

# Tidings

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The season of Lent begins with

## Ash Wednesday

### On February 22, 2012

The Liturgy for this Holy Day of Obligation will be observed at

7:00 a.m., Noon, 7:00 p.m.



5:30 pm Children's Service

Each observance will include the Imposition of Ashes  
and a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

## DAILY OFFICE IN LENT

*"...At the beginning of the day let all distraction and empty talk be silenced and let the first thought and the first word belong to him to whom our whole life belongs."*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



For your Lenten discipline

Morning Prayer, Rite II

6:30 a.m. every day (except Sundays) in the chapel

February 23 through March 31

Scripture readings, the prayers of the Office, a morning devotional

Enter through the chapel door along Milwaukee Avenue.

If you would like to lead a service, please contact Gary Manning at 414-453-4540.

See you at Morning Prayer!

## THURSDAYS IN LENT

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

7:00 pm Worship in the Chapel

Followed by

The Stations of the Cross

## ADULT FORUM DURING LENT

February 26, March 4, 18, 25

Discussion of the Stations  
of the Cross

Presented by Gary Manning and  
Beth Papazoglakis

# Auction Prizes

Did you win one of the auction prizes for services or fun activities last November? Some winners joined in a poker party at the Paradowski's as part of their winnings. Be sure you check on your winning bids and cash in on those prizes. The folks that put services, like cake baking, parties, days at the farm and others, want you to enjoy them. If you cannot remember, ask Jill Paradowski. She has all of the receipts.



## A HISTORICAL MOMENT

### Christmas at Trinity

The decorating committee used Trinity's beautiful crèche as part of the Christmas decorations this year. It was near the votive candle stand, in front of the window. How did this crèche become part of the decorations at Trinity? More than 10 years ago, this crèche was given to the parish by Dave & Sandi Tracy in memory of their baby who died. It was so nice to have the wise men make their journey toward the crèche as we awaited their arrival on Epiphany. We have so many traditions/customs that are part of Trinity Church. Sometimes we do not even realize how special things are until we know the history. Watch for a historical moment in the Tidings most months during our 125th anniversary year.

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## TO MY SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST

A joyful and glad heart is a happy heart!

Thank you for the Christmas remembrance. You know me already. Barnes & Noble is one way to my heart. My first Christmas at Trinity, as are other Sundays, Spirit-filled. Thank you for being you. You remain in my prayers.

Your Deacon ~ Coleen Smith

MARCH NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE IS  
FEBRUARY 13, 2012

*From the  
Rector*



Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I'm writing this letter in the aftermath of the 125th Annual Parish Meeting of Trinity Church -- and a FABULOUS meeting it was! Plenty of food! Plenty of energy! Plenty of joy! Plenty of inspiration!

There was, indeed, much to celebrate. Yet we begin 2012 with a challenging budgetary deficit in front of us. This deficit reflects both the continuing economic challenges in our country and the loss, over the past several years, of more established parishioners through death and illness. The good news, of course is that we have had many new folks join our community (this makes us different than a great many mainline Protestant churches), but we clearly have some work to do as we seek to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to this parish at this time in its history.

To that end, late in 2011, a **Year-Round Stewardship Committee** (co-chaired by Jessica Bulgrin and Liam Kelley) was formed. This group will be meeting at least once every six weeks between now and this time next year. The purpose of this committee's work is to help us all refocus on the importance of Christian stewardship as a joyful response to God's plentiful gifts. You'll be hearing more about this Committee's efforts in next month's *Tidings*, the weekly announcements and the weekly *Trinit-E-News*.

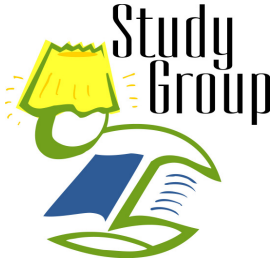
A key area of our common life ripe for improvement is in the area of communication. I have re-started the **Communication Committee** (which will be co-chaired by Bill Robison and Jennifer Vettrus). Between now and June of this year, we will be taking a closer, more intentional look at our communication strategies, including all things "social media". My personal goal is to see significant movement toward a comprehensive communication plan by the end of this program year (May, 2012). We will be inviting other parishioners to join this group as we re-vision the various ways we can inform our parish of all the wonderful opportunities to grow in faith and service while we worship God together.

