

FEBRUARY - 2011

## † Moving at the Lord's Pace †

Almost everybody I know feels they have too much to do and not enough time to do it. This even includes my retired or 'just tired' friends also! At almost every Board meeting at Trinity this seems to come up, especially when plans are made about upcoming events or looking for volunteers for this or that. There is so much going on – in people's lives, at work, at school, in the community, at church, with sports, and on and on!

Busyness can be an illusion or it can be a reality. The story is told of one father who found out he was simply too rushed. Every night he would bring work home from the office and shut himself off in a corner of the family room. His first-grader, feeling the loss of attention from her Dad, went to Mom and asked why Dad had to work all the time. She explained that "Daddy just had a lot to do – so much that he couldn't finish it all at the office.." "Well then," asked the daughter in a most compassionate way, "why don't they put him in a slower group?"

*Do you need to be put in a slower group?* If so, the only one who can do it is *you*. Take serious, realistic look at your life. Are you neglecting the important things – like your family, your Lord -- for that which is in no way as important? If you listed all the truly important people and things in your life – is the 'stuff' on the sidelines becoming your life's game? Are you missing out the golden moments of

life and instead toiling away in the tar pit and coming up tired and filthy all the time?

*Do you need to be put in a slower group?* If so, remember the Lord Jesus, *your* Lord Jesus, came into this world so that you might have life and have it abundantly! (John 10:10) He lived and died and rose again to grant you not only an eternity of happiness, but true peace, contentment and joy *right now*. Because of Him, in Him and through Him it is yours!

The one true God who made us in His image made His Son "in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:7) in order to restore us. Jesus intentionally loosed His grasp on equality with the Father so He could take on our flesh and live, suffer, and die as one of us. Because Christ made Himself equal in our mortality, God declares us to be Jesus' equals in righteousness!

Jesus knows what we face and how challenging it can be. Better yet, He faced it all *for us* and gives us His victory over it! In Him and His forgiving love life takes on new meaning and purpose – and when we fall again, when we get too busy for the most important things – He is still there, loving, forgiving, leading, lifting.

Maybe what we need is not to be put in a slower group at all. Instead, maybe we need to be in that group that moves at the Lord's pace and according to His priorities.

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**Pastor Bert**

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR 

### FPU CLASSES

Sundays, 5:30 p.m.

### ELDERS MEETING

Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

### EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MTG.

Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, following Worship

### JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Sun., February 27, 2011, 7:30 – 9:30 pm

### VALENTINES PARTY!!

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and one of your friends are invited to come and enjoy! Release forms will be available the month of February at the Church for you and your friends to sign and bring!  
Food! Fun! Crazy Games! Music!  
All we need is YOU!  
Plan now to come and enjoy!

### TRINITY CHOIR NOTES

♪ Senior Choir members share the love of Jesus with their music.  
More singers are always welcome!  
The Choir is preparing music for Divine Services and Lent.  
Choir practice is on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

### TRINITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

JUNE 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep VBS 2011 in your prayers.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School Hour (8:45 – 9:45 a.m.) gives Children, Youth and Adults the opportunity to "come and learn of Jesus". Trinity has classes for Nursery (3 years old) through Eighth Grade, a High School Bible Class and an Adult Bible Class. In February our *GROWING IN CHRIST* Sunday School lessons will be "Sermon On The Mount: Salt and Light/Dorcas Glorifies God" "Sermon On The Mount: Anger/Onesimus and Philemon", "Sermon on the Mount: Enemies/Ananias Cares for Saul" and "Sermon on the Mount: Worry/Jesus Teaches Us to Trust."

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup>**, we will bring our offering for our Sunday School Mission Project, which is *THE MINISTRY OF DANNY & BECCA DeLOACH*. Danny and Becca work in Bible Translation in Papua, New Guinea. The offering we receive will be sent to Lutheran Bible Translators for their ministry.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup> THE SUNDAY SCHOOL will sing for the 10:00 a.m. Divine Service.**

Parents, we are glad to have your children attend Sunday School. We encourage you to ask them what the Bible Story was each week and throughout the week to review the story.

*JESUS LOVES ME THIS I KNOW  
FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO!*

