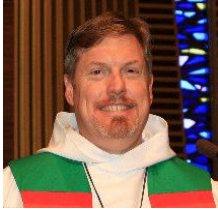


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Pr. Rob O'Berg

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
2 Corinthians 5:17*

A New Year: new opportunities, new chances, new challenges, new adventures. A new...you? No, I'm not talking here about a New Year's resolution. I'm talking about a New Year's *revolution*. Are you ready for a new you?

Jesus is. This isn't a dismissal of who you are: It's an affirmation of who you can be! You see, Jesus meets us where we are and leads us closer to where he wants us to be. In his death and resurrection he opened the door to new life, recreation, if you will. Not a day goes by that he doesn't invite you through that door, again and again and again. That's what St. Paul is getting at in his letter to the Corinthians -- life in Christ is never at a standstill. It is always going somewhere. It is always getting closer and closer to God.

Does that sound appealing to you? If you had the chance to get noticeably, tangibly closer to God, would you take it?

Well, get ready because January will be Small Group Month! I'm devoting all my preaching this month to sharing with you what the Bible teaches (and what I fervently believe) about the benefits of being in a small group. In addition, you'll be hearing from people just like you describing how being in a small group has made a real difference in their lives.

At the end of the month we'll have Small Group Sunday and a fun event at which you can join a small group and begin experiencing for yourself everything we will have talked about the weeks previous.

A New Year: new opportunities, new chances, new challenges, new adventures...and a new you!

With you in Christ's service!

Pastor Rob

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Upcoming Events



Small Group Sermon Series Starting in January

Pastor Rob to be on the Alan Autry Show!

Pastor Rob will be a guest on Alan Autry's radio show, Friday, January 22, to talk about Trinity's history and our ministries, especially within the neighborhood. You can listen in during the second hour of the show (11:00-12:00) on KYNO AM 1300. The program is also available on the internet at www.1300kyno.com. Call in at (559) 499-1300 if you'd like to get in on the conversation!



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Mon-Thurs 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 a.m. Contemporary
10:30 a.m. Traditional

"Friendship Buffet" refreshments
after each service. Nursery Care provided.

Our web site has lots of information including photos of recent events, access to recent sermons and newsletters, plus much more. Check it out today!

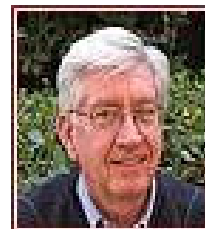


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BACK & FORTH



Don McClure

Always at this time of the year we are drawn to take a look back and prepare to go forth into a new year. The last two months of the year are busy with closing out and documenting the happenings of the year and planning/forecasting expected goals and events for the New Year. The following is a recap of the "Back" and a looking "Forth" at Trinity's ongoing ministry.

BACK

Reflecting on the year 2009 at Trinity many exciting events and ministries were begun or have grown. During a year of unparalleled financial hardship for many, the Trinity family continued to provide financial support and even dug a little deeper when the sanctuary remodel costs exceeded initial cost estimates. The Sunday worship attendance has increased throughout the year with increased numbers at both the 9am and the 10:30am services. An anticipated drop-off of attendance once the remodel project began has not materialized. Actually the highest attendance figures have been realized during the last couple of months.

The Trinity Kids Club (Afternoon Program) has continued to offer daily meals and after school recreation and study venues for an average of 25 students per day. A number of the attendees have made Trinity their home away from home becoming active in the senior and junior high Youth Ministries and participation in the weekly confirmation classes. Last summer a total of 30 youth were able to experience an exciting fun and faith based week of summer camp at Camp Oakhurst.

The Food Distribution Ministry has grown exponentially over the year as a result of the economic downturn in the community. The efforts of a devoted volunteer staff has provided food staples to an average of 200 families every month. Over 400 boxes of food were distributed at the December Distribution day. This ministry has far exceeded its physical and financial resources through the frugal oversight of expenses and the efforts of many to make use of limited physical resources.

