



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2020

*The monthly newsletter of
Trinity Lutheran Church
Greencastle, PA*

Dear Family in Christ,

We've been firmly engaged with the PAWN process. What an experience to witness the conversations in the sanctuary. You could hear the crackle of the Holy Spirit as the groups shared with each other answers to the questions for the day. Together, guided by the Holy Spirit, we explored the Wows, Needs and Assets of our congregation.

Soon, the renewal team will meet to compile the responses in a coherent way so we can share the results with everyone in our Trinity family. We have been praying for the Lord to share with us our purpose for being church together. The PAWN process is one way to discover how God is inviting us to join in the work of healing the world.

Knowing our purpose as a congregation is an important part of becoming a dynamic vital congregation. We can't really do that without also coming to terms with our purpose as followers of Jesus. What does it mean to be a disciple? How do we live that out in our everyday lives?

We are currently in the season of Epiphany, the Greek word which means "to reveal" or "to show." Like Christmas, it's a lot longer than a simple one-day celebration. Epiphany begins with the astrologers coming from the east to worship the newborn king; Jesus is revealed to the Gentiles. The season extends until Feb 26, Ash Wednesday.

During Epiphany season we listen to the gospel stories that describe who Jesus is. The liturgical color is green, the color of growing. Epiphany is a season for growing deeper in our relationship with Jesus. We wrestle with how God is inviting us to respond to love. We can "believe" in Jesus or we can open our hearts and surrender our lives.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

As we open our hearts and surrender our lives, we become aware of how our lives fall short of God's expectations. It's no accident that Lent follows Epiphany. Lent is the season of repentance where we spend 40 days asking God's help to change direction. We embrace the transformation that comes with God's healing love.

I strongly encourage you to begin praying now. How is God inviting you to repentance? Lent is more than giving up sweets with the hope of making it to Easter without giving into temptation. What spiritual practice will support your spiritual journey to deeper union and connection with God? Planning is vital to creating space for God. I have heard it said that if we don't plan, it won't happen. What needs to change in your schedule to make your relationship with God a priority?

God guide and bless your preparation for Lent.

Pastor Barb





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 8:30 AM <i>Fellowship 9:15</i> Worship 10 AM	3 AA 8PM	4 Bible Study 1PM <i>Strengthening Families 5-8:30</i> Choir 7:15	5 Worship & Music 7 PM	6 Prayer 6PM	7 Spaghetti Dinner Set-up @ ELC AA 8PM	8 Renewal 9AM—12 PM Spaghetti Dinner @ELC 4:30 - 7
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February Worship Assistants

	FEBRUARY 2	FEBRUARY 9	FEBRUARY 16	FEBRUARY 23
Assisting Minister	Carol Swart	Don Swart	Dave Wolfe	Charlie Ford
Communion Assistants	Dave Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Mary Thomas Donna Wolfe	Karla Smith Don Swart	Ralph Burdick Dave Cline
Lay Reader	Beth Miller	Sue Snyder	Carol Swart	Don Swart
Ushers	Don Swart Darrell Swart	Alan Shank Larson Thomas	Gust Barbuzanes Ralph Burdick	Terry Ellis Richard Miller
Cantor	Dave Wolfe	Hannah Ruffner	Matt Cessna	Dave Wolfe
Acolyte	Bella Stevens	Grace Cessna	Abigail Wolfe	Larson Thomas
Greeters	Donna Wolfe Bud Wolfe	Sue Wunderlich	Larson Thomas	Carol Swart Don Swart
Nursery	Grace Cessna Mary Thomas	Stacie Wolfe Abigail Wolfe	Linde Cessna Debbie Cline	Mary Thomas Abigail Wolfe
Communion Presenters	Dave, Debbie, Logan, Connor Cline	Rob and Alice Marsh	James, Mary, Larson Thomas	Darrell, Jess, Ella And Norra Swart
Communion Preparers	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Charlie and Beth Ford	Keith and Pam Arnold	Paul and Shirley Freeman
Blood Pressures		Dave Wolfe		Charlie Ford

FEBRUARY 8

Spaghetti Dinner at Evangelical

FEBRUARY 16

Prayer 101 after Worship

FEBRUARY 25

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday Worship Services

11 AM and 7 PM

MARCH 4

Soup, Bread and Spirit at Salem Lutheran





After a postponement for snow, choir has again resumed Tuesday night 7:15 practices and praise team continues weekly practices. As well as practicing music for each Sunday morning and working on a couple anthems, we are spending some time talking about what it means to truly repent (word used repeatedly in Revelation 2 and 3) and to worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). God is seeking repentant worshipers, and I want to be one of those! It is a privilege to be one of the worship leaders for this congregation! You surely have noticed the changes of liturgy for the season and hopefully you are able to focus on God within a wide variety of music each Sunday morning. Zak Reynolds plans to continue his delightful organ playing on a regular basis; I trust that even though he will be a senior in high school next year, he will continue to share his gifts with us. On that note ♪ I am pleased to announce that I have begun to take organ lessons. Your prayers are appreciated that I can establish independence with the foot pedals after so many years of playing piano where the pedaling is more tied in with the hands. And, AS ALWAYS, my sincere thanks goes out to the volunteers and to Carol in the office who make my "job" so much easier on a weekly basis.

