

THE TRINITY TRUMPET



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Sunday Service 10 AM

A Spaghetti Dinner To Remember

When people entered the door of the church there were wonderful aromas coming from the kitchen downstairs. Voices could be heard from the people as they gathered early for conversation and wine. The dinner was served and everyone that attended said it was excellent.

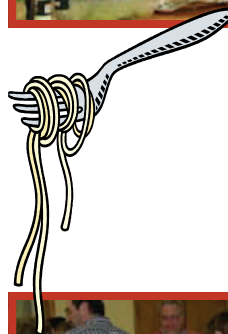
Ralph and I greatly appreciate all the effort that was put forth to make this such an enjoyable event. The original chef Ed DeGalan would have been proud of us. Thanks goes out to all the people that helped cook, set up and decorate the tables, furnish desserts and fresh fruit, and clean up afterwards.

Thank you also for the wonderful donations received for the spaghetti dinner. We collected \$425.00. It is wonderful that we can always count on our Trinity family and friends when we need something whether it be for our immediate church or for reaching out to the community.

A special thanks goes to Thomas Jess for his help with the shopping and getting the groceries into the kitchen.

There are not enough ways to say thank you for all that you do to keep our church and church family together.

Linda Niedecken



2010 Wednesdays in Lent
Trinity Episcopal Church
Please join us for
Soup and Spirituality

When : Feb. 24, March 3,10,17 & 24

Where: The Salay Room

Times: Dinner 6pm-7pm
 Program 7pm-8pm

What: Guest Speaker Series—
 World Religions & their Sacred Writings

Schedule:

2/24: Presenter: Dr. Mohammed Saleem ,
 Asst. Director of the Flint Islamic Center
 Topic: Islam

3/03 Presenter: Rabbi Karen Compane, z,
 Temple Beth El in Flint
 Topic: Judaism

3/10 Presenter: Alok Kumar. Mr. Kumar was
 born in North India and works at Mott
 Community College. She worships at the Sri
 Paschima Kashi Viswantha Temple in Flint
 Topic: Hindusim

Last year during Lent (a time of
 preparation for Holy Week and Easter when
 we engage in additional spiritual disciplines
 in such areas as prayer and study) we
 watched a DVD series from PBS on World
 Religions which our group seemed very
 interested in.

In an effort to build on last year's
 program, as well as have an opportunity to
 build interfaith bridges, we are inviting guest
 speakers to share with us about their faith
 traditions. Presenters are asked to give us a
 basic overview as a starting point and to
 share with us about their sacred writings...
 what are their sacred writings? How are they
 used in community? How are they used by
 individuals? Does the presenter have any
 passages they are particularly drawn to that
 guide them as they practice their faith? A
 time for questions and answers will close our
 time together.

Observance of a Holy Lent
 (Trinity, Flushing – 2009)

It seems like we just celebrated Christmas and a
 New Year, so it's hard to believe Ash Wednes-
 day and the season of Lent are around the cor-
 ner. It's time to start thinking about how we'll
 engage Lent this year. Lent as we know it lasts
 forty days (excluding Sundays which are Feast
 Days). It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends
 at the close of Holy Week, the day before Easter
 Day. Ash Wednesday, along with Good Friday,
 is one of the most solemn and penitential days
 in the Christian year. It's a day when we are to
 practice some form of fasting and attend church.
 The Episcopal Church doesn't specify what form
 the fast should take, but for many this means to
 eat little or nothing before the evening meal.

The name "Ash Wednesday" comes from the
 medieval ceremony of blessing and distributing
 ashes associated with this day. Persons seek-
 ing restoration to Communion at Easter ap-
 peared at church on the first day of Lent, garbed
 in sackcloth to have cast upon their heads
 ashes of the palms blessed the preceding Palm
 Sunday. Over time ashes came into general
 use as a symbol of the penitential character
 Lent came to have for the whole church. For
 centuries self-denial was stressed as the most
 viable Lenten discipline (such as giving up eating
 meat). Today the Lenten call is to renewed faith-
 fulness, prayer, and amendment of our lives.
 Regular attendance on Sundays and during the
 week is encouraged. It's a time of spiritual inten-
 sification. The readings of the season are de-
 signed to focus our attention on the mighty acts
 of God in Christ

