



February 25, 2009

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You may have heard that we are in the midst of a global economic crisis. Smart people are developing sophisticated programs to calm financial fears, to stabilize banks, to save industries and stimulate jobs. Some programs might work, some might not. Some will be very expensive and some are designed to pay for themselves over time. The vast majority, however, will be targeted at helping those in developed countries maintain some of the highest standards of living in human history.

At the same time, 1.2 billion people in our world live on less than \$1/day. About another billion live on less than \$2/day. For most of these people, the daily anxiety is not their credit score, but whether their children will have safe water to drink. For them, the morning prayer, "Thank you God for bringing me to another day," is a real prayer, because living to see another day is a tenuous proposition. For many of the world's poorest, the economic decline is not a question of moving from a 3 bathroom house to an apartment with only one bathroom, but food shortages that place their daily diet at a level most of us would consider inadequate even for a day of fasting.

This Lent, I would call you to fasting and prayer to God on behalf of those in extreme poverty. As the prophet Joel told the Israelites facing a locust plague to return to God with fasting and prayer so that they could be saved, I urge you to take time to cry out to God with all your heart on behalf those in greatest need. Let us use times of fasting to identify with their situation and imagine what it would be to live on a few hundred calories a day, while also serving as a powerful form of prayer in its own right. Let us be generous in giving up luxuries and giving alms to international aid agencies like Episcopal Relief and Development or Food for the Poor. Let us turn aside from our consumer mindset that says we always deserve the newest and the best, and make do with less so that others can afford more. And let us hold up our brothers and sisters in prayer, asking that God in his mercy will deliver them from their poverty and us from our hardness of heart.

May God bless your faithful observance of a Holy Lent.

Peace,

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Great Job Vestry! What a wonderful turnout!

The food was delicious and the fellowship outstanding, and to top it off the fire company didn't have to make their annual visit.

Well over 60 people enjoyed pancakes and sausages made so skillfully by Keith Hinsdale and Clare Glarner who kept them coming for an hour. Thanks also to the crew of Bill Shultz, Tom Jensen, Addy Landrio and Tom Drennen who helped in the kitchen and were responsible for replenishing the plates. The clean-up volunteers Diane Brant, Sharon Drennen, Elaine Rhodes, Suki Nelson, Adam Trambley and Barb Winslow made quick work of the dishes.

Of course, our pancake supper would not be complete without the homemade maple syrup provided each year by Barry & Renee Cunningham. Comments were still being made about the syrup before the Ash Wednesday service.

Friday Night Lenten Series

Please join with your parish family as we gather on Friday evenings. We begin with Evening Prayer at 6:00 pm followed by a most delicious pot-luck supper (vegetarian and no desserts) at approximately 6:20pm. The program then begins at 7:00 pm.

For our first program on **March 6**, Father Adam will lead a creative prayer technique called "Praying in Color." (Lent is a very appropriate time to get started or re-started on a prayer discipline.)

March 13, Harvey Stone will be with us to discuss Passover. The following week, **March 20**, Mike Mullens from Calvary Baptist Church is presenting the "Five Love Languages." Then on **March 27**, the Dean of the Cathedral, The Very Rev. John Downey will be us to talk about

his trip to Jerusalem during Holy Week last year. We will end the series with a game/music night, so bring your favorite board game on **April 3**.

Vestry Meeting

by Mary Lou Campbell

The Vestry gathered for their monthly meeting on Sunday, February 8, 2009.

As the February meeting is the first meeting of the new Vestry, officers were elected. Pat Hesch was nominated by Adam to serve as senior warden and unanimously elected by the Vestry.

Vestry members elected Bill Shultz to the position Junior Warden. Also elected to offices were Keith Hinsdale as treasurer, taking over from Pat Hesch and Mary Lou Campbell will continue as Clerk of Vestry. Elaine Rhodes was elected in a new position created by Vestry, that being Program Coordinator. This position will help to continue to develop programming and oversee things so that they fit together.

In other actions, the vestry voted formally to not go forward with the Inscale plan at this time and approved going forward with the sale of the A & B Building and Bill's Buildings to Kurt Smith.

The next meeting is March 8 at noon. Anyone is welcome to attend Vestry meeting as they there are always open to all parishioners.

Baskets for A Safe Place

Trinity Women's Guild met on Wednesday, February 18, for a pot luck supper and then assembled personal care baskets for women needing the services of *A Safe Place*.

With the generous donations made by parishioners we were able to make up **14 baskets**. Thank you to all who donated. We will continue to accept donations for baskets in the future.



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

For almost a century, the Good Friday Offering has been a source of support, love and hope for the people of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. This year's 87th Good Friday Offering offers us the opportunity to be nourished by a deepened bond with the churches in this region that is so central to our faith. In my time as Presiding Bishop, I have been deeply moved by their stories of the pain that division brings to the lives of all in this Province of the Anglican Communion.

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East was formed in 1841 with the purpose of forging friendships with the ancient churches and serving the expatriate communities in this area. The friendships made then have strengthened the work and witness of the entire Episcopal Church ever since. Since 1922, members of the Episcopal Church have given thanks for this extraordinary relationship through their generous giving to the Good Friday Offering. This offering expresses our own commitment to walk with the church of Jerusalem & the Middle East as they continue to work toward justice, reconciliation, and peace. Through our support of these churches we are helping to realize God's vision of shalom.

Again, please join with me in celebrating the work of the Good Friday Offering by generously sharing the gifts we have been given with our sisters and brothers in the Middle East. I remain

Your servant in Christ,

Katharine Jefferts Schori

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Envelopes will be provided in the
 Good Friday bulletins.

