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8 Marks of a Disciple

Receive, Learn, Pray, Worship, Fellowship, Serve, Give, Tell

We begin the New Year with the final "Mark" of a Disciple. This 8th Mark of a Disciple is *TELLING*. Whenever we tell about what God is doing or has done, we encourage others to get involved too. We help them to understand the incredible things that the Holy Spirit is doing to bring lost people to faith.

#8 Disciples Tell

Let the Bible Teach You to Tell:

- fellow members about God's love.
- those in the community about God's love
- others to prayerfully consider supporting missions.

Paul and Barnabas report all that God had done through them.

Acts 14:26-28

God grants even the Gentiles repentance unto life.

Acts 11:1-18

The Good News of Christ spreads to the Gentiles.

Acts 11:19-22

How often do we tell one another about good news in our lives?

In the church every Sunday I hear many wonderful things that happen to people. Whether we have a new grandchild in the family, or if our son just scored the winning shot for the basketball team, we tell the wonderful news. We like to tell of the good news in our lives.

There was a man who would always tell a story of the time when he was an inch away from death. He was in the ocean about to drown when a man from the Coast Guard came to rescue him. This man could never repay the man from the Coast Guard for saving his life. But he still told the life saving story. In the same way our lives have been saved. We have been saved by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. But how often do we tell of that "Good News?" How often do you speak of it in church? This month I encourage you to read the entire book of Acts. Read it and think of how the *telling* of "the Good News," in Acts made it to your front doorstep. Read Acts and witness God's saving grace, the saving Word of God; the Word that tells you "your sins are forgiven." It is this Word that tells you, "you live because Christ lives!"

What is the starting place for telling the good news about Jesus?

It begins with our love for others. Love always takes an interest in the good of our neighbor, our friend, our family member, without trying to figure out what we will receive in return. God's love is poured out into our hearts and overflows into the lives of others. God doesn't need our good works, but our neighbors, and our family members certainly do.

Once we recognize how great is our own personal salvation and the enormous love of the Father's heart in saving us, we recognize that this love can remove barriers that stand in the way of our outreach to others.

...s of Jesus, following up that witness with love and kindness, there is something here that makes people pause and consider just what it is that makes Christians unique. It can lead people to ask, "What do you have? I need it."

What is our response? We answer by telling the good news about Jesus. We explain that because of sin we are separated from God, but God loves us so much that He sent a Savior into this world to bring us back to Himself. The Bible says, "Always be ready to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have, but be gentle and respectful" (1 Peter 3:15). Telling the saving Gospel is the greatest service any Christian can perform for a neighbor, or family member, or even the most casual stranger.

What can be done to prepare ourselves to tell others about Jesus? To witness about Jesus we need to be grounded strongly in the Word and Sacraments. In so doing, we are kept by the Lord in constant contact with the power and strength for witnessing, our Lord Jesus Himself. Receiving forgiveness and peace, we then are able to share it with others.

Turning to the Lord in prayer is the next thing we do when we wish to tell the good news about Jesus. Just imagine how much better we will be able to recognize opportunities to tell the good news about Jesus when we ask our heavenly Father to show them to us and then pray for the courage to speak. When we ask for open doors to tell the good news, we will be amazed to notice how doors are open and just waiting for us to walk through, telling the good news about Jesus!

Pastor Hageman

Sunday Adult Bible Study Starting Jan.8, 2012, Jon Wareham will be teaching a class on the book of Galatians "The Cost of Freedom." Beth Wareham will be sharing on "The Great Women of the Bible" both classes taught at 9:15am.

First Fridays!

Movie Night "Dolphin Tail"

Come to our next First Friday on January 6th from 6:00 – 8:30 pm.

Night of Prayer Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30pm come and pray for our community.

Pot Luck Dinner January 29th after church.

