

Are You in a L.I.F.E. (Small) Group?

By Susan Holden

A recent headline in the Las Vegas Sun reads, “Wrestler sets sights high—even though she can’t see opponents.” High School wrestler Meghan Clarke is legally blind. But in spite of her visual limitation, Meghan is so good at wrestling that unless someone were to tell you, you wouldn’t know it when she meets an opponent on the mat.

How does she do it? “Practice.” she says. Megan follows the same training discipline as any other dedicated, sighted wrestler. She’s been practicing and wrestling for so long that she feels very comfortable when meeting her unseen opponent on the mat. She doesn’t win every match, but she’s getting more skilled, stronger, and confident every day.

Like Meghan, we often wrestle with the unknowns in life, unanticipated challenges, and unseen opponents. We have to navigate the unexpected twists and turns of life’s journey. Sometimes we need to take risks, and we make mistakes, or we succeed! We feel beat up and defeated in life, or we may be exhilarated. In either case, it may be difficult to recognize the next step to take.

And just like Meghan, we can become adept, strong, and confident in our spiritual lives IF WE ARE INTENTIONAL ABOUT PRACTICING! As disciples of Jesus - who make disciples of Jesus - the Church pro-



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vides our training plan, our coach, and our practice partners.

So how are you doing in the spiritual growth department? How about in the wrestling aspects of your life journey? How are your relationships with your co-workers, family and friends? And, most importantly, how is your relationship with God? Do you have a training plan, a coach, and teammates to challenge you and keep you honest about your attitudes, aspirations and actions?

Bottom line is, in the words of church vitality consultant and writer, Don Nations, “we all need some key people in our corner - someone who loves us no matter what happens and someone who can help us recover and move on. Authentic friends, mentors and spiritual guides...”

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Sunday Schedule

- 8 a.m. Prayer and Communion
- 9 a.m. Traditional Service
- 9 a.m. Vietnamese Language Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9 a.m. Bible Studies and Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Young Children's Classes

Childcare is provided all morning.

Here are some thoughts from some who are currently participating in small groups at Trinity:

“Being a part of a small group has allowed me to feel closer to God. The Spiritual Energy generated by just a few people who are all sharing fellowship is very powerful and stirs up in me the desire to get to know and experience more in my Walk with God. I have so many meetings and obligations in my life which are necessary but leave me feeling somewhat hollow. The small group experience fills me back up and adds a sense of perspective that keeps me going in the right direction.”

“The books by Adam (Hamilton) have gotten Jerry

and I talking and thinking on things we just accepted. They have really expanded our beliefs.”

“I for one love the “small” group for just that reason. I find that it is a more relaxed venue and easy to talk about most any subject and get enough different opinions to learn new things about religion, Bible stories and about people and even one’s self!! Yeah, small groups!!”

During Lent, we want to encourage everyone at Trinity, to commit to 40 days of small group participation. We have several ongoing small groups—great opportunities to build relationships, places to practice and get our spiritual muscles in shape. A small

group is about sharing life together, holding each other accountable, and developing habits in spiritual discipline. Together we practice talking about our faith, and encourage witness through service, outreach and mentoring. And all the while we have a lot of fun!

I don’t know about you, but I am committed to eating and sleeping every day, because I need to in order to thrive! I believe the same is true for our spiritual health! Who was it that once said, “What does it profit us to gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit ourselves?” Hmm, maybe my small group would help me find the source of that wisdom! I’ll ask!

Pastor’s Column Returning Next Issue

If you were wondering what happened to Rev. Dr. Mark Lansberry’s regular page 1 story in this issue, the Trinity United Methodist Church spiritual leader took a break from writing. Don’t fret. Look for his regular contribution in next month’s issue of *The Word*.

Sermon Series Continues

Sunday worship service sermons by Rev. Dr. Mark Lansberry

“Building a Life That Really Matters”

February 5 *Making a Difference*

February 12 *Living Smart*

February 19 *Unstoppable Determination*

“Ash Wednesday”

February 22 *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*

“Real Faith for Real People”

February 26 *Wrestling in the Wilderness*

Are You in L.I.F.E. (Small) Group Yet?? If Not, Why Not??

