-374-8805; his email address is bettiec@gorge.net

OFFICE HELPERS NEEDED

Receptionist help is regularly needed on Wednesdays from 9:30 am to noon. Call the office to sign up on the list of volunteer office helpers.

EPIPHANY POTLUCK WHO FOUND THE FAVORS?

On January 6 we completed our celebration of Epiphany with a potluck Sunday evening. As usual the table was filled with a wonderful selection of food which we all enjoyed while visiting with old friends and making new ones.

Several people found favors in their pieces of cake: Nicole Cuddihy found the Baby Jesus, and will bring the cake next year. Brianna Thompson found the dime, and will raise some money for Trinity, and Rick Negus and Warren Facey both claimed the thimble, and will make something for the church.

Helene Lulich and Ann Havill, who got the thimbles last year, have made covers for the kneelers in the church to protect them during the week. Tom Stucklen raised money for the church last month at the St. Nicholas party.

Thanks to Pat Facey and the many people who organized the party, set up and cleaned up. These parties, an important and joyful part of our parish life, are the result of many hands at work.

realize what a gift God has given Trinity in her. She is a steadfast witness to Christ's love for community, an insightful and immensely capable leader, and a compassionate friend – I've needed that several times in the last year. She is a shining example of what's possible in pursuing the life of Christ.

Paul Morton – I don't know how well most of you knew Paul before this past year. I do know, however, how important he's been to Trinity in the last year. Paul you've brought energy, enthusiasm, a willingness to challenge the status quo, and a journey in faith to bear on this time of change. Beyond that, in you I have discovered a brother – a gift for which I'm deeply grateful.

Willie Hoffer – During a transition period, one area of a congregation's life that is most tenuous is that of pastoral care. Many congregations rely heavily on a rector to cover that and when one isn't present, pastoral care goes begging. Willie, working with Marianne Lebre, has provided excellent pastoral support for this parish in a continuing of love and service to Christ and this community. I've had the privilege of sharing ministry with many deacons over the years. In all of them, in one way or another, I've found a new understanding of what God is calling forth from me. Willie Hoffer has gone beyond all I've encountered thus far. She has added dimensions of steadfastness and humility to my life and to this parish that are a powerful witness to the presence of a loving God.

Marianne Lebre – Marianne is an incredible asset to this congregation. I did some counting from my pastoral care notes and in the time I've been here she's been a direct influence on the continuing health of well over 35 members of this congregation. Her dedication to the well-being of all of us is a huge gift to the life of this congregation. Marianne, you have given me and Trinity a witness of what's possible when a congregation is willing to commit seriously to the complete care of its members. Thank you.

Jan Stalker – Jan is one of the most talented front office folks I have known. She is gifted in all aspects of managing the temporal affairs of this parish, but more than that, she is committed to this congregation. She can multi-task in ways unimaginable! Talking on the phone while running off a bulletin and taking care of some other parishioner need at

the same time are her stock and trade! No matter how crazy it gets – and I mean really crazy – she always greets a new situation with joy and her full attention. Jan, you give this parish the gift of yourself. You are a continuing support to all of us. You have given me confidence during my time here that the needs of this parish are not only being addressed, they are being very, very well done!

Profile Committee – Ken Sandine and the others who served with him took a vast amount of information, some of it generated by this congregation a year earlier, and put it together into one of the finest profiles I’ve seen. They did it in a very short amount of time. The most impressive thing for me was sitting with them and watching them interact. It was truly Trinity at its best.

Search Committee – Donna Jacobsen and Terry Rahmsdorff worked with a great group of people who are also representative not only of the inclusive character of Trinity, but of the way Trinity gets things done. They worked long hours (meeting weekly from June well into September) and gave much to Trinity. They aren’t finished yet, for they also have the responsibility of welcoming Christy and her family and introducing them to the parish and the community. You’ll be hearing more from them. They are by far one of the best search committees with which I’ve ever had the privilege of working.

Everyone here!! — Your prayerful enthusiasm is a real joy to behold. Both Patsy and I are joyful and thankful that God has given us the opportunity to be a part of this community. We are looking forward to the time we’ll have with you on down the road. Thank you for embracing us as you do everyone else – with open hearts, open minds, and open arms.

SENIOR WARDEN’S STATEMENT

“We’ve come a long way baby!” That started with a War poster: called to serve in unusual ways. Trinity has come a long way over the last 18 months. Who is calling us?

