

Lake Breezes-March 2008

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Sunday Worship:
Fellowship: 9:15 AM
Office: 651.633.2402

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
Education Hour: 9:30 AM
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The following devotion is from Higher Things Daily Reflections:

And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." (Mark 7:37)

Jesus is always doing things for people that show us our true need and how He saves us. In the verse from Mark, He made a deaf and speech-impaired man to hear and speak. That shows us that Jesus has come to make us hear and speak.

We were conceived and born in sin. That means we were unable to speak rightly about God, unable to hear and believe His Word. So by the preaching of the Gospel, the Spirit opens our ears and looses our tongues. By the preaching of Jesus the Savior who died for our sins, our mouths are opened to give glory to God, to confess our sins, to say "Amen" to Jesus' forgiveness, to pray, praise and give thanks to our Lord. By the power of the Holy Spirit, our ears are opened so that we can hear the Word and believe it.

Notice the confession of the crowd: "HE has done all things well." Who can do these things but Jesus? No one! And that is what

our ears and mouths are opened and loosed to hear and to proclaim—to hear what Jesus has done for us and to confess with our lips and speak what He has done. Hear that Jesus has died for your sins. Then speak about His death for sinners. Hear that He has risen from the dead. Now speak about Jesus conquering sin, death, and the devil. Hear that you are baptized. Speak of what God has given you by water and the Word. Hear the words of absolution. Speak the "amen" which says "Jesus has forgiven my sins." Hear Jesus' words giving you His body and blood. Speak the "amen" which says that they are your forgiveness, life and salvation.

The amazing thing that Jesus does is not to open the ears of a deaf man and loose his tongue. The real miracle, the real power and work of Jesus through the Word and Spirit, is to open the ears of sinners to hear and believe His Word, to loose our tongues to properly and rightly confess all that He does as our salvation. That's really doing all things well!

Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;
Let me Your child and heir remain.
(LSB #908 st. 1)



EDUCATION HOUR-9:30 AM Ages 3-100 are invited to come enjoy coffee and treats at 9:15 AM

CONFIRMATION-6th, 7th and 8th graders Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM.

MIDWEEK-High School students Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30 PM

****Confirmation students and midweek participants will not meet on March 19th.****

BIBLE STUDY will meet on Thursdays @ 5:30 PM but not on Maundy Thursday

LAY MINISTRY will meet Sunday, March 9 @ 4 PM

RESERVING SPACE-To reserve a room, please contact the secretary.

SHARE THE WORSHIP watch for date in the bulletin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Trinity members in March!

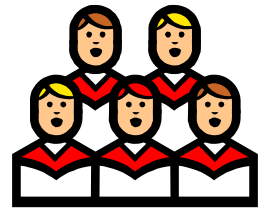
PROPERTY/MEN OF TRINITY will meet on Saturday, March 1 @ 8:00 AM

COUNCIL MEETING will meet on Saturday, March 8 @ 9:00 AM

News for the Choir and the Band

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to participate in Trinity's Easter choir and band. If you're still considering joining - there will be room for you! Just show up at rehearsal.

Choir: We'll be singing 2 songs - LSB 466 (with the congregation) and LSB 469. Do we wish to sing for both services (late in the first, early in the second)? Let me know your thoughts *early* in March so that I can let Pastor know.



One rehearsal-**Saturday, March 22—10:00-10:45 AM.** Meet at the piano at the front of the sanctuary. (And, yes, we will start on time!)



Band: two hymns LSB 457 and 461. Offertory (still to be determined). Do we wish to play for both services? Let me know your thoughts *early* in March so that I can let Pastor know. I'll have music for you on the organ by the first Sunday in March. If you have any ideas on what to play for the offering, let me know **or** if you know of other musicians that should be "volunteered", give me a name and #!

One rehearsal-**Saturday, March 22—11:00-11:45 AM.** Meet in the balcony.

(Advantages to singing both services—the musicians can be the first in line for breakfast!)

Katherine Grein

Lutheran Hour Ministries

WCCO-AM (8 3 0) carries the broadcast at 6:05 AM Sunday mornings.

March 2 **“Who Sinned?”**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Is God out to get you? Is He waiting for you to mess up so He can punish you? That’s the subject of the message for today. John 9:1-3

March 9 **“Destroying Evidence”**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Some people do their best to tune out Jesus and what He has done. Today’s message explores why doing so can be most dangerous indeed. John 12:10-11

March 16 **“They Crucified Him”**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Three words: “They crucified Him.” Contained in those words is the greatest love, the greatest sacrifice you will ever see. John 19:18

March 23 **“Come See”**

Guest speaker: Rev. Ken Klaus

Over the centuries many sinful souls have responded to the angel’s invitation to, “Come, see”. Looking into the empty tomb they see the completion of God’s plan to save them. Matthew 28:5

March 30 **“The Key to Diminishing Doubts”**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Timothy Coppersmith
Do you long for someone to come onto the scene and make everything right? If only someone had the ability to help us overcome doubt, guilt, and fear. John 20:19-31

I am enclosing giving statements that include all of 2007 for those who did not receive them. Fourth quarter statements were sent out in January but there were several requests by members who wanted a detailed statement for all of 2007. Cynthia

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH

The seniors will be hosting the supper for Prince of Peace and Trinity members at 5:30 PM, before the church service that evening. All are invited to join us. Lenten services are at noon and 7 PM.