And speaking of worship, it is past time we explore ways in which we can strengthen our liturgical life. Liturgy is where we are formed in the faith. Liturgy is where we learn the grammar of faith. Liturgy is where we offer, all that we are and all that we have, to the God who gives us life. Far too often, though, if we're not careful, worship can become a mindless repetition of stock phrases coupled with a robotic set of actions, leaving us more depleted than energized. I have reappointed a new liturgical committee, and we will work together to plan the liturgies between Easter and Christmas of this year. During those months we will try different sorts of common prayer, different sorts of liturgical actions and different ways of praising God through music. Some of those experiments will resonate. Others will not. But worship is too important to resist trying something new for fear of failing. Who knows? We might well be surprised by a movement of the Spirit. (Stranger things have happened!).

So, we've got lots of work to do in a relatively short time. After last Sunday's Annual Meeting, I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get at it. I know many of you are ready too! I can't wait to see where God leads us! What about you?

Blessings!

Gary B. Manning, *Rector*



# Winter-Spring February — May 2012

## Theology Study Group with the Rev. Wayne Fehr, Ph.D.

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month — 7:00–8:30 p.m.  
Trinity Episcopal Church, Wauwatosa

This series is offered to those who want to reach a deeper understanding of some of the central doctrines of Christian faith. Participants will be asked to read a brief essay (written by Dr. Fehr) in preparation for each session, in order to enter into a focused discussion of that material when they sit down together. This is an opportunity to explore in a thoughtful way the meaning of the language of faith that we speak in liturgy and personal prayer.

**Four Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Addressing Some Questions from the Group**  
**(Assigned reading material has been written by Dr. Fehr.)**

**February 9            The concept of “salvation”**

Reading assignment — “The Theologian’s” response to the following:

*Someone asked me recently, “Are you saved?” I wasn’t sure what to say in response. Thinking about it later, I realized that I didn’t have a clear idea of what it means to be “saved.” Yet, I know that we Christians talk a lot about “salvation” and “being saved.” I need some explanation of what these words really mean. Can you help?*

**March 8                The Episcopal Church’s Understanding of the “Real Presence”  
of Christ in the Eucharist**

Reading assignment — “The Theologian’s” response to the following:

*What does the Episcopal Church teach about the “real presence” of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion? When I was growing up in the Roman Catholic Church, I was taught that the bread and wine were changed into the actual body and blood of Christ. Now, as an Episcopalian, I am told that we reject this idea of “transubstantiation” (so-called). But how do we understand the Lord’s presence in the sacrament?*

*Continued.....*

## Theology Study Group continued.....

April 12

**How are we to determine the variety of Christianity**

(Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopalian, etc.) which communicates God's Word most genuinely? Each claims to have the true path to following Christ and to salvation.

Reading assignment — "The Theologian's" response to the following:

*My question concerns the nature of the church. Once and for all, what is the "one, true church"? Roman Catholics say it is their church, and Episcopalians are not part of it. Episcopalians say that their church is a branch of the "one true church." Other churches say that their members are part of the "true church" and so are other Christians. Who is right?*

May 10

**What is my responsibility or mission as a Christian toward those who only have the experience of Hinduism, Buddhism or Islam (or other religions)?**

Reading assignment — "The Theologian's" response to the following:

*I'm a devout Episcopalian who comes from a family that is part Jewish and also includes several Buddhists. My relatives practice these other religions faithfully and with great compassion. I've always been troubled by the notion that only Christians are saved. Likewise, my relatives are put off by the Christian belief in one church and the call to evangelize non-believers. Am I obligated, as a Christian, to try to convert my aunts, uncles and cousins who don't believe in Christ? Do Christians believe other religions are wrong, and that adherents of those religions are eternally damned? It seems very unfeeling and "un-Christian" to me!*

## Novel Theology! Continues.....

"Novel Theology" is a series of discussion opportunities offered by Gary Manning. The focus of the discussions will be the questions raised by and themes contained in very different novels. Here are the rest of the novels in the series to be read and the discussion dates of each novel.