Easter Food Baskets

Diane Groszek needs your help in distributing food baskets on Saturday, April 4. Volunteers are needed as fillers, greeters and cleaners. Also anyone who has a truck who can pick up food at Thornes Bi-Lo April 1-3 would be very appreciated. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Easter Meals

Barry & Renee Cunningham and Addy Landrio are making plans for the Easter Meal Delivery on Holy Saturday, April 11. Ham, potatoes, vegetable, and rolls along with a cupcake comprise the Easter meal.

Volunteers are needed for cooking, preparing and serving the food, as well as, making the deliveries. Cupcakes are also needed. If you can help with this outreach ministry, please sign up in the narthex. If you have any questions, please speak with Barry & Renee (563-7212) or Addy (723-4809).

Coffee Hour Hosts

Thank you to *Bob & Natalie Brown, Chris Mesmer, Sylvia Anderson & Ellen Scalise, Randy Swanson & Keith Hinsdale, Tom & Mary Lou Watt, and Tom & Krissy Dyer* for hosting coffee hour in February. A sign-up sheet for hosts and clean up volunteers for March and April is in the narthex.

Healing Ministry

Healing prayer is offered in the chapel by a team from Trinity's Healing Ministry beginning at 9:15 am every Sunday.

Soaking Prayer is being offered on Tuesday afternoons or other times by appointment. Soaking prayer is progressive prayer over an extended time with the laying on of hands on a specific area for physical healing. Anyone who wishes to receive personal soaking prayers with a team of at least two Prayer Ministers may make an appointment by calling Diane Brant at 726-1331 or the church office at 723-9360.

Treasurer's Report To February 28, 2009

	Actual	Budget	2009 Yearly Budget
Endowment Income	20,730	12,972	77,831
Member Contributions	21,501	22,658	135,948
Plate Income	291	250	1,500
Other Income	<u>128</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total Income	42,650	36,297	217,779
Expenses	49,670	48,145	259,503
Ending Balance	-7,020	-11,848	-41,724

Prayer for Trinity

Almighty and gracious God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear my prayer for the rector, vestry and parish family of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church. By the indwelling of your Holy Spirit, enlighten and strengthen us for your service. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to know what is right, and give us courage to pursue it and grace to accomplish it. Renew us in faith, hope and charity. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, make us always thankful for your providence, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind with your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

The Diocesan Health team requests prayers for the development of a comprehensive mission strategy.

At Home: Denny Brown, Jon Ettinger, Judy Nobles, Steve Steele

In nursing/assisted living homes: Lillian Lemmon, Margaret Gilson, Bernetta Brant, Donna Check, Betty DeLong, Bernadine Goyda, Barb Weiland, Rhea Waples, Palmer Davis, JoAnn Kosthorst

Illness/Surgery/Other Needs: Steven Ettinger, Cody Stalder, Amy & Midge Hindman, Kathy Fleming, Cleo DiFiore, Dick, Ed Brant, Billy Moriarity, Mary Klancher, Lori Brusso, Gar Spicher, Scott Mitchell, Debra Gibson, Hayden Turner, Mary Massa, Mary Simmons, Judy Trask, Marjorie McClenathan, Tim Strohmeier, Karen Conrad, Sam Hill, Alex Patch, Teri Gruver, Leslie Kershaw, Jeff Washburn, Patty J., Rita Gibson, Eloise Metz, Kim, Martha Phelps, Janet Ely, Lewis Conroy, Alan Crone, Terry Brant, John Wallo, Jane Betts, Samuel Lindell, Neil Orchard, Frances, Jack Fiske, Patrick Nuhfer, Eric Lindell, Mary Lou Watt, Derek Allan, Jerry Trambley, Colin Hillard, Gary McCollough, J.T. McCollough, Barb Carr, Jim Ciprich, Sr., Jill Lasecki, Kara Donaldson, Carole Kinnunen, Kurt Glarner, Rob Glarner, Dave Johnson, Larry Johnson, Emily, Lisa Jackson, Anna, Shane, Jessica, Kathleen, Gloria Mitchell, Dante Dyer, David Thomson, Nancy, Scott Brown, Eva Brozova, Sandy Lewis, MaKayla

Serving in the Armed Services: Jake Glenn, Christopher Holmes, Jo Kennedy, the 3rd Infantry Division, Ft. Stewart, GA serving in Iraq, Paul Hernandez, Kristine Burne, Peter Landrio, Marc & Michael Miller, Nathan Stewart, Nathan Heltzel, Parker Hahn, Annette, Cody, Toby, & Jeremy Williams, Matthew Hammond

Serving justice and peace: Christian Peacemaker Teams; House of Hope, Birds of the Sky, and Good Samaritan House in India

Bishops: Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury; Katharine Jefferts Schori, our Presiding Bishop; Sean Rowe, our Bishop

Clergy: Martha Ishman, Canon to the Ordinary, Adam Trambley, our priest, Gail Winslow our deacon and archdeacon of the diocese

The Vestry: Leslie Baldensperger, Mary Lou Campbell, Lana Creal, Sharon Drennen, Rita Gibson, Clare Glarner, Pat Hesch, Keith Hinsdale, Tom Jensen, Addy Landrio, Elaine Rhodes, Bill Shultz

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Come join us
Friday Evenings in Lent.

March 6, 13, 20, 27
and April 3.

The evening schedule will be:

6:00 PM Evening Prayer

6:20 PM Vegetarian Pot Luck
Dinner—Please, no
meat or desserts

7:00 PM Program

Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
Adult Study Group
Healing Prayer in the Chapel
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Coffee & Fellowship before, between and after services

2nd Sunday of the Month

- 12:00 PM Vestry Meeting

Monday

- 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday

- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Thursday

- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

Office Hours

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Monday through Friday