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Funding from the Mission Endowment Fund, the SaveMart S.H.A.R.E.S. card income, and the generosity of the Trinity family have made this ministry possible.

Throughout the year Trinity has hosted a number of outside groups using our facilities for worship, meetings, and special events. These groups consisted of FUSD, Fresno Metro Ministries, Cuerpo Evangelico Cristiano Church, Norden Lodge, Scottish Society of Central California, AA, NAMI, Warming of Fresno Afghan Group among others.

Trinity has teamed up with Every Neighborhood Partnership (ENP) this past year. The first project was to paint a home for a nearby neighbor. It was a very successful first venture with Trinity's efforts being recognized for the amount of youth involved and is being used by the ENP as a model for others.

Final design plans were completed, project funding requirements solidified with congregational support received during the last quarter of the year. The remodel project was begun at the beginning of November with an expected four (4) month project timeline. Thanks again to a volunteer crew who diligently cleaned out rooms and storage areas and painted and repaired areas that eventually were used to accommodate the relocation of materials from the sanctuary and the facilitating of worship services.

Many thanks go out to Lynne Pedersen and Ed Brewer whose terms of service on Church Council have ended. We thank Lynne for her years of dedicated service as Treasurer and Ed for his valued leadership and input on all Council decision making matters. We know that all God's children got shoes . . . but some are just a little bigger than others. Thanks to both of you for sharing of your gifts.

FORTH

Number one on the horizon is anticipated completion of the Trinity Sanctuary Remodel project. Every effort will be made to keep the project on track with a goal of holding Easter services in the newly remodeled/renovated Sanctuary. We'll have a brand new Sanctuary – God's home. Let's all work together to make sure it's full.

The Trinity Kids Club will continue to serve the local neighborhood youth. Financial resources will be explored to provide the funds to maintain and expand the program to meet the demands.

Trinity's new website will launch on or about January 1, 2010. The website will give our web presence a fresh look that is attractive and appealing as well as a good representation of who we are. The new site gives us many more options to offer resources to our members. The new website technology provides the capability to process online giving, to podcast Pastor Rob's sermons with a built-in audio player, to take online surveys, and to monitor all the traffic to Trinity's website and the particular pages of interest. The new technology affords a very user friendly environment for editing and updating of information on the site. With this new format, the management of the website can be now be performed by Church office staff. Thanks go to Joetta Engelman for her many years of dedicated service to maintaining Trinity's current website and for setting the standard of excellence required as we move forward.

Our association with Every Neighborhood Partnership (ENP) will expand in the new year in ways that are not yet known to us. In the plans are doing a smoke detector installation day in the local neighborhood where batteries will be changed for existing detectors and new detectors installed where none exist. Current efforts are underway pursuing partnership opportunities with Centennial Elementary school that will include classroom volunteers, campus beautification projects, and sports clinics.

The Food Distribution Ministry will continue to do a monthly food give away on the third Saturday of the month. Ways to improve the efficiency are always a priority and will continue throughout the year. Continued support for the program will be sought both financially and through a dedicated group of volunteers.

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Through the planning of the Ministry Direction Team, Trinity is launching a new dynamic Welcoming Ministry. This Ministry will have clearly identified Trinity Welcoming Greeters strategically stationed throughout the church campus on Sunday mornings. The primary focus of these Greeters is seeking out visitors and guests and extending the Trinity warm and inviting "Welcome" and to be of assistance as needed for the Trinity Family.

Also on the agenda for the New Year is the continuing planning and exploring the possibility of establishing the "New Spirit Charter School" at Trinity. Many hours of planning, preparing and submitting detailed documentation to city and county agencies has been expended by a group of dedicated and visionary folks in pursuit of this worthwhile goal

Looking Ahead to 2010



Andrew Lynch

2009 was a great year for the Youth Ministries at Trinity! Wednesday night youth group has sustained its growth and is averaging over 40 in attendance over the last few months of the year. The after school program has also grown and 25 kids a day get fed and helped with homework, on average. The kids had many quality opportunities this year to grow in their faith and I have seen significant growth in a lot of our kids.