Lydia Circle Trudie Robinson hosted the Lydia Circle Christmas Potluck Luncheon on Dec.19. Her home displayed many lovely holiday decorations. The food as usual was delicious and enjoyed by all. We were happy that Pastor Mike joined us for fellowship and a fun time. Our next meeting is Monday, January 16, 2012 at 1:00 pm with Carol Weaver as hostess in the school. The Lydia Circle wishes everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year.

Youth Group News On January 17th the 5th-8th graders will be getting together for youth group filled with fun and activities.

Choir and Hand Bells meet on Thursday evenings, hand bell rehearsal time is 6:15 - 7:00pm and the choir rehearses from 7:15-8:00pm. If you have any questions please contact Ann Henny. Our next practice will be January 5, 2012.

Home Bible Study with Carol Weaver is at Petey Norton's house on January 13th at 6:00pm. Her address is 990 Sarazen Dr. in Rockledge 32955 (631-0753.) We are having a cook-out so bring a side dish to share.

Confirmation Class all students 5th - 8th grade are invited to come to confirmation class with Holly Pettet in the Sanctuary. Sunday School is available for pre-school – 4th grade.

TL School Registration Trinity will open enrollment to our currently enrolled families on Monday, January 30, 2012. We will open our enrollment to the general public on Monday, February 6, 2012.

Holiday Baskets We were able to give food to 23 families during the holidays. Thank you to all who helped.



On Thursday, January 19 at 6:30pm in our church sanctuary, Pastor Mike will be hosting an "Introduction to Baptism" session. He invites you and any others that may be interested in baptism to be there. This is for information and should last no longer than 45 minutes. These sessions will provide you the chance to learn about our Lord's desire for you in baptism. Children are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions call Pastor Mike at 636-5431.

Become a Thrivent Advocate If you are a Thrivent member and would like your church to receive an additional \$25 without any monetary cost from you then you may want to become a Thrivent Advocate. Trinity is allowed to have 8 advocates total. This is an additional \$200 that will go towards the mission and purpose at Trinity. If you are interested to know what you can do for Trinity as a possible Advocate be sure to talk to Ethel Kozak or Pastor Mike. You may also visit www.thrivent.com.

Food For The Poor, Inc. Please join us January 29, 2012 to hear The Rev. Gerald Kovac speak about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor though out Latin American and the Caribbean. Pastor Kovac will share what he had witnessed about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Congregational Meeting We will be having a Voters' Meeting on January 15th after church. This meeting is important for we will be voting on a number of Synod wide issues. It is our congregation's responsibility to vote for:
Submission of Lay Delegate
Submission of Alternate Lay Delegate
Submission of Pastoral Delegate
Circuit Counselor Election - *this will take place at Mission U on January 28th.*
Overtures - *These will be decided upon at Mission U on January 28th*

Our Congregation is also able to nominate:
President from FLGA District
Vice President from our region
Secretary from FLGA District
2 lay Representatives from our region
Commissioned minister from FLGA District

Mission U This year our circuit is hosting a training program that I encourage all people at Trinity to be a part of. On Saturday, January 28th from 10am - 2pm the Space Coast Circuit is hosting **Mission U** at Faith Lutheran Church, Merritt Island. The cost is \$5 which will include lunch. Monies will go to help support a local Lutheran Haitian Mission church. **MISSION U** is Lutheran Hour Ministries' witnessing-training program designed to provide lay people with the tools and training needed to confidently accept their mission of sharing Jesus Christ with unique people in diverse settings. Come out with friends to enjoy this great time. For additional information you may talk with Pastor Mike or visit www.whatsmissionu.com

ROC Convention I am excited to share with you this opportunity to help shape the upcoming Regional Outreach Conference (ROC) held in partnership with Lutheran Hour Ministries and the Florida-Georgia District on January 13, 14 in Orlando. This conference is designed to train and encourage God's people to be mission-minded witnesses for Jesus Christ, ready and able to speak His truth to struggling souls wherever they may be.

From start to finish, this conference will be fun *and* a great learning experience!