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SHROVE TUESDAY
Pancake Dinner



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The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 25 at 5:30 PM. We have invited the Strengthening Families group to join us for dinner that evening. Please sign up on the sign up sheet on the lobby bulletin board by February 23 if you plan to attend.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR FASTING

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from resentment and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.



Ash Wednesday: March 6

Worship at 11am and 7:00pm
Join us for the imposition of ashes

A reminder of our mortality and need for turning back to God!

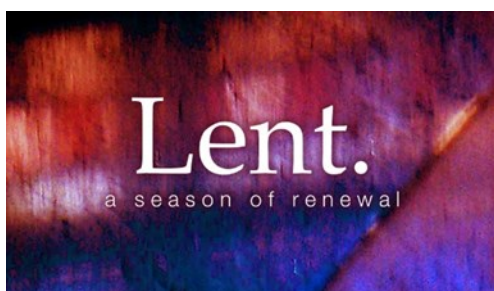
WEDNESDAY SOUP, BREAD AND SPIRIT

We claim to be followers of Jesus. But what does that mean? *This Lent we will explore the qualities of the disciple during the Lent mid-week services:* Faith to take risks, Courage, Learning and Devotion, Humility, Working Together in Community, and Perseverance.

Trinity will be joining two other Lutheran congregations this year for the mid-week services: Salem and Evangelical. Each of our congregations will be responsible for 2 meals which takes the pressure off everyone. We will have the opportunity to get to know other Lutheran Christians and gain new understandings. Each Wed will involve a simple meal of soup and bread at 6PM with a ½ hour worship on the theme beginning at 6:45. Trinity is hosting the days our council meets. *Please make every effort to be a part of these mid-week services.*

Evangelical Lutheran Church
130 North Washington Street
Greencastle, PA 17225

Salem Lutheran Church
99 Miller Road
Chambersburg, PA 17202



Dates and Location:

March 4 - Salem
March 11 - Trinity
March 18 - ELC
March 25 - Salem
April 1 - ELC
April 8 - Trinity



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our next youth activity is Feb 8th— the spaghetti fundraiser. If you're available Friday the 7th, ELC will be unlocked to set up tables and decorate. Please bring your donated baked goods and donated items Friday evening or before 4:00 on Saturday.

Thanks for your donations!

Due to the youth retreat being cancelled, the February calendar has been revamped. The next meeting will be February 23. This will be a games night with a devotional at Trinity from 4-6 PM. Invite friends and bring your favorite games.

If your child is interested in the ELCA National Youth Gathering please reach out to Rachelle by March 1st. This is the final deadline so we can work on plans for those wanting to attend.

Reminder: we are using an app called *remind* to get the word out for youth activities. See Rachelle if you need an invite to join -youth and parents. When an announcement goes out on *remind* please respond so the advisor can plan for the event. FYI - your response comes only to the advisor who sent the announcement, not to the entire group.

SPAGHETTI DINNER



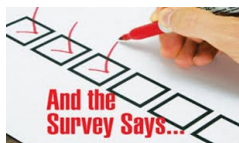
The E.T. Youth Group (ELC/Trinity Youth) is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Feb 8, 2020, in the Fellowship Hall of Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greencastle.

Dinner will be served from 4:30- 7 PM. Dinner includes: spaghetti, salad, applesauce, bread, and dessert. Cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 3 to 12 years of age and children under 3 years are free. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board for donations and if you will be attending. Please sign up or call the Church Office.

PRAYER 101



Sunday, Feb 16, after worship, the pastor will lead a conversation about prayer in preparation for our Lenten journey. Growing deeper in our relationship with God involves making time for conversation both speaking and listening. Bring a bagged lunch and join the family to explore practical ways to enrich your prayer life.



THANK YOU

The Worship and Music committee would like to thank all members of the congregation who provided feedback on the 'Worship Survey' which was distributed last Fall. The Committee and Council are taking this feedback into prayerful consideration as we strive to build up the body of Christ in our congregational family. Also, in the future we encourage any/all constructive feedback so we can continue to honor God in everything we do here at Trinity.



God has blessed Trinity with an abundance. Many of our family give time, talent and supplies behind the scenes so our work as the people of God can happen.

Each month we will take some time to say thank you. You are appreciated!