Bob Ellis would have reminded us, “Listen to the Holy Spirit here with us.” And Ed Key might add “God speaks in many voices and dwells in all of His Creation. Hear His Spirit everywhere and in everyone!” Their voices are now one with that Spirit. I think of them often, I miss

The next meeting of the convocation is tentatively scheduled for Saturday May 3rd at St. Mark's in Madras. Additional information will be available in forthcoming issues of the Trumpet.

Ray Jeff Spreier

ST. ANDREWS BURNS

At the Central Oregon Convocation last month, Terry Rahmsdorff told us about St. Andrews in Burns. Terry, a member of the Diocesan Council, has visited St. Andrews occasionally to learn about their needs and how the diocese can help them. St. Andrews is part of a blended congregation, partnering with Peace Lutheran and Living Waters, a Lutheran mission on the Paiute reservation. The rector of St. Andrews, the Rev. Anne Scissions, accepted a call last summer from a church in Iowa. The congregations have been discussing their partnership and their worship. They alternate Lutheran and Episcopal liturgy, led by lay ministers. They are not often able to have a Eucharist since they have no priest or pastor. Their average Sunday attendance is in the 20’s.

During convocation we talked about how we might help St. Andrews. One idea is for a group of lay people and clergy to carpool to Burns some Sunday to show our support for the congregation. The date and further details for this will be worked out later. Terry has told us of several other ways we in Central Oregon can help St. Andrews, sharing our time, talents and treasure. We will hear more about this later. In the meantime, keep this church in your prayers.

LENTEN RETREAT AT ASCENSION SCHOOL

5 PM FRIDAY FEB. 8 THROUGH NOON SUNDAY FEB. 10

Leader will be Sister Bernadette of St. Gertrude's, Cottonwood, Idaho. She is a Benedictine sister, and the focus of the weekend will be discernment — vocational and personal. Cost for the retreat, including accommodations and meals at Kimsey Commons, is \$175. Registration forms are in the church office.

FROM EASTERN OREGON TO THE GULF TWO KATRINA RELIEF TRIPS SCHEDULED

At least two teams from the Diocese of Eastern Oregon are heading to the Gulf this spring to help with post-Katrina work.

tact the church office. If you find an idea or goal which is calling your name, PLEASE let us know and we will add your name to those suggested at the workshop. (debyf@clankeith.com subject line "tomatoes" or call 322-6981) It is our intent to continue to evaluate and adapt goals and actions on a regular basis and it seems from those who attended, that this was a worthwhile process. Stay tuned as some of the ideas become reality and join in the fun! I hope that you will consider attending our next planning event.

--Deby Falconer, Tomato Committee

And for those who could not attend, the name for the workshop came from a song by Kate Campbell called "Jesus and Tomatoes" and was inspired by a sign she saw at a roadside fruit and vegetable stand which said, "Jesus and tomatoes comin' soon". Just goes to show you that you can't tell where inspiration will come from!

CENTRAL OREGON CONVOCATION REPORT

The Central Oregon Convocation of parishes met Saturday, January 12, at Trinity. The meeting was well attended by representatives from the six parishes that comprise the convocation. Under general business, the group reviewed and updated the current list of parish resources, skills, and needs. Much attention was devoted to discussion of the parish of St. Andrew's Burns (see related article page 19) and to exploring how we can reach out and assist that community.

A great deal of discussion was also spent in response to the call put forth at convention to reach out to the children of incarcerated adults. Dn. Sherry Hartley, the Ascension School Camp Director, challenged each parish to see if we could make the appropriate community connections and raise the corresponding funds to sponsor these children for summer camp in 2008. Terry Rahmsdorff shared information about the Central Oregon Program For Youth and the program's director, Bob Moore. The COPY program has matched adult mentors to about 40 children in Deschutes County whose parents are incarcerated, and there is need for more adult mentors. We are working with Bob Moore to disseminate information about the COPY program into our parishes, and to seek ways to raise awareness about this issue. At Trinity, we hope to have Bob Moore speak as part of our Sunday morning adult education program.

them and I know they are the ones saying to us each Sunday, "Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people." Listening for the Spirit in each other and ourselves – that's how we have gotten where we are!

Listening to the Spirit brought us Chuck – It shouldn't have worked: he shouldn't have been finished with his previous transition; Patsy was in Ashland; Chuck's vision was not the same as Bishop Gregg's. "Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people."