I invite you to join with me in entering the Holy
 Season of Lent with solemnity, but also with
 enthusiasm and anticipation of spiritual growth.
 Lent can seem antiquated, but my hope is it will
 be a time that is fulfilling. By taking on a Lenten
 Discipline or Observance, we can discover the
 satisfaction and even joy that comes from inten-
 tional efforts to strengthen our spiritual lives.
 There are numerous ways to observe Lent in
 our private lives in addition to the traditional
 "giving up of something." You might consider
 additional personal prayer or study time as well
 as worship, education, outreach or other oppor-
 tunities at Trinity.

Praying we all have a Holy and meaningful Lent,
 Lori +

THE MEN DID IT AGAIN!

The crochet group at the Thumb Correctional Facility, an all male group, have created eighteen afghans or Comfort Covers for oncology patients at Hurley. Trinity members donated the worsted weight and washable yarn and the men turned it into colorful, well made and warm covers--and all without patterns! Left over yarn was crocheted into chemo caps. The men have been doing this ministry for several years now and patients, families and staff are grateful for the warmth, both physical and heartfelt, received from Trinity.

If you would like to be part of this ministry, there are several ways: donate worsted weight and washable yarn in all colors except grey and black, come to Trinity's Hooks'n Needles and

help crochet or knit caps and covers, help distribute the completed items, donate money to the Deacon's Discretionary Fund to help buy yarn if we are in need of more. There are Trinity members who quilt and they have contributed quilts which are so welcomed by patients.

When we have extra caps, Ann James and Betsy Eller take them to St. Andrew's to help warm the many homeless or others without heat who come to St. Andrew's for help. Left over small amounts of yarn are knit or crocheted into mats for cages at the Humane Society.

So now in the height of our cold weather, how can Trinity help keep everyone warm??

Vause Carlsen, Deacon

Day	Date(s)	Time	Event & Location
Wed.	Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24	7:00pm	Lectionary Bible Study
Thurs.	2 nd and 4 th Thurs. Feb. 11, 25	6:30 - 8:00pm	Hooks & Needles: Come Knit & Crochet, beginners welcome. Participate in Chemo Cap and Comfort Cover Ministry
Mon.	Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 Mar. 1	6:30 pm	Guitar Class
Thurs.	Feb. 4	8:00am	Men's Breakfast
Fri & Sat	Feb. 5 & 6		Vestry Retreat at Trinity (Fri: 6 - 9pm, Sat: 9am - 3pm)
Tues.	Feb. 16	6:00pm	Shrove Tuesday-Pancake Dinner
Wed.	Feb. 17	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs.	Feb. 18	7:00pm	Euchre Night: Beginners Welcome, Bring Friends!
Wed	Feb. 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24	6:00 - 8:00pm 6 - 7pm Dinner 7 - 8pm Program	Wednesdays in Lent: Soup and Spirituality - Salay Room Guest Speaker Series: World Religions & their Sacred Writings 2/24: Dr. Mohammed Saleem - Islam 3/03: Rabbi Karen Companeze - Judaism 3/10: Alok Kumar and C.K. Venkateswaran - Hinduism

SENIOR WARDEN NOTES

January 2010

Trinity held its annual meeting on January 17th to review 2009 and elect new vestry members and convention representatives. For those of you that attended, my sincere thanks. For those who were not able to attend, we missed you and wish you could have been with us to share fellowship and lunch while we conducted the business of the church. A huge thank you to those that provided the wonderful lunch and treats.

I would also like to thank the following individuals for their willingness to serve either as a vestry member or convention representative.

Elected to a 3-year vestry term were:

- Mary Dietrich
- Ralph Niedecken
- Jane Rousseau

Elected as Convention Representatives were:

- Jim and Mary Dietrich
- Pam and Larry Elder
- Denny and Nancy Pickard (Alternates)
- John Rowe (Alternate)
- Donna Henneke (Alternate)

Following the annual meeting, the vestry met to elect its officers. Our 2010 officers are:

- Norb Birchmeier Senior Warden
- Jim Dietrich Junior Warden
- John Rowe Treasurer
- Donna Henneke Clerk

The meeting included the usual written reports to review 2009 activities. Those of you that were unable to attend and wish to have a copy of the reports, please let myself or Lori know and we will be sure to get them to you.

