

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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March 20-21, 2010 HTLC ANNOUNCEMENTS – PLEASE TAKE HOME!

Faith Formation Forum, Adult Education THIS Sunday, March 21, 9:30AM in room 207. **Tweens: The Joys and Challenges of living with 9-12 year olds.** Jonette Knock will be leading a forum for parents to talk about the challenges and share the joys of living with children on the cusp of adolescence and the special issues involved.

WoW! (Worship on Wednesday): Based on your positive feedback, HTLC is adding a new, additional worship service on Wed. evenings, starting April 7, from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. This 30-minute weekly service will be different from our existing services, with a focus on being family-friendly and participatory in style and format. This service will include Holy Communion on the 1st Wed. of each month. All are welcome!

We continue the Journey of Lent – walking with and listening to Jesus' suffering love for us. Theme for our worship is **"Conversations by the Cross."** This week: Luke 23:32-43 – **The Two Thieves.** Fifth Graders will share their memory work on *Holy Communion* and Sixth Graders will share their memory work on *Baptism*.

Support the soup suppers – there is plenty of soup and your donation (after expenses) goes towards our campership funds for summer camps & mission trips for our kids!

NEW FOR LENT 2010 – Noon services, Sunday eve services and more! Join us on Sunday evenings for the Sunday Eve Jazz Worship service* at 7pm. During Lent on Wednesdays we have services at noon, 5 & 7pm with a soup lunch at 12:30 and soup supper from 5-6:30pm.

***Marty Rathje** will share his faith story at the 7pm Sunday service, Jazz by the **Poppens**.

Are you considering scheduling a baptism? If so..., we invite you to consider scheduling the baptism, adult or infant, to occur on Holy Saturday, The Vigil of Easter. The long-standing tradition of the Christian Church is that baptisms that might otherwise occur during the 40 days of Lent rather be scheduled for the 5:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service on April 3, 2010. The next pre-baptism class will be held on **Thursday, March 25, 7pm**, in the Gathering Place.

Easter Prayer Vigil - Because it is important to quiet our spirits and contemplate the great sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross, we are holding a prayer vigil from **8:00 p.m. on Good Friday until 6:00 a.m. Easter morning.** We encourage you to pray and meditate on God's word during this time. You may sign up for a half-hour or longer time slot on the poster in the narthex. You may use the church chapel (which is always accessible through the south doors of the church) or pray from home. Prayer and devotional materials will be available for your use in the chapel. Please help us have a continuous time of prayer throughout this 34-hour period in honor of the sacrifice made for us. *Sponsored by Women's Ministries.*

Calling all parents: Registration for all children's summer programs VBS, Summer Kids Book Group, Preschool Storytime, as well as 2010/11 Church School & Confirmation have been mailed this week. Signed forms must be turned in for students to be registered. If you have questions or concerns please contact Jonette Knock 964-4348 x16.

VBS week begins either Sunday, June 6 (evening 6:00-8:30), or Monday, June 7 (morning 9:00-11:30).

Transition Task Force Mission/Vision, Staffing Needs, and Self Study teams have completed their preliminary reports. They will now be reviewed by the entire Transition Task Force to prepare for presentation to the Congregational Council at their March 22 meeting.



If you are giving by EFT and no longer wish to receive offering envelopes, please call the church office and let us know.

You can now follow HTLC on Twitter @ HTLCAnkeny.

Deadline for 2010-2011 EPIC Scholarship is June 1. The EPIC Program exists to enable congregations to support and encourage young people in their attendance at a college of the church. If attending an ELCA college in 2010-2011, please contact Deanna in the church office (964-4348 x. 22).

Applause & Appreciation Weekend April 17 & 18. Next Sunday parents are invited to take a couple of cards from narthex displays to hand or send to people who have a positive influence on their children. Holy Trinity is going to celebrate the persons who make a difference in the lives of our children. Invite a special teacher or coach, daycare provider, scout leader, neighbor, friend or the person that gives your child piano lessons. Worship will include special appreciation for our invited guests. We will have a pizza dinner with freewill offering on Saturday night. Sunday our fellowship time will encourage thanks for those that give to our children. Students will have the opportunity to write a note to those persons who have been important in their life. Offer your **Applause and Appreciation** to the people who make a difference in the lives of a child of the congregation on April 17 & 18.

Parents - make sure to read the Monday Morning Memo for information about our Teacher Appreciation event **"Teacher Take Out"** on April 17 & 18 (coinciding with Applause & Appreciation Weekend). Give to "Teacher Take Out" and help us provide a special meal for your child's teachers and their family and send a special thank you to your child's teacher.

Adult Mission Trip to Cedar Rapids is set for **April 11-17.** Mark your calendars and get your vacation time planned so that YOU can join us. April 12 thru 21 is Church World Service Rebuild Project in Cedar Rapids sponsored by all churches. It will be fun to be part of this bigger effort. If you're interested, but don't feel that you can give a full week, then join us for a few days. For more information or to sign up – contact Elaine @ 964-4348 x18 or elaine@htlcankeny.org.

Earth Day – Earth Stewardship Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 17, with a trip to the Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge in Prairie City, Iowa. Join us for a morning of fun and manual labor as we work to restore a small segment of Iowa's natural prairie. There are jobs for all ages! Need to be at the refuge by Prairie City by 8:30 a.m. and work until noon. Lunch of BBQ sandwiches is provided. If interested in being part of the group from Holy Trinity, please email Elaine at elaine@htlcankeny.org or call her at 964-4348 x18.

Divorce Support – Ankeny 1st United Methodist church invites those who are separated or divorced to a special weekly seminar and support group beginning Monday, April 5, 7pm in the 1st UMC Chapel, 206 SW Walnut St., Ankeny. For registration contact Susan Baldwin at 964-4349. \$20 fee for workbook.

TAKE (The Ankeny Clothing Exchange) is in need of donations of clothing and household items (everything except large appliances!) Please take your items to the Neveln Center, on SW School St.

What to do if you wake up ill Sunday morning and are scheduled to usher, teach or some other lay ministry that morning? Call the HTLC Hotline! Call our regular line (964-4348) and if no one answers the church phone, press **29** for the hotline, which is checked on Sunday mornings.

Please take home this announcement folder AND pray for those listed in the prayer list who have requested our prayers. You may **recycle** service bulletins in the baskets as you depart the sanctuary.