- Prominent outreach speakers
- Information-packed breakout sessions
- Engaging activities for kids and adults
- Innovative ministry tools
- Inspire attendees in their witness

You will be inspired to share the love of Jesus, our spiritual ROCK, and receive fresh insights that will enhance your witness to friends, family, and even those you only meet for a moment! You can go to www.lhm.org/roc/ and see a listing of other ROC events to get a feel for why you need to be in Orlando this January.

Pick up your 2012 offering envelopes

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>No Sunday School</u> 10:30 Communion Worship	2 <i>Office Closed</i>	3	4 6:30pm Night of Prayer	5 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	6 6:00-8:30 pm First Friday Movie Night	7
8 9:10 Band Rehearsal 9:10 Sunday School Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship	9 6:30pm Cub Scouts	10 10:00am Stained Glass 6:15pm BCE	11 8:45am Chapel	12	13 6:00 Bible Study at Petey Norton's home ROC Conference	14 ROC Conference
15 9:10 Band Rehearsal 9:10 Sunday School Adult Bible Study 10:30 Communion Worship <u>Congregational Meeting</u>	16 1:00 Lydia Circle <i>Office Closed</i>	17 10:00am Stained Glass 5:30pm Elders 6:30pm Church Council	18 8:45am Chapel	19 6:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Baptism class 7:15pm Choir	20	21
22 9:10 Band Rehearsal 9:10 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:15 Dinner Bells	23 6:30pm Cub Scouts	24 10:00am Stained Glass	25 8:45am Chapel	26 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	27	28 Mission U Training
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Servant Schedule	1	8	15	22	29
Acolyte	Ander Hanson <u>Jan. 4th</u> Brett Garrett	Grace Boshart	Savannah Lee	Lindy Dey	Ander Hanson
Altar Guild	Doris Fitzpatrick Jill Sumpter		Doris Fitzpatrick Jill Sumpter		Doris Fitzpatrick Jill Sumpter
Communion	Tim Scott		Jon Wareham		David Crockett
Children's Devotion	Pastor Mike	Holly Pettet	Jon Wareham	Pastor Mike	Pastor Mike
Nursery		Leona Crockett	Petro Dey	Heidi Dowling	Beth Wareham
Church Cleaning					
Counters	Elaine Schultz Robbin Frick	Carol Weaver Joanne Frick	Doris Fitzpatrick Jill Sumpter	Ron Debing Renee Debing	Danny Danforth Robbin Frick
Flower	Copeland Family	Doris Beall	Linda Farrington	Debing Family	Hanson Family
Greeters	Savary Family	Boshart Family	Weaver Family	Dey Family	Hanson Family
Reader	David Crockett	Carol Weaver	Jon Wareham	David Weaver	Richard Dey
Head Usher	Richard Dey	Richard Dey	Richard Dey	Richard Dey	Richard Dey

Are you a part of our Legacy Society? Trinity Lutheran School is moving forward to offer children the latest in instructional technology. This technology is currently in the form of **Interactive White Boards**. The purpose of the Legacy Society is to seek support from current families, past families, alumni, and friends of Trinity to finance a school wide project that will continue the excellent legacy of superior Christian Education. This year's project is the purchase of Interactive White Boards for the classrooms. Our goal is \$15,000. We have reached 66% of our goal. We are asking that you prayerfully consider a gift to the Legacy Fund for the purchase of this classroom technology. If you have any questions please contact the church office.

January Birthdays

Merilee Hanson	1/03
Nat Baggarly	1/05
Jacob Lee	1/06
Lauren Boshart	1/07
Tim Scott	1/07
Katy Miller (s)	1/12
Pam Mahoney	1/17
Linda Dawson	1/18
Astrid Marquardt	1/19
Haley Robinson	1/20
Jeffrey Sprink	1/20
Corey Rosser	1/28
Betty Hull	1/31

January Anniversaries

Pastor Mike & Shanna Hageman	1/01
Tracy & Lisa Patt	1/06
Bill & Vivian McIntyre	1/30
Carroll & Betty Hull	1/31

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