Waldorf Wind Symphony
Under the direction of
Dr. Thomas Allen Hunt
Presents a Concert of
Sacred & Secular Band Music
Saturday, March 8 at 7:30 PM
Christ the King Lutheran
1900 W. 7th St., New Brighton
Freewill offering

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An elderly couple had dinner at another couple’s house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, “Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it highly.”

The other man said, “What is the name of the restaurant?”

The first man thought and thought and finally said, “What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know...the one that’s red and has thorns.”

“Do you mean a rose?”

“Yes, that’s the one,” replied the man.

He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, “Rose, what’s the name of that restaurant we went to last night?”

LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Lenten services are held on Thursdays at noon and 7 PM. Supper will be provided by the following groups at 5:30 PM.



March 6	Youth and Education
March 13	Council
March 20	Seniors
March 20	Maundy Thursday service at 7 PM
March 21	Good Friday services at noon with the Lord's Supper (signed and voiced) and 7 PM Tenebrae (signed and voiced)
March 23	Easter services at 7 AM Worship with Vigil and 10 AM with the Lord's Supper (signed and voiced) Breakfast will be served at 8 AM

LCEF-World Ministry Fund

LCEF's Special Interest Fund allows investors to contribute all or part of their interest earned from their LCEF account for a specific time period to a specific LCMS ministry such as a congregation, school, mission field, partner church, social ministry, or recognized service organization. Any LCEF investor can participate and help fund short-term ministry needs or start-up costs for new ministries of LCMS partner churches around the world. Visit lcef.org or call 1.800.843.5233.

March Ushers, Lent 4 & 5, Easter 1st-
Harold Heck, Dennis Schusted, John Naumann, Dennis and Amanda Schuster, Alek Lexvold;

Good Friday-Paul Fuchs, Dean Bruss, Mark Eberhart, Jeff Schusted;

Easter 2nd-Erv Studenski, Jim Nygaard, Cliff and Kevin Moore, Katelyn Steffens

<u>3/2</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>
	Dennis	Maynard, Virginia	Lacy	Howard, Jim, Dean	Dean, Milly
		Howard, Donna	Kim		
		Doug, Erv	Nick	Floyd, Bob, John	Needed volunteers to help serve coffee and treats during the month of March at 9:15 AM.
		Curt, Jeanne	Rebekah		
	Miles, Mark	Maynard, Virginia	Steven	Schuster family	
	Gary, Howard	Doug, Erv	Nathan		
		Howard, Donna	Michael		
	Keith, Doug	Maynard, Virginia	Travis	Erv, LeRoy, Harold	Easter Breakfast
		Curt, Jeanne	Adam		
		Howard, Donna	Lacy	Keith, Wanda, Maria, Paul	

March Is Food Shelf Month---

Concordia University, St Paul, sponsors a food shelf for income eligible off-campus students and members of the community. The Food Shelf relies on donations of non-perishable food and household items and cash donations. Please consider making a donation during the month of March! Send monetary donations to the Concordia Food Shelf, Concordia University, St. Paul, 275 Syndicate Street North, St Paul, MN 55104 or drop donations off at CSP. For more information call 651-603-6273 or at jones@csp.edu

Junior High Youth Gathering---

Your junior high school youth are invited to "Lost No Longer" the 25th annual Junior High Youth Gathering scheduled for April 18th - 19th at Concordia University, St Paul. Visit the website for forms and information at <http://www.csp.edu/JHYG> or contact Dr Jeff Burkart at jburkart@csp.edu or 651-641-8426.

“Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep”--

I remember so well this prayer I said
Each night as my Mother tucked me in bed,
And today this same prayer is still the best way
To “sign off with God” at the end of the day
And to ask Him your soul to safely keep
As you wearily close tired eyes in sleep
Feeling content that The Father Above
Will hold you secure in His great arms of love...
And having His promise that if ere you wake
His angels will reach down your sweet soul to
take
Is perfect assurance that awake or asleep
God is always right there to tenderly keep
ALL of HIS CHILDREN ever SAFE in HIS
CARE
For God’s HERE and He’s THERE and He’s
EVERYWHERE...
So into His hands each night as I sleep
I commit my soul for the dear Lord to keep
Knowing that if my soul should take flight
It will soar to “THE LAND WHERE
THERE IS NO NIGHT.”

“Prayer Poems”-Helen Steiner Rice

Exploring Church Careers----

Concordia University will host Exploring Church Careers for 9th-12th grade students on April 18th - 19th. The Exploring Church Careers weekend is an overnight retreat for high school students where they will learn about professional church careers and worship with and meet high school students from all over the country. Held on the campus of Concordia University, St. Paul, the event is FREE! Contact the office of admission at 651-641-8230 or check out www.csp.edu/exploringchurchcareers for more information.

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings each morning, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see. There are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the effort of rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned and tempers are short, thank you Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the work. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.

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