Chuck, you listen to our ideas, our stories and our hearts. You offer your knowledge and gifts freely -- meeting us just as we are, you help us learn to listen to the Spirit speaking in each of us. I thank God for who you are and I thank you for all you have given us!

Our "long way" is just beginning. Henri Nouwen has said, "Listening is a form of spiritual hospitality by which you invite strangers to become friends." And we have some new and wonderful folks to invite into friendship!

FROM OUR NEW FAMILY MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

Hello Trinity Parish,

I am deeply honored to be chosen for the Trinity Family Ministries Coordinator. Just a little bit about me: My now deceased father was an Episcopal priest, and I was raised in the church until I was 12. I graduated from UC Santa Cruz and earned my Masters in Social Work from Fresno State University. Our family recently moved to Bend from a very small town adjacent to Sequoia Park in Central Ca. called Three Rivers. I worked in nearby Visalia with children, adolescents, adults and families for 20 years in various therapeutic settings. Concurrently, my deep love for the rolling oak woodlands led me to be a founding board member for a local land trust. For 10 years I developed programs, a volunteer corp and did fundraising. My most enduring passion however is horses and predates my ability to speak. I have a 17 year old Arab gelding that was out of my mare. He blesses me with his wonderful spirit as we explore beautiful trails in and around Bend. I also love to sing, cook, play guitar, hike, ski, sea kayak and try new things. I am married to a wonderful man Jim Wells and we have an almost 8 year old son, Tyndall.

Fairly new to Bend, I came to the Easter morning service last spring.

Since then I have been drawn to Trinity by all of your irresistibly kind and loving presences that make this congregation truly a body of Christ. I thank all of you for the gift of your vision, for creating this position and the opportunity to serve. I am so excited to be joining this fun, funny, service oriented, high functioning spiritual family. Though I have ideas for the child and youth programs, I am looking forward to meeting with, and hearing from you. If you have ideas or resources that might be helpful in creating and implementing an inspiring and fun set of programs from little kids to college, please plan to share with me! Kids, young adults, that means you too! I will have office hours at church starting in March to be published in the next Trumpet. Please know that I will make every effort to connect with you if you would like to contribute ideas.

In joyful anticipation and gratitude,
Mary Wells

AN IRISH EVENING AT THE FEAST OF ST. BRIGID SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3 AT 5 PM

Plan to attend a Celtic Celebration Sunday evening. A Celtic Eucharist begins at 5 pm followed by dinner of Irish Stew and soda bread at 6 pm. There will be a silent auction of Irish shawls and sweaters, jewelry and artifacts that have been donated from the estate of a parishioner's parent. The proceeds of the auction will go into Outreach. There will also be a short story from an itinerant storyteller. Childcare will be provided.

If you are coming for dinner and haven't signed up, please call the parish office. Also let us know if you can help with set up or clean up. For those of you torn by your need to watch the Super Bowl, there will be TV available in the rector's office.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER FEBRUARY 5

Due to scheduling conflicts and our commitment to Family Kitchen, we are invited to a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 5th from 4:30-6:30 pm at Grace First Lutheran. Come for \$5 All-you-can-eat which will include juice, coffee and pancakes made from homemade batter. It will be served by the Girl Scouts as a fundraiser for a trip to

** Nurture Trinity Episcopal Church: Trinity has a particular and very robust identity. One part of this is a strong interest in giving of what we have to others: our space, our time, our food and our money. Spiritually our identity lies in presenting a picture of a Divinity who is loving and inclusive. We need to respond to the challenge of protecting, developing and communicating our identity as we grow and expand, learning to live creatively with change.

** Live into Our Space: We need to reshape and use our space to its best possible advantage through patient experimentation, creativity and communication.

** Reach Out to the Community: We know from the Gospel that we are called to sustain and hold those who are not yet a part of us. We understand that Trinity is a part of a larger community, and must continue to reach outwards with the gifts of Spirit and of place for an expanded presence in the community and a growing congregation.

** Enlarge Children and Youth Programs: We want to strengthen our programs for children and young adults, relying on both paid and volunteer staff. We need to better understand what nurtures both children and parents, creating programs and spaces so that families grow in relationship to God, have fun and find loving interaction in a community that reflects God's love.

** Continue to Develop Our Liturgy and Music: From the root of Episcopalian tradition, we want to open our branches of liturgy and music to strengthen our worship and help us continue to find ways to experience the joy, spirit and heart of God.

