

**Director of Learning Ministries  
Council Report  
February 2009 (for the March meeting)**

Phil saw his shadow in February.

At Trinity, we completed the first round of invitations to register for our weekday preschool for the '09-'10 school year. Technically, all of our classes are now full and-or wait-listed. There usually is some back-and-forthing over the summer regarding class sizes and rosters, as families' situations change and such. Still, some preschools wait 'til the summer to begin registration. Thankfully, then, we find ourselves in a good place at this time.

The March art exhibit in the Gathering Space will feature works from students in all our preschool classes.

While the Educational Ministry Committee won't meet again 'til March, Jack Bush (the committee chair) and I continue to work closely together on future as well as ongoing projects: Sup and Study (set to start March 4), Vacation Church School (we are hosting an area VCS leadership workshop in April), the Koinonia Groups (having a gathering at the church in April), and connecting the church with students away at college with an eye toward asking them and other young adults to lead a summer Sunday Church School program.

One of my responsibilities is the Library at Trinity. In a directed way, we continue to increase our holdings in addition to receiving contributions. I am striving to add specifically to our DVD collection.

On February 21, Roger Smith and I presented the program at the annual Men's Retreat, this time held at the church. Our program title and theme was "The Reason for God." Our approach was to challenge the group to see the broader aspects of Creation as matters of stewardship and discipleship and to develop for ourselves ways to find and reinforce a Christian, Lutheran faith-lifestyle for all-the-time: not only for our time at church (where, as one man said, we go to recharge the batteries) but also and especially for the most-of-our-time we live away from the church.

This is the fourth Men's Retreat for me to serve as program leader; and again I found the level of conversation and participation to be jovial, meaningful, cooperative, and constructive. I'll gladly be a part of this experience the next time.

Respectfully and gratefully received,

*Christopher*