In 2010, I'm hoping to add to what we've built thus far. God has big things in store for Trinity's youth and I can't wait for Him to show us all what they will be. In 2010 we will continue to give the kids opportunities for fellowship, worship, service, and bible study so that they can continue to grow in their relationship with Christ. For more specifics about what we have planned for 2010 make sure to check out my annual report when it comes out in February.

Youth Group's 2010 Kickoff



Youth group will have its kickoff for the 2010 year on Wednesday, January 13. The kickoff will be a fun night of hanging out, playing games, worshipping God, and studying the Bible. We will also be serving pizza! As always, youth group is from 6:00 - 7:30 pm and we begin the night in Luther Hall. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at Andrew@tlcfresno.com or (559) 229-8581.

From Our Music Director

Thank you to all the musicians, singers, readers, actors and church staff who contributed so much to the special Christmas services and the Children's pageant. May this be the best New Year for you all! (Karana Hattersley-Drayton, Choir Director).



Karana Drayton

The Magnificent Pipes of Hanford

Sunday, January 31, 2010

Come enjoy the experience of music from 5 Unique Pipe Organs; enjoy a ride on Hanford's own Historic Carousel along with Jazz Band; Big Pipes, Antique Band Organs; Art; Stories from the past as only Hanford can provide! Concert & Lunch is \$49 per person. For more information contact the Hanford Visitor Agency @ 559 707-9983; 559 582-5024 or email visithanford@att.net.



Sunday School Schedule

Sunday School starts at 9:00 in Luther Hall. They are then dismissed to their classes.

9:15 am - 10:00 am Preschool - 1st Grade - Rm 21

9:15 am - 10:00am 2nd - 3rd Grade - Rm 19

9:15 am - 10:00 am 4th - 6th Grade - Rm 22

On the first Sunday of each month there is no Sunday School so the children can worship with their families.

Thank You From A Family Receiving Food

I want thank you for your help, may God Bless you.

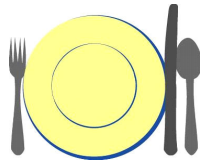
Thank you very much

Lorenzo Gamez

11-20-2009

Golden League January Noon Luther Hall

Our guest will be Pr. Mike and Linda Rogers who were called by the ELCA to be missionaries to the people of Slovakia were they served as teachers for the school year of 2007-2008. Bring a can of food for the Wishing Well and a friend to spend a wonderful afternoon. If you have not been called please contact Nadine Boyd at 322-1474 to make your reservation.



Poverello House

Poverello House is a great way of getting out in the community and volunteering. Trinity members have been going to Poverello for ten years. Mark your calendars for the 2010 schedule.



- ♦ Breakfast—Saturday, Mar. 20, May 15, July 17, Sept. 18, Oct. 16 & Nov. 20. Meet at Trinity at 8:15 am and arrive back at 11:00 am
- ♦ Lunch—Saturday, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Apr. 17, June 19, Aug. 21 & Dec. 18. Meet at Trinity at 11:15 am and arrive back at 1:00 pm. For more information call Rhonnie Harris (222-4376).

Council Minutes Available

Minutes from each Trinity Church Council meeting are available for your reading pleasure in the library. Look for the Trinity Council Minutes binder next to Pastor Rob's sermons. A brief synopsis of the meetings will be in the newsletter.