Saturday morning we discussed these goals with the entire group and then gave participants an opportunity to have discussion/brainstorming time on each of the goals. The last part of the workshop was beginning the process of looking at who might be equipped to help us reach these goals. The suggestions of possible leaders will be passed on to the vestry for their consideration.

As might be imagined, there was a LOT of wonderful discussion and sharing of ideas. If you would like a more detailed copy of the process and complete responses of the participants to the goals, please pick up a copy of the "Jesus and Tomatoes" document in the Narthex or con-

COME. There's always enough. We'd rather have you than the topping! Visitors are always welcome as well, so bring a guest if you like. We hope all newcomers will come at least once so we can warmly welcome you.

The February gathering is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 14th, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sally Murphy. Judy Boone will co-hostess. (Tell your boyfriend to take you out Wednesday or Friday when it won't be so crowded anyway since it's Valentine's Day.) Potatoes, beverages and dessert are provided. Directions to Sally's house will be in the narthex Feb. 10th for those of you not already on our e-mail list.

This month we are asking if you can bring a "show and tell" of a craft or project you have done or are working on. Judy Dobell showed me a rug she is hooking that is just stunning and we thought that others might have things they have made as well. So bring it along if you can and share it with the group. Questions? Feel free to give Marianne a call (330-6064).

JESUS AND TOMATOES REPORT

An ad hoc committee was formed last fall by the vestry to look at the processes which ministries at Trinity might use for review and planning. The conclusion of this committee was that a process called Mutual Ministry Review (MMR) might be beneficial. On January 11th and 12th, a group of approximately 30 parishioners gathered in Brooks Hall for the "Jesus and Tomatoes (and the New Rector) Are A-Comin' Soon" workshop based on the concept of MMR. On Friday, following worship, John Holmberg stated the purpose of our gathering: to test a planning format/process for the parish and to clarify and develop the initial steps to action plans for our goals during the next 9 months (i.e., until the MMR that we'll hold 6 months after Christy Close Erskine has begun ministry with us). Most of the time spent Friday evening was in looking at what has been happening at Trinity over the last year, and beginning to look forward to the coming year and what people would like to see happen in the future. The committee which was leading the workshop, fondly (I hope) referred to as the tomato committee, then distilled the input from Friday with the Goals developed from the Parish Profile into the following five revised goals:

Portland. Tickets are on sale in Brooks Hall immediately following the 10 o'clock services Sunday.

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

Noon at Trinity

7 p.m. a joint service at Grace First Lutheran

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Survey Results are available from the Church office.

Lenten Liturgy Notes. This year we will once again be using the Penitential Order (p. 319 or p. 351) at the beginning of the service. We will also be continuing the use of silence following readings and before the Confession of Sin.

The thing you will notice the most will be an altered bulletin. We are experimenting with a full service booklet that we hope will not only help us conserve paper, but will also make our worship more "user friendly." Give it a few weeks and then we'd love to hear your comments!

Announcements. Still more discussion is ongoing about what to do with our announcements. We invite ministry leaders, etc., to offer announcements on Sundays but we ask that you do the following.

- Please prepare your announcement in advance.
- Notify the celebrant or someone in the sanctuary party that you have an announcement.
- During the exchange of the peace, come to the microphone at the front of the church to make your announcement.

Thank you! We'll get this figured out someday!

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAYS 9:05-9:50

3 February – TBA

10 February – Faith and Politics: Introduction to the 2008 Lenten Series

17 February – Labyrinth Ministry: A Healing Tool

24 February – Faith and Science: How Big Is Creation?

LENTEN SERIES 2008 FAITH AND POLITICS

Sunday Evenings 10 February – 9 March 2008

Eucharist 5:00 Soup Supper 5:45 Program 6:30 – 7:30

2008 is an election year, and there are many important issues in play that speak directly to the vows we make in our Baptismal Covenant. Ultimately, each one of us would love to live a life wherein we are able to consistently live, vote, and act in a manner congruent with our baptism. However, sin, human nature, and most of all – fear, often cause us to make choices that lead us to fall short of those vows. The purpose of the 2008 Lenten Series is to engage as a community in worship, study, and reflection so that each individual can explore how their baptismal vows call them to respond to the political and social issues that dominate the political discussion this year. The series is not intended to advocate any candidate or any stance on a particular issue. By the end of the series, we hope that each person will be equipped with the tools needed to evaluate the candidates and issues before us, and to make the personal choices that they feel will allow them to best honor their baptismal relationship with Christ.

