



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 2020

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

Dear Family,

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within me." ~ Psalm 51: 10

We prayed Psalm 51 together on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. We marked our foreheads with ashes made from last year's Palms remembering Jesus' walk to the cross. The ashes remind us of who we really are; creatures of the Most High God who are sinful and turn away. We are mortal and will one day die.

Lent is a season of the church where we are invited to slow down and open our hearts a little wider and connect with God a little deeper so when Good Friday and Easter comes, they aren't just another day in church but a real experience of joy and freedom.

The only way to real vitality and renewal for our congregation is to take spiritual practice seriously allowing God's transforming love to change us. It's more than ritual and form.

Spiritual practice during Lent takes on a solemn penitential flavor. The colors in the sanctuary change to purple, the "I'm sorry" color. Lent is 40 days (a reminder of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness). We take time to examine patterns of behavior, a seminary professor called them besetting sins, that keep us from living God's way of love. We notice how much we need God's presence in our lives.

Spiritual practice that moves beyond form and ritual is vital. I strongly encourage you to be a part of Sunday School, Midweek Services, Bible Study, Fellowship Events and Service Opportunities. As our personal relationships with God grow deeper and richer so our congregation will more deeply and richly reflect God's love to our neighbors.

It is fitting, then, that our PAWN (Purpose, Assets, Wows, Needs) conversations be topics of conversation in March. On three consecutive Sundays a member of the team will take a few minutes to share the observations made by our congregation. On March 22nd, after worship, the renewal team will host a potluck lunch to discuss as a congregation how we see God moving us forward from here. Please make every effort to attend. Every voice matters as we continue to pray for God's guidance.

One of the spiritual practices in Lent is generous giving, in old church language, "alms giving." God's love leads us to love others who are suffering. One of the ways Trinity helps is through the children's backpack program, another is through our food collection for the pantry in our neighborhood. We will be collecting food on Sunday, March 29. We will need a cadre of people to help staple cards on bags, place the bags and collect the food. Please plan to help.

May we place growing our relationship with God our top priority this Lent.

Blessings on your Lenten journey,

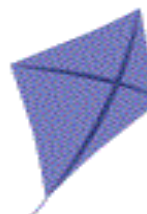
Pastor Barb





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 8:30 AM <i>Fellowship 9:15</i> Worship 10 AM	2 AA 8 PM	3 Strengthening Families 5-8:30 <i>Choir 7:15 PM</i> Worship & Music 8:15 PM	4 Soup, Bread, Study @ Salem 6 PM	5 Prayer 6PM <i>Bible Study 7PM</i>	6 AA 8 PM	7 Renewal Workshop 
8 Sunday School 8:30 AM <i>Fellowship 9:15</i> Worship 10 AM <i>Blood Pressures</i>	9 Renewal Mtg 6:45 PM AA 8 PM	10 <i>Finance 7 PM</i> <i>Choir 7:15 PM</i>	11 Soup, Bread, Study @ Trinity 6PM <i>Council 7:30PM</i>	12 Prayer 6PM <i>Bible Study 7PM</i>	13 Website Mtg 3:30 PM AA 8 PM	14
15 Sunday School 8:30 AM <i>Fellowship 9:15</i> Worship 10 AM	16 AA 8 PM	17 Choir 7:15 PM	18 Soup, Bread, Study @ ELC 6PM	19 Prayer 6PM <i>Joint ET @ ELC</i> <i>6:30 PM</i> Bible Study 7PM	20 Prepare Food Bags AA 8 PM	21 Distribute Food Bags
22 Sunday School 8:30 AM <i>Fellowship 9:15</i> Worship 10 AM <i>Blood Pressures</i> Pot Luck	23 AA 8 PM	24 Choir 7:15 PM	25 Soup, Bread, Study @ Salem 6PM	26 Prayer 6PM <i>Bible Study 7PM</i>	27 AA 8 PM	28
29 Sunday School 8:30 AM <i>Fellowship 9:15</i> Worship 10 AM <i>Food Collection</i>	30 AA 8 PM	31 Choir 7:15 PM				