Current L.I.F.E. (Living in Faith Everyday) GROUPS

Tuesday Morning Transformers: "Call to Discipleship"

Time: 10 a.m. in the Library
Facilitators: Bill Jacky & Carol Munroe

Wednesday Bible Study: "The Gospel of John"

Time: 7:30 p.m., Room 5. Facilitator: Sam Beach

Wednesday Bible Study: "Hay Una Solucion: Estudio Biblico"

Time: 7:30 p.m., Room 6. Facilitator: Flor Hernandez

Sisters in Christ: Study Book "Sheltered by God's Love"

Time: Thursdays, 11 a.m. in members' homes. Facilitator: Carol Munroe

Gifted for Life: A small group study - all ages welcome!

Time: Thursdays, 6 p.m. Facilitators: Susan & Joe Holden. Meet in members' homes.
Please call Susan or look for her on [Facebook!](#)

Worship Space Design: Fellowship, Bible study, and setting the stage for worship

Time: Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. Begins with worship. Contact Sherri or e-mail at sherri@tumclv.org

LENTEN CHALLENGE

The Education Team is challenging each person in our congregation to participate in a L.I.F.E. Group during Lent. We will begin a new series by Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, entitled "The 24 Hours That Changed the World." This 7-week study offers chances to: "Walk with Jesus on his final day; Sit beside him at the Last Supper; Pray with him in Gethsemane; Follow him to the cross; Desert him; Deny him"; and Experience the Resurrection." Come with us to walk through the last week of Jesus' life on earth. Be part of a L.I.F.E. Group during Lent and make this Lenten experience the most memorable in your life.

As of publication, Lenten L.I.F.E. Groups will take place:

- Tuesday mornings at Trinity UMC
- Wednesday evenings after worship at Trinity
- Thursday evenings in members' homes

We are praying other groups will be started. If you feel led to facilitate a L.I.F.E. Group, please call Linda at 870-4747 ext. 11 or e-mail at linda@tumclv.org.

You have read the testimonies from some L.I.F.E. Group participants. You have read the information about our upcoming study. God is calling EACH of us to participate in "The 24 Hours That Changed the World."

Again we ask, "Are you in a L.I.F.E. Group yet? If not, why not??" Please prayerfully consider devoting the 7 weeks of this Lenten season to study our Lord's last week of life - the life he gave so that we might live.

Youthful Adults ... New Name, Same Fun

The Young Adults social group at Trinity UMC has a new name with the same exciting leaders. Rebecca and Stanley Blessley will be leaders for the group now called Youthful Adults.

The Youthful Adults will continue to meet the second Saturday of the month with this month's get-together planned for Feb. 11 at 5 p.m. at the Giaccani home. Adults of all ages, singles, couples, families are all welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, please call Rebecca and Stanley Blessley

Trinity School Spring Closing After 46 Years



Artwork created by Anne Van Winkle

On Wednesday, Feb. 29, Trinity Christian Preschool/Kindergarten and the Trinity UMC family will celebrate an award-winning 46 years the school has provided ministry and Christian education to the children of the Las Vegas community.

The celebration will begin with a meal in Cafe Trinity at 6 p.m. followed by a worship celebration service at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come help recognize and celebrate the contribution this ministry has made in the life of our community at Trinity and throughout Las Vegas.

As a result of the growing number of child care centers and preschools and the evolving ministry needs of the community, a recommendation at the Sunday, Jan. 22 Church Council meeting was accepted to close Trinity Christian Preschool/Kindergarten.

The school, which opened its doors when the modern childcare concept was still in Infancy, will close on Friday, March 2. Trinity Senior Pastor Mark Lansberry accepted Leslie Chaney's resignation as Trinity School Director on Jan. 23.

Trinity Christian Preschool/Kindergarten began in 1966 at the suggestion of Anne Van Winkle, a founding church member, as a onday a week program called "Mothers' Day Out." By the fall 1966, enrollment in the Mothers' Day Out program had reached a point where

the possibility of adding a Preschool program became feasible. The Trinity Preschool Education Committee adopted the philosophy of Milton Senn, Director of Child Study at Yale University:

"In the first few years of each child's life a core of personality is developed which will influence for all time what he will become. Later years will, of course, bring their learning, influence and shaping. Never will a child learn more genuinely, more accurately, than he does in the early years."

Trinity Preschool's specific goals for the child thus became: the opportunity to play with other children; practice in learning to share and take turns; security through continued acceptance of help and guidance from adults outside the home; experimentation with a wider variety of materials than many homes provide; encouragement of independence and self-help; and an expanding horizon for growth and interests.

