



*Almighty and everlasting God,  
mercifully look upon our infirmities  
and stretch forth the hand of Your  
majesty to heal and defend us; through  
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who  
sits with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

*Collect for the Day*

*Trinity Lutheran Church  
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Sermon Hymn: 830

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8:00 a.m.

411; 830; 409;

Trinity Choir

10:30 a.m.

411, 830; 680; 395; 409

Adult Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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Psalm 62

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I Corinthians 7:29-31

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**THE PRAYERS**

Sharing the good news with those we meet. Florence Buckles, hospitalized. Shirley Denham, surgery. Dorothy Wernecke, hospice care.

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>	Men's Basketball - School
Mon:	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Cub Scouts - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Christian Day School - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	<b>Communion Service - Church</b>
Thu:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Adult Information Class - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<b>Service - School</b>
Sun:	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – February 1, 2009	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<b>Morning Worship</b>

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** – The class is meeting on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. The class meets at the school in the Science Room. This class examines the teaching of Scripture and is for those interested in what we teach as a church, or for those interested in membership. Of course those wishing to have a review are encouraged to join us. If you are in need of child care for the class, please notify Pastor Radtke.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>123</u>	<u>115</u> , <u>206</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>458</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>80</u>		Sunday School:	<u>34</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$10,895.12</u>

**FLOWERS** are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Rich and Kathy Wanless in loving memory of Kelsie Suzanne's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**In Sunday School today** students learned the story "Jesus Calls Matthew." We sinners rejoice, for we, too, have been called from our own pigsty of sin to dine with Jesus around His table, and to be a friend of the friend of sinners. *Consider discussing, "How did Jesus call Matthew to be one of His followers? How and why does Jesus call us to follow Him?"*

### FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	115,273.75	491,573.73
Expenses	<u>95,990.39</u>	<u>537,605.24</u>
Over (Short)	19,283.36	(46,031.51)

### Stewardship Corner

The new year brings with it new resolve, but so often that resolve fades before the first week is ended. The apostle Paul advised the Corinthians, "*Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means*" (2 Corinthians 8:10,11). By ourselves, we grow tired or get bored or just plain lazy. Let us ask the Lord to give us the desire to give generously, to serve joyfully, and to expend our time eagerly in response to what God has given to us and done for us.

**GROWING IN WORSHIP BULLETINS** for children are available at the usher's stand.

**Feed A Family Food Drive** to benefit Central Illinois Foodbank. January 18 – February 14. Buy a pre-packaged bag of food at Schnuck's to be donated to the Foodbank. After the holidays, food donations drop. **Hunger is 365 days a year.** [www.centralilfoodbank.org](http://www.centralilfoodbank.org)

**YOUR QUILTS ARE NEEDED!** – If you or someone you know have a quilt top that needs to be finished into a quilt, **Willing Workers** can help. We do hand quilting for others for a fee. These fees are used to help a seminary student, church related needs or charities. At present, our “waiting list” is short. For more information, please contact Helen Hoffman, group president at 789-4912 or Genny Colston, quilt chairman at 546-5244.

**THE 2009 FLOWER CHART** is posted in the narthex. PLEASE NOTE: The price per Sunday is \$43.13 and must be PRE-PAID. Please sign up early to reserve your date.

**WORLD RELIEF QUILTING MONDAYS** through March 2009. Making quilts for Lutheran World Relief continues every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., lunch is provided. These World Relief quilts are pieced together and hand tied by the quilters. We have put together 43 quilts so far. Our goal is 200, but we need more helpers to piece and hand tie the quilts. Everyone is welcome to help with this project. Please join us on Monday in the Parish Hall to work on the quilts. If you can't join us, you can take quilts home to tie. If you have questions call Helen Hoffman (789-4912).

**RECOMMITMENT TO LIFE RALLY** – Springfield Right to Life's Recommitment to Life Rally will be held at the Illinois Capitol Rotunda on today at 2:00 p.m. Enter by the north door and bring a picture ID. Keynote speakers are Daniel and Angela Michael of Small Victories Ministry. A reception in the Howlett Building immediately follows the program.