March Worship Assistants

	MARCH 1	MARCH 8	MARCH 15	MARCH 22	MARCH 29
Assisting Minister	Hannah Ruffner	Scott Valentine	Carol Swart	Don Swart	Dave Wolfe
Communion Assistants	Carol Swart Don Swart	Darrell Swart Donna Wolfe	Mary Thomas Sue Wunderlich	Karla Smith Nancy Freshman	Ralph Burdick Dave Cline
Lay Reader	James Thomas	Dave Wolfe	Donna Wolfe	Mary Thomas	Ralph Burdick
Ushers	Charlie Ford Darrell Swart	Don Swart Larson Thomas	Gust Barbuzanes Alan Shank	Ralph Burdick Terry Ellis	Charlie Ford Richard Miller
Cantor	Hannah Ruffner	Matt Cessna	Dave Wolfe	Hannah Ruffner	Matt Cessna
Acolyte	Ella Swart	Bells Stevens	Grace Cessna	Larson Thomas	Abigail Wolfe
Greeters	Ralph Burdick	Linde Cessna Grace Cessna	Dave, Debbie, Logan, Connor Cline	Charlie and Beth Ford	Paul and Shirley Freeman
Nursery	Stacie Wolfe Grace Cessna	Linde Cessna Debbie Cline	Stacie Wolfe Abigail Wolfe	Linde Cessna Grace Cessna	Debbie Cline Mary Thomas
Communion Presenters	Bud and Donna Wolfe	Dave, Stacie and Abigail Wolfe	Ralph Burdick Charlie Ford Beth Ford	Dave, Debbie, Logan and Connor Cline	Rob and Alice Marsh
Communion Preparers	Don and Carol Swart	Bud and Donna Wolfe	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Charlie and Beth Ford	Keith and Pam Arnold
Blood Pressures		Stacie Wolfe		Alice Marsh	

MARCH 8
Daylight Savings Time begins

MARCH 22
Renewal Pot Luck following
Worship

MARCH 29
Neighborhood Food Collection

APRIL 5
Palm Sunday

APRIL 9, 10, 11
Holy Week Services

APRIL 12
Easter



"My whole family's giving up something for Lent. Mom's giving up cookies, Dad's giving up cake, and I'm giving up squash."

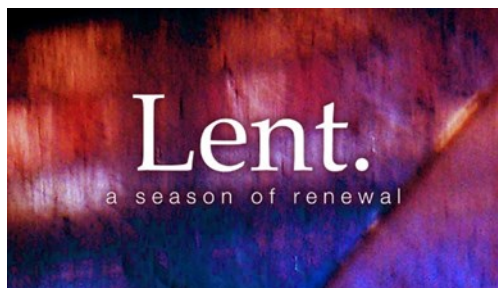
WEDNESDAY SOUP, BREAD AND SPIRIT

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



SOUP AND BREAD NEEDED

Trinity will be hosting two of the Soup, Bread and Spirit suppers on March 11 and April 8. We are expecting 40 - 50 people each evening. We are asking for donations of bread and 2 kinds of soup for each supper. If you would be willing to donate, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby.

Dates and Location:

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



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
Thursdays in Lent
7PM beginning March 5.

Signs of the Kingdom using the Gospel of Matthew. Come to explore what scripture has to say about who we are together in the kingdom of God.



Lent has begun and for me that means preparation for Resurrection Day! Lots of music is in the works - choir anthems, Zak playing organ March 15, a clarinet quartet, a female trio, and the ever-faithful praise team to help lead the music each Sunday. And, of course, I am still practicing the organ. THANK YOU so much for your affirmations of this!

Let this be the first public announcement that we will be having a "pick-up" choir again April 12, Resurrection Day, as we did the last Sunday in December. That simply means that anyone who would like to sing on the choir is welcome. Please just show up in the choir room by 9:30 AM on April 12 so you can be provided with music and a seat. All the choir music should be familiar tunes that day. Many of you, hopefully, will also be getting a personal invitation from a current choir member or from myself.

In conclusion, as I have been seeking the Lord's will for music at Trinity, several things remain true. The primary one is that "true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers." (John 4:23 NASB) I really want to understand more fully what that means since music is definitely a way in which we can worship the Father! Another truth I am learning is that God never lets things get so comfortable that we don't have to stretch, but He also doesn't raise the bar so high that we can never reach it, and I think this has application to music at Trinity as well. The third thing is a sincere desire of mine that there will NOT be folks at Trinity who are wanting to do something musically and never have an opportunity to do so. If that is you, please talk to me about it! If you can't catch me on a Sunday morning, my cell phone is always in my pocket.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you and the Lord as your music director! *Saundra*



HELP NEEDED

Two individuals are needed to perform an audit for the congregation's 2019 books. Please notify the office if you feel called to serve.



SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: GENEROUS GIVING

We need all hands on deck to help feed our hungry neighbors. Sign-ups will be on the bulletin board soon.

Fri March 20: Staple cards on bags. Fill door hangers as thank yous.

Sat, March 21: We will move out into the neighborhood passing out bags for the food collection.