Ray Jeff Spreier

10 February – Our Baptismal Covenant

17 February – Is Religion Political?

24 February – Social Justice

2 March – Violence and Peace

9 March – Putting it All Together

SOUP SUPPERS: There will be a sign-up sheet in Brooks Hall for people bringing soup; pick an evening to bring a pot of your favorite soup.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER FOR LENT?

A Centering Prayer Workshop will be offered on **Saturday, February 16th, 9 am – noon**. This will be an informative time of the history and practice of an ancient method of sitting, contemplative prayer. A video by Thomas Keating will be shown and we will practice what we have learned with a silent sitting session. This is a good way to add a new prayer style to your Lenten discipline. If you are curious and/or

For those who would like to make it a lunch date as well, we will carpool, leaving Trinity at 11 a.m. We will have lunch (on our own) at The Rock Restaurant, West Village Lodge, at 11:45. Following lunch we will wander over to the snowshoe shack on the far side of the Guest Services area to be there by 1:30 p.m. The tour will last approximately 1 1/2 hr. Some of the topics on the tour include information on volcanoes, avalanches, water sheds, forest and animal life in the area.

No experience is necessary to participate. Do dress warmly for winter conditions including water resistant pants (not jeans), boots, hats, gloves, and sunglasses or goggles. You might want to pack your camera for some incredible views. Call Bob Burpee 318-6254 or Marianne Lebre for questions or further information. Indicate if you will be joining us for the lunch as well so we can reserve enough seats to sit together. While there is no charge for the tour, the Forest Service appreciates donations to keep these programs going.

COL WOMEN'S CIRCLE

February 14

The bad driving conditions cancelled our January gathering of COL, so we are really hoping to enjoy our time in February even more!

A newcomer asked me recently what COL is. Circle Of Love (COL for short) is a gathering of women (called a circle) who get together for an evening of relaxed Christian Fellowship. It's as simple as that. It's a wonderful place to get to know one another better and a place where you can get information on how to become more involved in the church if you would like to. We do not have a study. You can come every month, or when you want to, and you don't even have to RSVP! So if you find that you weren't planning on it, but then circumstances change and you can at the last minute, great! Likewise, if you aren't feeling so good when it's time to go, stay home, take care of yourself, and don't worry. We always meet the second Thursday of the month from 6:00 p.m. to approximately 9 p.m.

We start with a very simple supper, but somehow it's always good. In the winter we have baked potatoes and everyone brings a topping to add to the 'potato bar.' In the warmer months it is a salad supper, so everyone brings a salad topper. But let me be clear. If you don't have time to stop and get something so you're not going to come - JUST

DEPRESSION/BIPOLAR SUPPORT GROUP

If you or a loved one is affected by depression, consider joining our support group which meets the second and fourth Mondays from 10 a.m. - 11:30 in the church library. Contact: Marianne Lebre (330-6064)

ENNEAGRAM DISCUSSION GROUP

The Enneagram Discussion Group continues on Friday, Feb. 8 and Feb. 22, from 10-11:30 am in the library. Utilizing DVDs produced by Helen Palmer, a well-know Enneagram teacher, the group has been able to see various Ennea-types (or personality types) presented in an interview format. But the heart of the teaching and learning has come from group members themselves as they have generously shared their life experiences from their point on the Enneagram. On Feb. 8, we will be discussing Ennea-type Seven, The Epicure, and on Feb. 22, Ennea-type Eight, The Boss. If you would like to join and have questions, please call Elizabeth Henry at 548-9998.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Next meeting of the knitters is scheduled for February 11th between 12:00 noon and 1:30 in Trinity's Library. All are invited to bring projects and a sack lunch and enjoy this time as a respite from our busy lives and a time to get to know others better. Mark your calendars! Meetings are now scheduled for the second Monday of each month!

If you have questions or would like to have someone you know receive one of these awesome hand knit shawls, call Joan Springer-Wellman at 548-3927 or Joy Nutwell at 389-8566.

"May every stitch you knit bring you a little closer to that calm, clear space in the center of your soul."

SNOWSHOE FUN IS RESCHEDULED

Bad news, good news. We had to cancel our Snowshoe Fun day on January 29th due to bad weather, but we will try again for Tuesday, **February 12**, same time. If you have already signed up we will keep you on the list unless you let us know you can't make it. Likewise, if this date is better for you anyway, sign up Sunday.

serious about learning this method of meditation...please come. We will meet in the chapel. ALL ARE WELCOME!! If you wish more information or want to sign up, please call Willie Hoffer at 318-0788. Centering Prayer is available every Wednesday in the chapel from 4:30 to 5:30. There is not commitment to come every week....please come when the Spirit moves you!