By the fall of 1970, enrollment in the Preschool had increased to a point that three 4-year-old age classes were scheduled: a five-day morning, a five-day afternoon, and a Tuesday through Thursday class at 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. In addition, an afternoon 3-year-old age class was added.

For several years, due to overwhelming response there were waiting lists equal to the number allowed in each class. In addition to serving the community, many members of the Trinity congregation had their own children enrolled in the school. In 2009, the U.S. Local Business Association named Trinity United Methodist Preschool as the Best of Las Vegas in the preschools category for the second consecutive year.

Plan to attend the Feb. 29 celebration and give this ministry the sendoff it deserves.

Newsletter Deadline Policy

This newsletter is by you and about you, the family of Trinity. If you have an event planned, or if your event has been held, please share it through The WORD. The publishers and editor produce the newsletter ... but it is your articles we want to produce. Submissions should not be more than 200 words.

The deadline for the March newsletter is Wednesday, Feb. 8. Submissions received after the deadline will not be published. We also reserve the right to use all or part of your submissions.

IMPORTANT CHANGE: All newsletter stories should be e-mailed to newsletter@tumclv.org. To avoid errors or omissions, please DO NOT e-mail contributions to any other address. Thank you.

Heifer Lenten Mission Project Coming to Trinity!

Your Education Ministry team is encouraging everyone to participate in our Heifer Lenten Mission project, which will begin the first Sunday in Lent, Feb. 26. Many of you may remember our Heifer involvement in past years with the Noah's Ark banks in which we all (adults and children alike) saved our coins to buy animals for impoverished countries.

Sunday school children and adult classes, as well as small groups, choose which animal they want to buy, while others in the congregation help financially as they feel led. The change is counted at the end of Lent, the desired animals are marked, and the funds are sent to Heifer International.

So instead of just feeding the hungry, Heifer helps the hungry feed themselves. Like the saying goes, "It's a hand up, not a handout." Plus, each family who receives an animal agrees to give one of their animal's



offspring to another family. It is called Passing on the Gift, and it's what sets Heifer International apart. It also means that your gift will keep on giving for many generations to come.

Please check out our Heifer display on the east wall of the Sanctuary and help us *Give a Hand Up!*

Children's Sunday School at Trinity

Trinity's Education team has begun the New Year by revamping the children's Sunday morning school program. There will now be two classes available for children in the 3rd to 5th grade during the 9 and 10:30 a.m. worship services.

Education team members, along with several other volunteers, are currently taking turns teaching on Sunday. The One Room Sunday School curriculum is being used to take advantage of space usage. The children are learning worship songs, Bible verses and Bible stories; they are learning to relate what they learn and apply to everyday living.

They are learning to pray, to recognize and participate in the elements of worship, and learning about faith traditions according to the needs, abilities and pace of the individual child. This curriculum is designed in a two-year cycle, each year divided into quarters with three units per quarter. Consistent attendance and participation will provide children with a comprehensive Christian Education.

Watch for information they will be bringing home to share with you! We are excited about this opportunity for our children and pray that you are as well! If you are moved to consider becoming part of our teacher or assistant rotation, please see June Deley.

In addition, volunteers are needed to assist Nursery Caregivers during the 9 and 10:30 Sunday morning services. Please prayerfully consider how you might use your God-given gifts with our children!

Prayers for Our Churches



The Conference Board of Laity and District Superintendents are requesting that the Trinity congregation commit to praying for other churches and agencies in the North District. Several churches will be listed each month for your prayers.

This list will be published each month in the church newsletter and weekly in the church bulletin. It is important to know churches are praying with and for each other.

Please pray for the following pastors, the congregations and the communities.

FEBRUARY 2012

Community UMC, Caliente, NV (Pastor Teresa Adams)
Federated Community Church, Flagstaff, AZ (Rev. Jed. Schenck & Rev. Karen Appleby)
Trinity Heights UMC, Flagstaff, AZ (Rev. Karol Brecheisen & Rev. Doug Handlong)