**WOMEN WITH MISSION** will meet on Monday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library (school location). Mary Denham will be leading the Bible Study followed by a short business meeting. Please bring your Winter 2008 Quarterly. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. If questions, contact Cathy Von De Bur (487-7846) or Cindy Ushman (789-6103).

**AS GOD'S PEOPLE, WE ARE  
STENGTHENED FOR STEWARDSHIP  
THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT.**

“You did not choose Me, but I chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit  
that will last” (John 15:16).



## **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES**

**Where: Parish Hall**

**When: Sunday mornings, 9:35 a.m. –10:15 a.m.**

**All classes now meeting**

**God First: Stewardship Bible Studies - Got 40 minutes?** If you are like most people in this fast-paced world, your answer to this question is an out-of-breath, “No! I’m kind of in a hurry,” or “I’ve got maybe five minutes!” Unfortunately, our busy schedules have often hampered or even eliminated communication between husband and wife, parent and child; among co-workers, friends; and possibly most alarming, between people and God. Weakened and destroyed relationships result. For communication is the cornerstone of healthy and growing relationships.

Because of time limitations and other commitments, many adults fail to receive the faith-strengthening power God promises to provide when His Word is studied – “so is My Word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:11).

Got 40 minutes? How about five minutes? Come to the place noted above at the designated time and receive a five minute Bible study on stewardship. Then stick around. Through your interest and discussion we easily can turn a five minute Bible study into a 10, 20, 40 minute Bible study. It will be time well spent. We’ll have time for God to communicate with us through His word, while also encouraging communication among us all. The Holy Spirit promises to work through God’s’ Word to strengthen our relationship with Him as we get to build our relationship with one another.

So why stewardship? Because, as men and women of faith, we are pilgrims on a journey, caretakers of the gifts God gives us. Stewardship is an expression of our faith. When we practice good stewardship, we give glory to God as the giver of life, the source of all we have, all we are, all He has planned for us to become. “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” (Psalm 24:1). Stewardship means accepting God’s gifts gratefully, tending them responsibly, and sharing them in a spirit of love.

Our Christian calling invites us to become good stewards of the gifts we receive. The Holy Spirit focuses our energies through the Means of Grace (God’s Word and His sacraments), directing our path, our journey of faith. Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Bill Denham

**THE FREEDOM OF FAITH** – What does it mean to be free? The world says it means that I can do whatever I want. Is that freedom? St. Paul tells us that in Jesus Christ, I no longer worry about my sins. Because of that I am free. I am free to serve God and others. Come join us for this interesting study. Location: Science Room. Leader: Pastor Radtke

**ANSWERS IN GENESIS** - Ever considered dinosaurs to be useful in your Christian outreach? Were they on the Ark with Noah? Did they live with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? Interesting and important questions. These are a few of the many questions people ask and Holy Scripture gives important and interesting answers for all of them.

Jesus spoke to His disciples, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:18) Jesus, as God, has the authority to say our sins are forgiven. His Word is the absolute truth. This is the same authority present in God’s Word when He spoke all things in heaven and on earth into existence.

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Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Schnelle

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**VISITORS**, we welcome you to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church! The order of service and hymns are listed at the top of the first page of this bulletin. We hope you take the time to complete the attendance card that is at the back of the pew in front of you. Pass the cards to the center aisle after the offering. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study classes are held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran School on the southwest corner of Governor and MacArthur. If you have questions or need directions just ask someone or look for someone wearing an Usher or Elder badge. They will be happy to help you. Restrooms are located in the basement of the church. The stairway to the basement is at the Southeast exit of the Narthex. At the bottom of the stairs is an area where a parent and child can sit to hear the worship services, if need be. God bless you and we thank Him for bringing you to our services today. We pray that you will return to worship with us again.

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## **“IN SHAPE FOR CHRIST’S MISSION”**

Mark 1:14-20

Rev. Dr Thomas G. Radtke

***[14] Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, [15] and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." [16] Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. [17] And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." [18] And immediately they left their nets and followed him. [19] And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. [20] And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.***

- I. Where He produces a change in us.
  - A. The work is His alone.
  - B. The time is right.
  
- II. We are made ready.
  - A. He calls us to repentance.
  - B. He has good news for us.
  
- III. We follow His call.
  - A. We have a new purpose.
  - B. His work fulfills our lives.