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THE PASTOR'S TWO-CENTS:

We are entering an exciting time at Trinity. Not only is Eastertide a time for rebirth but we are seeing it in real life right in our own church. So much has been happening in the Ministry Teams that guide and make up YOUR CHURCH. **The Stewardship Team** is looking seriously at our financial situation and is making some tough but responsible decisions. They are also putting together a year long program of visioning, planning, and implementing programs for growth and are establishing an identity for who we truly are as a church in Coplay. **The Worship Team** is also busy visioning, planning and implementing new and exciting ways to worship. The new hymnal is in and was used for the first time on February 21st at the Discipleship Sunday service. The Discipleship Class that was held in the Fall of last year planned, conducted and carried out all aspects of the service including the sermon. They even planned a game night for the church as well. The Lenten season was planned and the joint services with St. John's were coordinated. The Confirmands held a Bake Sale and raised \$190 dollars for Breast Cancer Awareness. **The Hospitality Team** has been busy preparing meals and refreshments for working ministry team meetings, leadership training nights, Basket Bingo, Family Game Night, and a host of other events. Family night at Friendly's, Car Washes, and Tastefully Simple parties as well as another Italian Nite is being looked into for the future. This team is a dynamo of activity and your help is always needed. **The Christian Education Team** is busy planning out next year's curriculum. They had a training class for the teachers, have recruited other congregational members to share their gifts to teach a class or two to give the children some variety and interaction with other church members. This team is responsible for the Discipleship Class in the Fall and another this Spring. It is also looking into a Bible Study and an Adult Sunday School class for next Fall, if not sooner.

As you can see or HEAR as I "announce" all the happenings week after week, we at Trinity are FILLED not only with events and activities but more importantly with the SPIRIT! The Holy Spirit is surely in this place and we can now sing about it as that song is in our new hymnal. This flurry of activity is evidence of spiritual growth and "resurrection" of the Spirit in all of us. Our lives outside the church can pull and drag us down so that we can hardly hear or feel the Spirit inside of us. It is as if our Spirits have been crucified by all the worries and frustrations of our lives. YET, when you find yourself sitting in the pew and praying for others, really listening to a sermon, becoming energized by all the activity and seeing YOUR CHURCH becoming alive again it is like being resurrected and finding the Spirit is once again active in your life. We are far from being out of the woods but NOW you can clearly see that you are not supporting a "sinking" ship. You are beginning to get your old church back and feeling the LIFE in the church and its members. Let's not lose our momentum. JOIN a Ministry Team, get involved in a Discipleship Class or Adult Bible Study, come to the Adult Sunday School class, volunteer to help with a project or financial support one of the Team's endeavors (on top of) your regular offerings. Together and being led by the Spirit we can become a LIFE GIVING church once again.

God Bless!

Pastor Steve