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 5:45 pm Heart and Soul Potluck, Café Trinity 6:45 pm Worship, Sanctuary, 7:30 pm Hay Una Solucion Estudio Biblico, Rm. 5
5 SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY Sermon Series: "Building a Life That Really Matters: Making a Difference" 9 am New Members Received 9 am Vietnamese Language Worship, Library 10 am UMW Board, Library 10:30 am HeartStrings Choir, Music Room	6 5 pm Nurses, Café T 5:30 pm Education Team, Library 6:30 pm, O.A., Café T 6:30 pm Friends LTP Rehearsal, Sanctuary	7 10 am "Tuesday Morning Transformers", Lib. 1 pm Staff Meeting, Lib. 7 pm Interfaith Leaders, Cafe 7 pm Trustees, Library	8 Noon Keenagers, Café T 5:45 pm Heart and Soul Potluck, Café Trinity 6:45 pm Worship, Sanctuary 7:30 pm Hay Una Solucion Estudio Biblico, Rm. 5
12 Sermon Series: "Building a Life That Really Matters: Living Smart" 9 am Vietnamese Language Worship, Library 10 am UMW Board, Room 5 10:30 am HeartStrings Choir, Music Room 12 pm Caring Ministries, Room 6	13 5 pm Nurses, Café T 6:30 pm, O.A., Café T 5:30 pm Education, Library 6:30 pm Friends LTP Rehearsal, Sanctuary	14 10 am "Tuesday Morning Transformers", Library 12:30 pm Lydia Fellowship, Café Trinity 1 pm Staff Meeting, Lib. 4 pm School Board, Lib.	15 5 pm Finance, Library 5:45 pm Heart and Soul Potluck, Café Trinity 6:45 pm Worship, Sanctuary 7:30 pm Hay Una Solucion Estudio Biblico, Rm. 5
		Tucson Gathering - DSW Pastors	
19 Sermon Series: "Building a Life That Really Matters: Unstoppable Determination" 9 AM Vietnamese Language Worship, Library 10:30 am HeartStrings Choir, Music Room 12:15 pm UMW Luncheon, Library/Cafe	20 Office/School Closed 5 pm Nurses, Café T 6:30 pm, O.A., Café T 6:30 pm Friends LTP Rehearsal, Sanctuary	21 10 am "Tuesday Morning Transformers", Lib. 1 pm Staff Meeting, Lib. 4 pm School Board, Library 7 pm Rachel Fellowship, Café Trinity	22 ASH WEDNESDAY Noon Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary 7:30 Lenten Bible Study, Café Trinity 7:30 pm Hay Una Solucion Estudio Biblico, Rm. 5
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Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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SPECIAL EVENTS

February 4
North District
Leadership Training
Guest Speaker:
Delia Halverson



ASH WEDNESDAY
OBSERVANCE
February 22
Services at
Noon and 6:30 PM
Sanctuary

LENTEN BIBLE
STUDY
Begins Ash Wednes-
day, February 22, at
7:30 pm and con-
tinues for 7 weeks.
"The 24 Hours That
Changed the World"
Written by Pastor
Adam Hamilton
Please see Page 3
of this newsletter
for details

United Methodist Women Friendship Luncheon

Mark your calendar for UMW Friendship Luncheon scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 19 at 12:15 p.m. in Cafe Trinity. The focus will be to support agencies for local residents in need.

Secret Prayer Partners will be revealed, and new Secret Prayer Partners will be chosen. Bring a salad or dessert or a donation of \$5. Everyone is welcome!

Keenagers to Celebrate Valentine's Day

The Keenagers will be having their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Café Trinity at noon with Arthur and Maxine Hoselton serving as host and hostess.

The Trinity social group for 55 years and older met in January, at Denny's Restaurant with

23 members and three new guests – John Abele, Eva Lee and Kathy Poage – in attendance.

The group celebrated the birthdays of Maxine Hoselton and Eva Lee. Paul and Helen Brooks, as host and hostess, played a game where you picked a number and if it was called you received a gift. It was

such a nice afternoon.

For additional information regarding this month's meeting, please call Maxine Help celebrate Valentine's Day and bring a guest to the event to ensure there's a big turn out!

Do You Know Trinity Has A Library -- Just For You?

We do!! Located next to Cafe Trinity, the Harriet Lucille Gray Memorial library was dedicated on Jan. 11, 1987 in memory of Lola Sylvester, Hal Francis and in honor of Trinity School teachers.

We have a little bit of everything, including an extensive Biblical resource center. Books for all ages, interests, fiction and non-fiction, bios, as well as tapes, VCRs, and CDs for children and adults. Have a Biblical question? Check out our library for your answer!

Want seasonal or fictional reading? Check out our library. We feature timely books of the month for your perusal and encourage everyone to stop by and see what your church library has to offer.