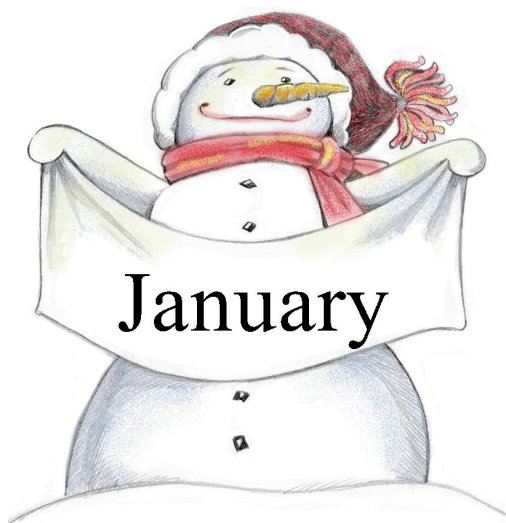




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Ronald Copp	1/5
Jacqueline Gilbert	1/5
Donna Todd	1/5
John McConnell	1/7
Robert Smith	1/7
Fabian Riojas	1/9
Jennifer Deniston	1/11
Connie Boyd	1/13
Caroline Mendyk	1/13
Erica Collins	1/14

Bill Gorman	1/14
Kenneth Engelman	1/15
Gregory Becker	1/18
Barbara Kjer	1/20
Barbara Eaton	1/21
Katherine Hele	1/21
Dean Eaton	1/24
Thor Hansen	1/25
Shirley Harpain	1/26
Elwood Johnson	1/26
Jan Odahl	1/27
Carmela Willingham	1/27
Edna Diel	1/30

January Birthdays & Anniversaries



Walter & Leah Spate	1/6/1989
Donald & Lorraine Caskey	1/8/1938
Robert & Eva Yelkin	1/8/1944
David & Jane Lara	1/9/2008
Don & Karen Gregory	1/10/1981
Jason & Pamela Engelman	1/15/2000
Dennis & Dee Donnelly	1/22/1983
Brian & Laura Peranick	1/24/1987
Ralph & Betty Hartwig	1/25/1955

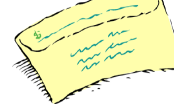
Submitting Articles for Newsletter

Please submit your articles or information items for the "Trinity Times", our church newsletter directly to the church office. Articles are due by the **15th of each month**. You may email cathy@tlcfresno.com, fax to 229-7988 or bring the information to the church office

2010 Offering Envelopes

If you have not picked up your 2010 offering envelopes yet, stop by Seashore Hall during Friendship Buffet or come by the church office during the week.

**Offering
Envelopes**



Senior Exercise Class

Come & join our Exercise Class every Monday & Wednesday from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. There is a \$2.00 donation. All are welcome.

Member News

Thank you to everyone for their prayers & cards of support. To everyone who contributed to the luncheon that followed. It was very comforting. Ed Lehman & Family.

Address Changes

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Blood Drive



What a great way to start out the New Year donate a pint of Blood. Mark your calendars now for the next blood Drive January 10, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.. Remember to eat a healthy breakfast and drink plenty of fluids before giving blood. Sign up Sheet will be in Luther Hall. Thank you Social Ministry

2010 Altar Flowers

The 2010 Altar Flower sign up sheets are posted in the office hallway on the bulletin board across from the financial office. Flowers may be given in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. For more information, contact Cathy at the church office (229-8581)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sundays

9:00 am-Preschool - 6th Grade (Rms. 19, 21 & 22)

9:30 pm-Chancel Choir (Music Room)

10:30 am-Jr. & Sr. High—(Youth Room)

Mondays

11:00 am-Senior Exercise Class—(Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm-High School Group—Room 15

Tuesdays

1:30 pm-*Office Closed for Staff Meeting*

Wednesdays

11:00 am-Senior Exercise Class—(Fellowship Hall)

6:00 pm-Youth Gathering (Luther Hall)

6:00 pm-Confirmation (Seashore Hall)

6:30 pm-2nd-12th Grade (SS Rooms)

7:30 pm-Unbound Rehearsal—(Luther Hall)

Thursdays

7:00 pm-Trinity Singers - (Music Room)



Our Mission:
To Lead People Into The Life-Changing Love of Jesus Christ