March 28, 2012: *Housekeeping* by Marylynnne Robinson  
(Reflection Questions available by Sunday, February 19, 2012)

May 23, 2012: *Saint Maybe* by Anne Tyler  
(Reflection Questions available by Sunday, April 15, 2012)

The discussion groups will meet at 6:30 p.m. Discussion will conclude no later than 8:30 p.m. (Choristers are welcome to participate in the first hour of each discussion.)

# Episcopal YOUTH Community



2012 was off to a great start for EYC kids and their fearless leaders. Along with dinner/fellowship early in January, we had a great time swimming at Country Springs on the 22nd.

Here's what's on the calendar for February...

Sunday, February 5th: Bowling at AMF Bowlero

Due to the Super Bowl schedule, we'll be bowling immediately after church on the 5th. Cost for EYC kids is \$5 as always, cost for friends looks to be \$11 (still ironing out details, but this should be close). After bowling we'll head out for lunch (Murf's, anyone? Culvers? We'll be spontaneous), then return to church with plenty of time to get ready for any and all Super Bowl parties (although is anyone really going to be paying a lot of attention this year??). If you are planning to go and haven't RSVP'ed, please let Mrs. Kristof (jmkristof@hotmail.com) know soon.

Friday and Saturday, February 24th and 25th: 30Hour Famine

We'll be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine on their nationwide date. If going all 30 hours, plan to start your fast at 7:30 am on Friday, February 24th. We will gather at church for games and fellowship at 6:30 pm on the 24th, end the evening with Compline in the chapel at 10:30, then lights out for as much sleep as you can get with an empty stomach. Saturday we'll have a food and backpack drive to benefit the Tosa Food Pantry, perform some other service work, then end our fast at 1:30 pm on Saturday with pizza!

Some important facts regarding the Famine:

Fund raising packets will be passed out this week. If you aren't at church and need a packet, please let Mrs. B. know. Please remember, World Vision's focus for the weekend is on FUNDRAISING; please don't be shy about asking for people to sponsor you, by the hour, or by dollar amount. When people hear about what you're doing and why, many will want to support you--this is a GREAT thing you're working for! A minimum donation of \$10 per person (this includes friends) is needed to attend the event.

Jen V. will not be able to participate this year (sob), so we will need at least one male and one female chaperone for the overnight hours, and at least one adult of any gender to help out during the remaining times we are together. This can be the entire duration, or a few hours here and there. Due to church regulations, we must have at least two adults supervising at all times; if unable to coordinate this, we will have to reduce the number of hours we can be together at church. Mrs. B. and Mrs. K. would prefer not to have to come calling for volunteers, so parents/guardians, please check your calendars and call us first!

Behavior forms will be sent out soon; ALL participants need to bring this form (signed) with them to participate.

T-shirts design is being finalized, watch for more info on cost and how to personalize...

Yep, February will be busy! We're excited!

Your fearless leaders



## What are the Stations of the Cross and what do they have to do with me?

Many have heard of and perhaps seen Stations of the Cross but may have mistakenly believed that Stations of the Cross was something that only Roman Catholics “did”. Stations of the Cross are an outgrowth of what is called the Via Dolorosa (Latin for the way of grief or the way of suffering) is a marked path through the Old City in Jerusalem which is purported to be the path that Jesus walked to Calvary, the site of His crucifixion. Tradition asserts that daily after the death of Jesus His mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, walked the Via Dolorosa visiting the places where particular incidents happened along the road. Since the 4<sup>th</sup> century, documentation exists of Christians walking the Via Dolorosa as a devotion to our Lord and his suffering. It became the goal of many pious Christians to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to walk the Via Dolorosa. A custom developed for those who were unable to travel to Jerusalem to depict in wood, stone, or metal scenes of Christ’s suffering and death. Over time those scenes evolved into fourteen representations or “stations”: Christ condemned to death; the cross laid upon Him; His first fall; when He meets his mother; Simon of Cyrene is made to carry His cross; Christ’s face is wiped by Veronica; His second fall; when He meets the women of Jerusalem; His third fall; when He is stripped of His garments; His crucifixion; His death on the cross; when His body is taken down from the cross; and when He is laid in the tomb.