If you have any suggestions, please contact someone in the church office or leave a note on the library desk. "Happy Reading."

Sincerely,
Your Library Committee

Sunday School Project Blessed by Congregation's Response



The Sunday School Christmas Mission Project had a wonderful response from the Trinity congregation!

Peggy's Attic at Child Haven was the recipient of your generous donations and the Clark County agency was very grateful for the bags and bags of pajamas, hats, mittens, diapers, underwear, combs, brushes, hair clips, barrettes,

boxes of toys, games, art and craft supplies, as well as checks and cash in the amount of \$314!

When children are removed from their homes and placed into protective custody, they have few, if any, of their personal belongings. The Department of Family Services does not receive funding to purchase these items for these displaced children and babies, so it relies on the generosity of community partners and the general public to help supply these basic necessities.

Additionally, the Department provides essential items to keep at-

risk families together while going through crises; meets some of the needs of children already placed in foster care; and meets some of the needs of families who are being reunited with their children.

There are approximately 3,000 children and babies being helped by the Department of Family Services. So, **THANK YOU TRINITY CONGREGATION** for being a blessing to these children of God and helping to serve their needs.



Why We Do Not Do Better Hospitality

By Dr. Don Nations, DNA Coaching

It is no secret that how people are treated at church has a significant impact on whether or not guests return. It is no shocking revelation that how people treat each other at church sets the stage for either growth or decline. It is no new discovery that it is easier for someone to enter a group that is seeking new people than one that has become a closed clique. In spite of this, however, a majority of churches still struggle to be places in which the grace and welcome of God is extended to all people. Why is this? Below are several reasons.

1. We think we are friendly enough already. Most churches consider themselves to be friendly. Many guests, especially those without a significant church background, do not experience most churches as friendly places. Simply having a greeter or usher shake someone's hand and say "Good morning" is not enough. The welcome needs to be intentional and at least set the stage for the beginning of a relationship. Watch during the greeting time in the worship service – are guests continually engaged by people in the church or do they receive a few handshakes and then stand alone waiting for the greeting time to end?

2. We are comfortable so we think everyone else is comfortable. For long-time attendees, church is usually a comfortable place to be – they know many people, they know how the service is structured, they know what to wear, they know where the facilities are located and they know the "language" of the church. This is not true for many new people. Repeating the words of the creeds and the Lord's Prayer from memory may bring comfort to some people but these words are often foreign to guests. Remembering the discomfort we have felt in new and different places will help us do all in our power to make our guests feel comfortable.

3. It is not the issue on which we wanted to work on. Ask most church people what they most want to see in the future for their church and the responses typically include "more youth," "more young families," "more children," "more money," "upgrading the facility," "caring better for aging members" and "saving money for a rainy day." A response typically not seen is "improve the hospitality system of the church." When no one is the champion for an idea it rarely becomes the driving force in the life of the church.

4. We believe it is the job of new people to fit in with us. Here is a common attitude encountered in churches which works against our efforts to grow: We have been at the church a long time. It is "our church." We helped to keep it going, we have served on the committees, we have provided the money, we have been Sunday School teachers and youth group leaders and we have stuck with the church through thick and thin. We would love to have new members but they should not expect us to change for them.

5. We are content with the church just the way it is. While many church members report wanting the church to grow in numbers, spirit and finances, many are also basically content with the status quo. They experience church in a positive way and have constructed some portion of their life around it. They are not seeking significant change. They don't have a drive to introduce a lot of new things into the life of the congregation. They value harmony and seek to avoid the conflict change can bring.

6. We don't see how better hospitality will benefit us. What is seen is the increased workload that will be required of "us" if we introduce a number of new steps to welcome "them." It is easier to see the value of not starting something new that will demand our time than it is to see the value of doing something that "may or may not help us."

7. New people really are not that important to us. While almost all churches would like to see new people in worship, this does not necessarily translate into actions likely to lead to that result. Reaching new people can be viewed as a luxury, not a necessity. The spiritual condition of those outside the church is not often considered and certainly not considered to be the primary responsibility of the church. It is not uncommon for churches to be far more concerned about "taking care of our members" than helping new people come to a personal faith in Jesus.

To contact Dr. Don Nations or to review additional materials, visit the organization's web site at www.dnacoaching.com or e-mail him at don@dnacoaching.com.

