

Adult Forum March 14: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Membership



Current Thrivent Members and people interested in Thrivent Membership are invited to an adult education opportunity in the Tree of Life Room on Sunday, 14 March at 10:00 a.m. Launching in Spring 2010, Thrivent Choice is a new giving program that lets members help choose where Thrivent Financial gives back. Representatives from Thrivent will be available to explain the new opportunities available in 2010. There are two ways that church members will be able to participate:

Voting: All benefit and associate members will be eligible to "vote" to distribute a portion of Thrivent Financial's charitable funds among a short list of national charities (Lutheran and non-Lutheran), one to two times per year.

Choice Dollars: many members will be able to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to thousands of Lutheran nonprofit organizations, **including Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church.**

Thrivent grants have supported many of Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church's ministries in the past. These ministries include the Growing in Grace Building Campaign, the Phinney Ridge Gospel Choir, the Outreach Fund, the Child Development Center and several others.

Please attend this forum to hear how we can continue to have these grant moneys directed to the ministries of our congregation.

Easter Breakfast = Delicious Food & Life-Saving Assistance

On Easter Sunday, as we celebrate a risen Christ and a new life for all, we will once again enjoy a delicious church breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. As in years past, your donation for breakfast will go directly toward an immediate need in our community through the **Parish Outreach Fund**. Administered by Minister of Outreach Patrick Meagher, the Outreach Fund relies solely on individual contributions to meet the financial needs of those who come to the church asking for help. In 2009, through the Outreach Fund our church:

- Offered mobility to **32 families** through Gas Vouchers,
- Prevented homelessness for **54 families** through Rental or Motel Assistance,
- Kept vital services flowing for **31 families** through Utility Assistance
- Gave out over **300 bus tickets** to people in need,
- And helped another **29 families** with miscellaneous needs.



Each of these families came face to face with the love of Christ in a tangible form through our church's Parish Outreach Fund. Now more than ever, please be prepared to support the Fund at this year's Easter Breakfast and continue PRLC's outreach of Christ's love.

Around the Parish & Beyond

Lenten Midweek Service and Soup Lunch

Pastor Hoffman will be leading and preaching at a series of Lenten mid-week services through 24 March. The services will be held in the chapel and each Wednesday's sermon will explore in-depth a different passage from the four-chapter book of Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Worship bulletins for the entire Lenten season are available at the Grace Station on Sunday mornings or by asking a member of the pastoral staff. These bulletins contain not only the services for the entire season, but also the text for Philippians for your Lenten prayer and study. Following each service, a simple lunch of soup and bread will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Save the date. Mark your calendars NOW for the Congregational Annual Election Meeting to be held Sunday, 25 April 2010. The exact time, format and location of the meeting will be announced soon, but this is an important event in the life of our congregation, so be sure to Save the Date!

Circles in the month of March

...will be studying the book of Philippians. Yes! The entire book. You can read it at a single setting. Pastor Hoffman will be leading the Bible studies which are coordinated to accompany the Lenten mid-week services. Circle meetings and times are as follows:

Mary/Martha, 10 March at 1 p.m., Tree of Life
Bethany Monday, 15 March at 9:30 a.m.
Salem Wednesday, 17 March at 9:30 a.m., Library

Weekly Prayers for Parish Members

As a pastoral ministry staff, we want to remind you that each week at Staff Meeting we receive the names of two or three members of the congregation. In the week that follows, those persons are prayed for by name, each day. Through the seven of the ministry staff members praying for three persons each week, we are able to pray for the entire congregation across the period of one year. We know that you all pray for us on a regular basis. We want you to know that you are held in our prayers as well, and in particular that each of you is prayed for by name for a week by one of us.

Prayer Vigil

You are invited to devote 30 minutes in prayer between the end of Good Friday worship and the beginning of the Easter Vigil. Every year we offer this gift to the members of The WAY who will affirm their baptisms at the Easter Vigil. Photos of candidates and brief profiles will be provided to help you. Sign up at church and offer your support to the people of *The Way*.

Pastor Hoffman's Sabbatical approaches

From 1 July through 1 November Pastor Hoffman will be benefiting from the congregation's generous sabbatical leave policy and enjoying a four-month time away from responsibilities at PRLC. Three of those will be sabbatical, one month will be vacation. Pastor Hoffman has just received word that papers he has proposed to conference in Paris and Oxford have both been accepted. In early July he will present a synopsis of Phinney's ministry, The WAY, to an international Catechumenate Conference sponsored by the Roman Catholic Church of France. Later on in the month, he will once again participate in an Oxford Roundtable at the university and present a paper on our congregation's ministry in the secular setting of Seattle. Other sabbatical activities and projects are yet to be determined, but an October joy will be the gathering of family from across the country to celebrate Jacob's wedding here in Seattle.

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Sunday Schedule:

Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Education at 10:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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A tasty fundraiser for the

Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church Food Bank

Support the food bank by tasting delectable dishes by local Phinney chefs made from standard food bank ingredients. A \$12 suggested donation gets you 5 tastes, more can be purchased.

Sunday, April 18, 5-7:00 p.m.

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All proceeds to benefit the PRLC Food Bank!