Those who want to offer devotion to our Lord through this practice of walking through the steps of His suffering and death that he offered freely for all of us are able to do that wherever in the world they find themselves. There are different liturgies, old and new, that offer reflections for each station.

I have had the privilege of walking the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem and even in the midst of “business as usual” in crowded streets, loud noise, and the discomfort unfamiliar areas can bring, it was a PROFOUND experience. The markers of each station are permanently on the walls through the Old City. On the wall opposite one the markers is a sign, “NO MONEY CHANGERS HERE”. Our group thought that was appropriate.

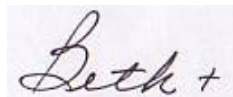
Gary+ and I will use the forums on February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 4, March 18<sup>th</sup>, and March 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Stations of the Cross and offer ways that this very long tradition can become a part of your spiritual practice not only during the season of Lent but at any time and place.

On Thursday evenings during Lent (excluding Holy Week), laity will lead as we walk the Stations of the Cross in the nave (main church). This will follow a 7:00 p.m. mid-week Lenten service. If you are interested in leading this devotional please contact me or Gary+. No experience is necessary, just a willingness. Gary+ or I will help you be prepared.

Holy Hill, in Hubertus, has some life-size stations and the spacing of the stations offer a wonderful sense of truly walking the Via Dolorosa. Those who would like to walk the Stations of the Cross at Holy Hill will assemble at Trinity at 3:00 on Sunday afternoon March 25<sup>th</sup> to walk the stations at the beautiful site.

Perhaps Stations of the Cross are not currently a part of your spiritual practice but we are never too old to learn or try something new. I encourage you to earnestly consider “walking” with others during this Lenten season. Our Resurrection joy may be increased as we consider in more depth the gift that Jesus gave on the cross.

Shalom,



Beth Papazoglakis, *Assistant to the Rector*

## WHAT IS SCRIP?

Scrip is a gift card program.

Simply sign up to purchase a card from any number of places such as department stores, grocery stores or restaurants. The order blanks can be found in the narthex and in the kitchen.

Turn in your order along with your check or cash to Jill Paradowski on the first Sunday of the month. Your cards are usually ready for you to pick up the following Sunday. They can be used at anytime you shop for the face value of the card.

Trinity Church receives a percentage of the fixed rate set by the retail establishment which is used for outreach projects.

20 orders were placed in January—\$169 was earned for outreach programs! The next order will be taken February 5! To learn more about this ministry, speak with Jill Paradowski.

# Note from the Choir Loft

Gene Traas

## Lenten Ringing School—Learn to Play Handbells!

When is a Lenten discipline not a Lenten discipline? When it involves learning handbells, of course!

This Lent, Trinity will be having informal midweek Lenten services on Thursday nights rather than Wednesday nights. In the past, Trinity Ringers has gone on hiatus during Lent because of the temporal challenges in fitting service, a meal, Ringers rehearsal and Choir rehearsal into one package.

This year, Ringers will be able to rehearse, and since you folks aren't doing anything on Wednesday night, why not join us? Learn to ring from scratch with some of Trinity's mega-ringers! Discover the elements of good handbell technique. Learn the secret of ringing your three-to-five bells on the right pitch, at the right time (hint: pencils and highlighters are involved). Get enough bell education in four weeks to become an alternate (occasional, on-call ringer for rehearsals or playdates).

Lenten Ringing School begins Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Choir Room. E-mail Gene Traas at [gene@trinitywauwatosa.org](mailto:gene@trinitywauwatosa.org) or speak with me after church on Sundays for more information.