Verbal reports from Reverend Lori and I focused more on our future and our desire to grow the church both spiritually and in numbers. John Rowe, our treasurer, reported we finished the year with a negative balance (\$3,530) and presented the 2010 budget that also projects a bottom line loss.

I'd like to focus a little bit on the 2010 budget. Though John reported the 2010 budget is negative to balance, we are encouraged by the fact that giving pledges are above what was pledged at the beginning of 2009. I am also confident in the fact we are good stewards of the funds received. A primary issue is the \$3,000 reduction from the Building New Ground (BNG) grant we receive from the diocese. This amount will continue to reduce in yearly increments of \$3,000 until the grant expires totally from our budget in 2013. You will recall the (BNG) grant was awarded to Trinity in order to aid us to financially support the hiring of a fulltime rector. The expectation was Trinity would slowly absorb the cost of the position through growth within its own budget.

With budget line items already at minimal levels and in order to offset the anticipated budget deficit, the finance committee chose to reduce the Outreach funding from 6% to 4% as well as reduce some committee funding. This was not something that was taken lightly and done mostly in an attempt to present a more balanced budget. As a church family, we are committed to reaching out and giving to those less fortunate.

Should there be a special need to fulfill, we will do our best to come up with ways to fund it. As we do with our other "special" outreach efforts, i.e. the Christmas Angel Tree, Easter Baskets for the children at CEC, Thanksgiving food drive for the Flushing Outreach Center, donations to the Deacon and Rectors Discretionary Funds, Heifer International, chemo and comfort covers, perhaps we can come up with additional "special" projects to offset our 2% reduction? Maybe we can come up with additional fundraisers, similar to our annual wreath sale to raise money to support our ministry? Any ideas you may have regarding fundraising events would be appreciated.

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The” Ed’s Kitchen” Story

Another well attended spaghetti dinner with the usual suspects working diligently to make it a success! I can't remember exactly how many spaghetti dinners have passed since Ed DeGalan resurrected the annual spaghetti dinners. The history of the current spaghetti dinners goes something like this: About 5 or 6 years ago Ed's wife Ginny passed away. That year Ed thought he needed something to keep him busy so he decided to resurrect the spaghetti dinner. Many years ago, (I think in the 1950's) Ed and other church members would do an annual fund raiser Spaghetti dinner. I'm not sure if the general public was invited or not but I suspect so. As Ed said they would serve about 400 people. In those days Flint was more prosperous then now and the napkins were donated by local businesses, chef aprons and towels were ordered and the young people in the congregation would act as waiters. Tables were set with wax drip coated wine bottles as candle holders. I don't know when the spaghetti dinners stopped being put on, but as anyone who has been involved in organizing such an event knows, it's a lot of hard work. So I am not surprised the event faded away.



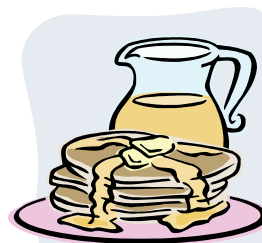
The first year of our current spaghetti dinner continuation, Ed took it upon himself to do all the cooking. A very big undertaking since Ed was in his 80's. Well, I couldn't stand idly by and let Ed take on this big job by himself, so I showed up to give him a hand. Now Ed was a man of action! He started dumping in spices- some of this- a lot of that, and left me in the dust (as to what quantity of what to use). Thankfully he had a copy of the very ancient recipe that was used in the 1950's and gave me a copy. This sounds like I was the only one helping. That is definitely not true, many others pitched in as well. But that afternoon it was only Ed and I in the kitchen.

Unfortunately, about 2 weeks before our next annual spaghetti dinner took place, Ed DeGalan died. Thus, this is the brief story of why the Ed' Kitchen sign hangs above the serving counter in memory of a wonderful person that belonged to our Trinity family.

Thanks to Ed for sharing his wonderful recipe with us.

