

February 2013

Dear Friends of Trinity,

I have wonderful news for you!

We have our own Church Planters in India!!

More information about them will be forthcoming, but they are two young ladies who are eager to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Tamil Nadu, India. The funds we raised from our Multiplication Program will be used for their training at Mission India in Hyderabad. We will be putting their names in the prayers of the church every Sunday, and we will be listing them as OUR Church Planters.

As we raised close to \$5,000 to pay for their training, there will be upwards of 12 churches planted in India by these women. And then these churches will most likely plant more churches as they send some of their own people to Mission India for church planter training.

We will be receiving field reports from our Church Planters occasionally. Watch for a display that will be made, focusing on the Church Planters and the progress they will be making.

God is using us and our efforts to plant churches on the other side of the world. Let that sink in for a moment, and then praise God for His graciousness. And on my own part, I want to thank all of you for taking the time to put projects together to raise funds for Mission India. God is truly blessing us and equipping us to be a blessing to others!

Please let me know if you have any questions about this. It's hard to explain it all in a newsletter article. God bless you!

In Christ,  
Pastor Hoag

# FEBRUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the marginally late newsletter. Lots of things to tell you about. We waited until after the Annual meeting so we could include reports from that as well.

## LENT BEGINS 2/13

Ash Wednesday Service will be on 2/13 at 7:30 pm and we will begin a fascinating series entitled Restore the Roar! Amos compared the voice of God's judgment to the roaring of a lion (Amos 1:2). The Lord roared, and Amos preached. This Lent, we will listen to the Lion as He rumbles. And gathering under the cross, we will all the more be amazed when the roaring Lion defeats the greatest enemies: the devil, hell, and the power of death. Then with resurrection of joy, we will say of Jesus, "The Lion of the tribe of Judah ... has conquered." (Revelation 5:5)

The soup/supper serving schedule is as follows:

2/20 Chancel Guild  
2/27 Sunday School  
3/6 Youth Group  
3/13 Church Council  
3/20 Women's League  
All meals begin at 6:30.

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for income tax purposes are available for members using the offering envelopes. If you have not received a statement in previous years and would like to request one, please contact the church secretary or Janice Prospero at home at 815 485 3558. Thank you.

## Chancel February Assignments and Meeting

Weekend of 2/3: Sally Jackson & Jan Falk

Meeting 4 6:30 pm Hostesses: Kay Purnell & Robin Krol

Weekend of 9/10: Jeri Sandt & Sally Jackson

Ash Wednesday 13 Doris Bay & Sharon MacFarlane

Weekend of 16/17: Kay Purnell & Sharon MacFarlane

Weekend of 23/24 Kay Purnell & Judi Donovan

## **CAUSE AND EFFECT: YOU GIVE. PEOPLE LIVE.**

Thanks to our slow, but steady growth, Trinity has been saving more and more lives. The next opportunity to save 3 lives with ONE blood donation will be on 2/12 from 3-7 pm. Call our tireless leader, Deb Aiken, to schedule an appointment. 815 485 0687.

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS**

Please sign the greeting card for Virgil; he sincerely appreciates all contact from Trinity members. He really looks forward to knowing we, here at Trinity, have him in our thoughts and prayers.

St. Matthew's Outreach: We will be delivering to St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen **in mid February**. Please leave all rummage donations in the lower level collection room.

**SEDER MEAL:** Maundy Thursday, **3/28**, is the date of our biennial Seder Meal, immediately followed by a free chicken dinner. A sign up sheet for those planning to attend will be available in the hall table in mid-February. Because, in the past, many proposed attendees often do not attend after becoming included in the chicken dinner count, we are requesting that "sign-ons" deposit a check charging \$3.00 for each family member over 3 years old; the check to be held and returned in full when all show up for the meal. If persons after registering to attend do not "show up," their check will be cashed to offset the cost of food purchased on their behalf. Deadline for sign-up will be Sunday **3/17**. When you sign the attendee sheet, deposit your check immediately in the marked envelope.

**MEALS PROGRAM:** If any Trinity family member is in need of donated meals, please contact chairman Beth Parker (815 485 6842) so arrangements can be made for meal deliveries. This service is available in situations concerning deaths, illness, hospitalization, new births, etc. Also, if you as a congregation member have not registered to be a meal donor since 2010, please notify Beth of your interest.