## We need your help in the kitchen!

Many of us enjoy fellowship time together following the 9:30 service. We could use the following assistance for this important ministry:

1. More volunteers are needed to clean up after fellowship time (usually done by 12 noon). Please call Barb in the parish office at 414-453-4540 or Jill Paradowski at 414-466-5037 if you have an interest in helping.
2. Also needed are treats—either sweets, breads, fruit, cheese or anything else you think we will enjoy to have for fellowship time (items can also be frozen for later use).
3. Paper plates and napkins of recycled materials (no styro please)

Please help if you can. Thanks

# HAITI NEWS

When my daughter recently returned from a conference where she spent a lot of time talking with other young people of the social activism ilk, she brought with her a wonderful term. That term, "FIRST WORLD PROBLEM", is used when referring to any number of things that are clearly not life threatening, or even life altering. A few examples: not finding a pair of shoes in just the right shade of red, no arugula in your grocer's produce department, the garage door opener going on the fritz. You get the picture. Haiti gives us plenty of examples of "Third world problems" - high maternal and infant death rates, no access to clean drinking water, famine, drought and inadequate housing among others.

Recently Trinity had the chance to welcome Pere Wisnel Dejardin, the new priest from our partner parish in Jeannette, Haiti. Gary was happy to give a check from the money he raised from the Tour de Diomil. Pere shared with us his concern for the people, and in particular the children of his community who are facing the very real problems of drought which leaves them without access to drinking water, insufficient crop yields, and widespread hunger. The only source of water in Jeanette is collected rainwater, stored in cisterns. Because it is in the mountains, they have thus far not been able to find a way to get water piped to the region, either because it is physically too difficult or prohibitively expensive. Add to that cisterns that don't hold water well because of damage from the earthquake and deterioration with age, lack of seasonal rains, and now the water problem becomes dire. Please pray for the people of Jeanette and consider making a contribution to help bring food and water to the area during this crisis. Visit [www.haitiproject.org](http://www.haitiproject.org) to contribute securely on line. You can also learn how to sponsor a child and see dates for future mission trips.

~ Ann Brophy







Food & Fellowship

Sunday, February 12

Following the 9:30 am Service

Proceeds to benefit Red Door Clothes

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			<b>1</b> 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:45 am Bible Study  6:00 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:00 am Red Door Clothes  9:00 am—Noon Vestry Orientation Workshop	
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<b>19 Last Sunday after Epiphany</b>  8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Christian Formation & Fellowship	<b>20</b> PRESIDENT'S DAY Parish Office Closed	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 7:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm Children's Service 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist  <b>Imposition of ashes at all services</b> 	<b>23</b> 6:30 am Morning Prayer	<b>24</b> 6:30 am Morning Prayer  6:30 pm EYC 30 Hour Famine	<b>25</b> 6:30 am Morning Prayer  EYC Food & Backpack Drive 2:00 pm EYC 30 Hour	
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## Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day .....Even Episcopalians!



Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Trinity Church on Saturday, March 17th with a traditional Irish meal hosted by Trinity's Men's Spirituality Group. Corned Beef and Cabbage, Sheppard's Pie, and Baked Salmon with Lemon-Caper Butter are on the menu along with all the customary Irish accompaniments—including Guinness stout of course! In addition to a wonderful meal, you'll be treated to traditional Irish music, plenty of blarney and a "special musical performances, piping, and possibly an Irish set-dance or two".

A free will offering will be collected with proceeds being split between the Friends of St. Patrick—a local charitable organization working to build community and work for reconciliation in Northern Ireland; and the less glamorous, but nonetheless pressing, need to upgrade Trinity's kitchen facilities and appliances.

The evening's festivities will begin at 6:00 pm, dinner will be served at about 6:30 pm. Pipers and other entertainment will begin at approximately 8:30 pm. Put on your best green and an Irish smile, and join us on March 17. Reservations will be required so we know how much to cook. Space is limited, so sign up early to save your spot! Watch for more details in the bulletin and e-news.