Sky VBS 2012 Coming in June



**Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Vacation Bible School was a huge success last year and we had a wonderful time with our kids and our amazing volunteers! This year let's make it even bigger and better! Mark your calendars, bring your kids, bring the kid in you, and join us for high-flying fun during **SKY VBS 2012!**



January 2012

Dear Friends of United Methodist Social Ministries,

This year has started out with a bang with nine trainings planned before our re-opening of the food pantry on Saturday, Feb. 4. Fifteen people have already been trained but we need many more. Excitement is brewing for the new client-choice pantry. Please consider attending training. More training will be available in February; however, we need the core group trained before we re-open. We can always use more non-perishable food items for the food pantry; this month we will concentrate on canned meat products, entrees that can be stored on our shelves (not refrigerated or frozen), and cereal.

After meeting with "Courts Catalyzing Change" (CCC) chair, Mari Parlade, we are planning to re-open our visitation center. We will need trained volunteers to monitor these visitations, and CCC will provide the necessary training. You should hear more about this in the near future.

I would like to encourage the youth groups to sponsor a "Souper Bowl Sunday for UMSM" by having some of their members holding soup pots at the entrance/exit of their church before and after each church service for monetary donations to UMSM. Youth can also get involved at the weekend food pantry by being a pantry assistant or receptionist/greeter.

Blessings,

Sharon Scobie, Executive Director

February Birthdays

Bethany Emry	02/02	Jean McClannahan	02/13
David Emry	02/03	Sandra Carnes	02/16
Kirk Casteel	02/02	Kelsie Shepherd	02/16
Jon Dunn	02/05	Stanley Stubblefield	02/18
Sheila Pope	02/05	Aretha Haley	02/21
John Reda	02/08	Vivian Lightfoot	02/21
Rebecca Blessley	02/09	Jelin Mazo	02/21
Sophi Murphy	02/10	Philip Hodson	02/22
Tricia Deley	02/12	Lynn Emerson	02/23
Milton Florence	02/12	Yvonne Gaines	02/23
Taylor McIntyre	02/12	Arthur Hoselton	02/26
Marlene Barton	02/13	Frank Herbert	02/27
Sarah Bower	02/13	Melissa Snell	02/27
Kathleen Love	02/13	Darlene Goldstein	02/28

February Anniversaries



Bill & Kim Jacky	02/11/1970
Eddie & Sharon Contner	02/14/1975
Jayar & Kisa Kindsvogel	02/15/1998
Jeffrey & Danielle Herrod	02/23/2008
Patrick & Suzie McCue	02/23/1976

Congratulations to Louise Hesse

Louise Hesse, RN, BSN, CIC, was recently recognized as a Nurse of the Year “Angels with Stethoscopes” by the 2011 March of Dimes Southern Nevada for her work in Infection Control and Occupational Health as announced by the Valley Health System.

Louise presently works for Desert Springs Hospital Medical Center. There were three other recipients of this honor along with four runner-ups.

The Valley Health System is comprised of Desert Springs Hospital, Centennial Hills Hospital Medical Center, Spring Valley Hospital Medical Center, Summerlin Hospital Medical Center and Valley Hospital Medical Center.

If you see Louise on church campus, be sure to offer your congratulations.

Read *The Word* on-line

You can read your issue of Trinity's *The Word* newsletter on-line in living (well, almost) color!

All issues of *The Word* newsletter appear online on the Trinity website shortly after each monthly issue is finalized. The issues feature vibrant color photographs and easy-to-read text. More importantly, you can print any of the pages separately and even save or copy any of the photos that appear.

How do you do this? Open your web browser and navigate to the Trinity UMC website at www.tumclv.org. Once the home page opens, you'll see a link to issues of the newsletter in the right-hand column. When you click on this link, you will be directed to a page containing current and past issues of *The Word*. When you click on the issue you want to read, it will automatically open another browser window and display the issue in Adobe Acrobat. You can click on any of the photos or select any of the text to either copy into another document or print. You also can save the issue directly to your computer's hard drive.

Online issues are more colorful and much less expensive than print versions. Give this a try and tell us what you think.

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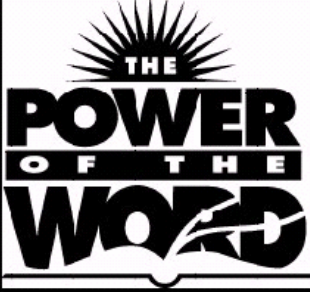
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