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The annual congregational meeting was held 1/27/2013 following the 10:30 service. Many things were discussed, and the general health of the congregation was felt to be good. Among the items discussed: the major repair work that was performed on the building last year; the donations to various missions; and where we, as a congregation, want to go in the future. The youth are headed to San Antonio in the summer.

**Youth Bake Sale** - The youth are having a bake sale on Sunday, **Feb. 3** to raise funds for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio this summer. Many mouth-watering baked goods plus some Super Snax for your Super Bowl party! If anyone would like to help us by baking a treat or two, please bring them to the church before the 8 am church service on Feb. 3. We appreciate your support! You may also drop them off before the 5 pm service Saturday night.

**Chili Cook-off and Trivia Night - Saturday, Feb. 23, 6:00 p.m.** - It's back! Join us for a chili showdown and see if you can match wits with Trinity's best in the trivia contest! We need chili contestants - bring one pot of your best chili. We will take free will donations for the chili - "vote" for your favorite with your donation! Trivia will be \$5 per person. Make a team of up to 8 people or come and join a team. Silent auction items will be up for bid. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, talk to Michelle Hoag. You can attend both the cookoff and trivia or just come for one. Trivia is geared toward adults and teens. Sign up on the youth bulletin board today!**And, this just in: Thrivent will match up to \$500 of the profits from this event, so let's get all \$500!**

**Culver's Night - Wednesday, Feb. 6 - 5:00-8:00 p.m.** - Come to Culver's restaurant and 10% of your order will be donated to our youth! The youth will be delivering your orders to your table that night. No need to bring a coupon - just tell the cashier when you order that you are there for Trinity Lutheran. Culver's is located at 421 E. Lincoln Highway, near Wal-mart.

**Bowling - Sunday, Feb. 10, 1:30 p.m.** - Grades 2nd - 12th - at Thunderbowl in Mokena. Cost is \$8 per youth and covers bowling, shoes, pizza, and pop. Meet at the bowling alley. Sign up on the youth bulletin board.

**Service Opportunity** - Youth grades 5th - 12th are invited to help lead Bingo at Salem Nursing Home on Saturday, **Feb. 16**. Meet at church at 1:30 p.m. We will need an adult driver or two. No cost. Bring your service hour forms along and we can sign them for you. Sign up on the youth bulletin board.

Join **Women's League** for their anniversary Luncheon on Tuesday, 2/26 at 12:30 at Williamson's. Individual checks will be used, so everyone can have what they like. Please make reservations with Pat Fuerst (815 485 6441) or Judy Wilmsen (815 462 1374). Thanks!

Two important reminders:

Saturday service time has changed to **5 pm**.

Preschool Registration opens to the public on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

David Hubrich	1
Jack Mork	1
Jayna Perez	1
Judy Wilmsen	2
Kurt Backhus	3
Collin Black	3
Jordan Cruise	3
Phil MacFarlane	3
Alyssa Regan	3
Debra Williams	3
Ken Oldendorf	4
John Buell	5
Ali Nico	6
Andy Verchimak	6
Dante Berke	7
Aberdeen Brolick	8
Jacob Bell	9
Owen Perez	9
Bob Romadka	11
Caton Tinker	11
Sharon Buell	13
Dino Borelli	16
Marilyn Johnson	16
Al McCullough	16
Michaela O'Neill	16
Mike O'Neill	16
Benjamin Shea	16
Breiann Beaudry	17
Gage Moellar	17
Don Johnson	18
Dana Kosel	18
Aaron Brunmeier	19
Tom Buell	19

Les DeCarlo	19
Brian Delcorio	19
Wendy Elmlund	22
Zachary Doerrer	23
Stephen Hubrich	23
Isabella Johnson	23
Jacob Parker	24
Liz O'Neill	25
Robert Bollman	26
Rachel Cundari	26
Michaela O'Neill	26
Monica Schrank	26
Lana Cozzo	28
Taylor Farnetti	28
Jonathon Golden	28

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Doug and Michelle Hoag	5
Bill and Jeri Sandt	13
Dave and Michele Krohe	14
Ed and Colleen Dampf	16
Don and Beth Parker	16
Robert and Marlen Bollman	20
Ernie and Jan Falk	24
Mike and Barb Studer	24