BIBLE STUDY FOR HUMAN TRANSFORMATION*

February 23rd, March 1st, 8th, and 15th 9 a.m. - noon

On four Saturdays in Lent, a Bible study class will be offered using a method that concentrates on a Gospel story or parable. We will "unpack" one piece of scripture to explore the cultural context and then move on to the meaning that the message has for our contemporary lives.

I learned this method by attending several week-long Bible Study Retreats with Walter Wink. *The title above is Walter's title for his work with this type of study. I have led this type of study for 15 years but never at Trinity. It is an exciting way to work with our Holy scripture.

We will meet from 9 am until noon in the library. Please bring whatever bible you are comfortable using. There will be NO homework! Each week is contained within itself, so if you are unable to attend all four but can come to any of them, that works just fine. If you would like more information, or wish to sign up for the study, please call me at 318-0788. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Blessings,
Willie Hoffer

ROOTS AND BRANCHES

We will be offering a class called Roots and Branches which is a seven week program that will give you more information about the Bible, the Episcopal Church, and the Book of Common Prayer. It covers a variety of topics including the history of the Episcopal Church, the Old and New Testament, Worship and Prayer, and the nature of ministry. We will offer this class on Wednesday nights beginning February 13, at 7:00 in the library at Trinity.

This class is designed for newcomers to the Episcopal Church as well

as current members who are interested in knowing more about their church. It is also for baptismal and confirmation candidates and their families, godparents, those interested in being received into the Episcopal Church, and those seeking to reaffirm their confirmation vows.

If you are interested in knowing more about the program, talk to Gaye Lawson (389-8166) or Chuck Christopher at the church office.

THE LABYRINTH AS A HEALING TOOL

Sunday Feb. 17 at 9:05

The labyrinth walk is widely used to combat stress, physical illness and the chaotic elements that disrupt our lives. Sometimes a labyrinth walk can get a relationship back on the right track or help mend a broken heart or increase self esteem. But how and why does a labyrinth walk work so well?

The simple answer is that we aren't certain, but we are open to learning. On Feb 17th during Adult Education we will explore the testimony and thinking of our fellow parishioners to broaden our understanding of the healing power of the labyrinth.

March 16 Adult Ed

MASCULINE SPIRITUALITY AND THE LABYRINTH

The goal of the Labyrinth Ministry this year is to open the Labyrinth walk to everyone in our congregation. Those of us who have walked the Labyrinth for a longer time have come to value it as a journey toward God, and with God in prayer.

The Walk being offered on March 16th will focus on the Labyrinth as a tool for masculine spirituality. We have invited Patrick Whelan, an active participant of the Sacred Art of Living Center for Spiritual Formation, to join us for our Adult Education time. Patrick will talk of Men's Rites of Passage, how to balance the feminine and masculine with female and male, and how to use the Labyrinth as a tool. He is currently, and has worked and studied with Richard Rohr to put on Men's Rites of Passages Retreats in Bend and all around the country.

This presentation proves to be a gift for both men and women. Make plans to join us!

Dana Gregg and Karen Cox

PARISH HEALTH

The American Heart Association picked February as National Heart Month since the hearts of valentines are on our minds. It's a good reminder that we need to think of our real hearts as well. Just think of it. They must work well day in and day out with no time off our whole life! How can we be good to our hearts?

- * Learn your risk factors. Pay particular attention to those that you can do something about
 - * blood pressure
 - * smoking
 - * exercise
 - * diet
 - * stress
- * Get regular check ups by your health care provider. Catch problems early to prevent complications. This is one time to be meticulous in following doctor's orders!
- * Learn the warning signs of heart attack
 - * Chest discomfort that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can also feel like pressure, squeezing, or fullness.
 - * Discomfort in other areas of the upper body such as in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
 - * Unexplained shortness of breath which may occur with or without chest discomfort.
 - * Other signs: nausea, lightheadedness, breaking out in a cold sweat.
- * If you or someone you're with has chest discomfort, especially with one or more of the other signs, don't wait longer than a few minutes (no more than 5) before calling for help. Call 9-1-1. Get to a hospital right away. Never drive yourself to the hospital!
- * Learn CPR. It can literally save a life.

Marianne Lebre RN, Parish Nurse