Ralph Niedecken

Pancake Supper



Tuesday

Feb 16

6:00 pm

Birthdays:

Frank Jessop	Feb. 5
Kathy Boulter	Feb 12
Austin Boulter	Feb. 13
June Rowe	Feb. 13
Ralph Niedecken	Feb. 14
Trudy Mosey	Feb. 15
Tori Lockhart	Feb. 23
Betsy Eller	Feb. 27

God bless you on your special day

(Senior Warden report continued)

In the January Trumpet, I wrote of our desire to grow and that 2010 would be a year of serious effort to begin our growth journey together. Without growth we will continue to struggle to support present and future ministries at Trinity. We do not need to grow in leaps and bounds, but a steady growth of new members may go along way to assist us.

Trinity and the Episcopal Church have much to offer those seekers and guests that enter our doors. We in turn must be good hosts and make sure we do all the things necessary to invite, inform and follow up with our guests. Please continue to pray the Lord will guide us in this effort to assure we take the proper and necessary steps in our efforts of growth.

We are CALLED, in fellowship, TO LOVE AND SERVE God by reaching out and sharing the good news!"

Yours in Christ, Norb

The Knerrs

How did a sea faring guy connect with a landlocked lady? Well, that's a story that took a number of turns. Larry Knerr was born in Great Falls, Montana where he was baptized at St. Francis Episcopal Church and graduated from Charles M. Russell High School in 1974. Great Falls is the site of Russell's first studio. Then, in 1979, Larry embarked on a career in the Coast Guard. Over the next twenty some years until retirement, he saw a good part of this country along with ocean travel with stops in Antarctica, Fiji, Samoa and Hawaii among many. And on one of these trips King Neptune "proclaimed" him a Golden Schellback for crossing the Equator at the 180th Meridian.

In the meantime, Korina Knerr grew up on a farm in Hastings, Michigan and was graduated from Thornapple Kellogg H.S. in 1986. Except for some years in Florida while married, Korina says she has never roamed farther away from home than the Dakotas, although she became a fan of NASCAR racing thanks to Gordon Johncock, a neighbor. Both Larry and Korina have children from previous marriages. Korina has two sons whom we met Christmas Eve, Carl 23, and Jeremy 21. Larry has five children, two of whom are with us, Randilyn 13 and Lukas 9.

So, how did Larry and Korina meet? On the internet at E Harmony! They were married six months later in July, 2008 and live with Randilyn and Lukas in Durand where Korina cares for a cow, a few chickens, the dogs and cat while Larry commutes to Lapeer where he works at Lapeer Industries as a welding inspector. Korina was confirmed in the Episcopal Church at St. Paul's, Corunna where they attended prior to the Knerrs coming to Trinity. And when time allows, do they go sailing? No, now it's camping, fishing and hunting.

**Guitar Class**

Tuesdays 6:30pm

There is still room for more. To be part of the fun call Jim Dietrich 241-3651

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

This month I would like to recognize two people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make Trinity a better place. Frank and Donna Jessop have been long time members of Trinity and are always ready to lend a hand on any project.

Frank performs countless tasks related to buildings and grounds and Donna has been handling the rental of the rectory for many years. The rectory is what I want to specifically address this month.

Frank and Donna go about the business of serving Trinity without any pomp or circumstance. They work primarily “under the radar” with little attention or notice.

This Fall when the rectory became vacant, it was up to Donna to find, yet another tenant, like she has so many times before. Donna thought she should take extra precautions given the difficult economic times. She quickly found three potential families who were interested in the rectory. Donna did her homework and checked references and past/present employers to qualify the applicants. Donna also is a good judge of character which also comes into play. After all of Donna’s effort, she signed a new tenant.



Now, the real work began. Frank and Donna proceeded to perform minor repairs on the property and begin the cleanup process for the new occupants. They both put in 3 hard days of cleaning along with contacting a company to clean the carpets. At that point in time, Reverend Lori and I stopped by the house to see how it was coming.

The rectory looked FABULOUS as a result of their hard work! So, the next time you see Frank or Donna, please thank them for their hard work and dedication for making Trinity a better place!

Thank you Frank and Donna Jessop for your hard work and dedication!!

Respectfully submitted

Jim Dietrich

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