Sun, March 29: The Holy Spirit sends us out into our neighborhood collecting food for the hungry.



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!

If you know of someone who should be on this list, call the office.

- ♦ Zak Reynolds who continues to volunteer his time playing the organ for worship.
- ♦ Sandra Wingert: felt a call to begin organ lessons and played her first prelude.
- ♦ Disciples at Trinity who helped prepare our sanctuary for Lent: Don Swart, Darrell Swart, Charlie Ford, Ella Swart, Bud Wolfe and Donna Wolfe.
- ♦ Dave Wolfe and Rachelle Gehr who work tirelessly as youth advisors to the ET Group.
- ♦ Trinity members of the ET joint Committee for helping to direct and plan for the youth group: Dave Wolfe, Rachelle Gehr, Stacie Wolfe, Charlie Ford, Matt Cessna.
- ♦ Disciples who helped cook and serve the Shrove Tuesday pancake meal: Bud Wolfe, Charlie Ford, Donna Wolfe, Alan Shank, Carol Swart, Don Swart, Darrell Swart and Ella Swart.



RENEWAL NEWS

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

- When I was talking with my teen age son and he was intelligently explaining his political beliefs. He had thoughtful reflection.
- In the skill of the surgery team.
- The love of family at Trinity.
- Spring flowers right up through the ground.
- Sun rise. Sun set.

POT LUCK LUNCH



We've explored the Wows, Needs and Assets of our congregation and neighborhood. Now, it's time to discover our Purpose as a family of faith. Please join us after worship on Sunday, March 22 for a potluck lunch. It will be a time of fellowship together as well as conversation about how God wants us to move forward from here. Please pray over the next few weeks that the Holy Spirit clearly shows us next steps. Please come and be a part of this exciting step in our adventure of being church together.

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**Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM
Sunday School for All Ages 8:30 AM
Fellowship 9:15 AM**



- The Youth will be volunteering at the Antietam Humane Society in Waynesboro on March 14 at 9 AM. If there are any congregational members who would like to join them for this volunteer activity, please let Rachelle Gehr or the Church Office know. The Youth are collecting donations of pet food to take with them when they go. Please bring your donation to the church before March 14.

- Our next Youth meeting will be on April 5 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Trinity.
- The Joint ET Team will meet at Evangelical on March 19 at 6:30 PM.
- Anyone interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering should let Rachelle Gehr or the Church Office know by March 15.

MARCH SPECIAL APPEAL

The special appeal for March is Waynesboro Area Community and Human Services. This agency serves people who live in the Waynesboro Area and Greencastle-Antrim School Districts. They have funds to help people with utility, housing and other kinds of bills. They also have large, free food and clothing banks. If you desire to make a monetary 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

Kelsey Marshall will be the speaker at the March 24 meeting of the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship. Her topic will be *No Business Like Show Business*. 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.

- March 1 Microwavable cup meals
- March 8 Raisins
- March 15 Individual servings of fruit
- March 22 Microwavable cup meals
- March 29 Raisins

DINNER AT THE RIDGE

Dinner at the Ridge will be held at 12:00pm at the Fleck Center at SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, on Wednesday, March 11th. The cost is \$7.50. The menu for March is Creamed Lettuce, Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Assorted Desserts and Beverages. To make your reservation, please call 717-264-3212. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, March 6.



STEWARD YOUR SOUL FOR A BETTER LIFE

Jesus teaches, "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" –Mark 8:36, 37 (NIV)

Instead of the superficial "How's it going?" a wise colleague asks friends, "How is your soul?"

The question requires effort. To answer it I must plunge deep inside – below the constantly churning waters of everyday joys, hopes, ambitions, desires, anxieties and disappointments. These are so strong, especially our desires and ambitions, that if we are not careful they can absorb all our time and energy.

Jesus repeatedly warns us not to let our desires and our worries overwhelm us, keeping us from paying attention to the soul. Our soul is where we connect with God, the source of our greatest strength and truest identity. Without attention, our soul can wither like a plant without water. As with all the treasures God has given us, we must be stewards of our souls.

The mystics of old and modern prophets (such as Richard Rohr, Marjorie Thompson, and Howard Thurman) teach us to employ prayer, holy silence, and other spiritual disciplines to tend our souls and keep worldly worries and desires from drowning us.

This month, begin a daily practice of caring for your soul. You might begin with five minutes of spoken prayer followed by five minutes of silence. Or reflect deeply on a Scripture passage. Or try prayerful yoga. (Your pastor might be able to give you some resources or ideas.)

With a little practice and attention, you can become stronger, more centered, and more spiritually resilient. How is your soul?

--Rob Blezard

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