- * Finance team: for the hard work in securing the new bank loan.
- * Kris Palmer: Donated labor and materials to fix the roof and repair insulation.
- * Tom Sidoli: Created new visitor pew cards.
- * Book Sale Committee: Donated \$1500 toward the sound upgrade
- * Anonymous Donor: Donated \$1000 toward the sound upgrade
- * Tru Precision: Salted the parking lot after the ice storm.
- * Ralph Burdick: Created the large wooden pawn in the sanctuary for the PAWN process.
- * Leah Porto: Volunteered to continue the greeting card ministry.

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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

Sunday School for All Ages 8:30 AM

Fellowship 9:15 AM



RENEWAL NEWS

Our congregation is currently working through the PAWN process to discover a renewed sense of purpose. What is God's preferred future for Trinity? How are we invited to be part of God's mission in the world? You'll be given the questions for the following week to consider.

The team continues to invite our family to notice God active in our lives. The more we notice God in our lives; the more we'll see God as the anchor on which we stand both personally and as a family of faith. Fill out the slips of paper you find in your bulletin each week and add it to the box each Sunday. The team will continue interviewing members of our family about their vocations, both employed and retired, as a way of sharing how our faith makes a difference in how we live.

The Slips in the box: *Here are some ways our family has noticed God this week:*

- In the people I have had the opportunity to touch this week.
- Friends and those committed to childrens' development and life experiences and talents.
- The beautiful rainbow Sunday morning.
- Power of prayer with family and friends.
- Everywhere when my children show love. When strangers smile at each other.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL APPEAL

The Ronald McDonald House® is built on the simple idea that nothing else should matter when a family is focused on the health of their child – not where they can afford to stay, where they will get their next meal or where they will lay their head at night to rest. If you desire to make a donation, please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal" or use the white envelope in the pew rack and mark it "Special Appeal".

GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Rev. Barbara Barry will be the speaker at the February 25 meeting of the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship. Her topic will be *Discipleship 101: Encountering and Experiencing God In Our Everyday Lives*. The meeting will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall of Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greencastle.



BACKPACK FOOD MINISTRY

We are once again helping children in the Marion School District at risk for hunger. Marion Elementary School is trying to provide 2 weekend meals for 100 children.

Thanks for sharing your blessings with children in need. It is what Jesus would have us do. We will continue providing these items; Salem Lutheran is running low.

Feb. 2	Individual servings of fruit
Feb. 9	Microwaveable cup meals
Feb. 16	Raisins
Feb. 23	Individual servings of fruit

DINNER AT THE RIDGE

Dinner at the Ridge will be held at 12:00 PM at the Fleck Center at SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, on Wednesday, February 12. The cost is \$7.50. The menu for February is Creamed Lettuce, Sliced Beef, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Vegetable Medley, Dinner Roll, Assorted Desserts and Beverages. Please call 717-264-3212 to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, February 7.

WELLNESS TALK

The Wellness Talk for February will be held Thursday, February 13th at 1:00pm. Join Dr. Wayne Myers as he explains the history of CBD oil, how it works, and what you need to know when buying and using it. You may want to attend this seminar if you or a loved one struggles with chronic pain, anxiety, insomnia, migraines, fibromyalgia, or depression. The talk will take place at the Fleck Center at SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, 2998 Luther Drive, Chambersburg. Please R.S.V.P. to 267-1665 if you plan to attend.



Two delegates are needed for the Spring Synod Assembly. The theme is *Encountering Jesus*. The assembly will be held on two separate Saturdays. The learning piece will be Saturday, May 30 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in York. The day of worship and business will be Saturday, June 6, at Messiah College. Please contact Pastor Barb if you feel called to this vital ministry.

Steward your life: Cultivate a heart of love

Jesus taught, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven." –Matthew 5:43-45a

Red hearts, flowers and chocolates remind us that February is the uncontested month of love.

It's excellent (and easy) to love those close to us, but Jesus tells us to go wider, deeper, riskier – to love even our enemies. In so doing, Jesus says, we become children of God.

This challenges us to embrace love as the key discipline and develop a heart so full of love that it flows to even our enemies. Isn't that how we're supposed to live as disciples? It's just good stewardship of our lives.

For this "month of love," practice loving your enemies.

The effort is especially timely in our season of discord, when our loudest voices encourage us – through name-calling, denigrating, lying, smearing – to hate those with whom we disagree. Even calling them "enemies" is too much (they're really neighbors!).

Loving our "enemies" doesn't mean we agree with them or tolerate bad behavior. It means respecting, listening, discussing, refraining from anger and revenge. Here are some ideas for loving our enemies:

Jesus gives us the first step: Pray! For them and for you!

Stop seeing them as enemies. They're our neighbors whom God loves.

Resist hate, the very thing our culture encourages.

Treat everyone as you would want to be treated.

Lastly, keep praying.

By embracing love as a spiritual discipline, we cultivate a heart of love that opens our lives to the transformation Jesus dearly desires for us -- to be children of God. Now that's good stewardship.

--Rob Blezard

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