



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 2023

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

Family in Christ gathered at Trinity,

We are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a time of reflection and contemplation. We reflect on Jesus' life, his ministry on earth, and his journey to Jerusalem. It is about his betrayal, arrest, crucifixion, death and burial. It's a time for us to consider our own lives and our own sinfulness, the things we do wrong and the good that we fail to do. Most of all, as Lent ends and Holy Week begins, we consider our role in the crucifixion. We remember the words on Ash Wednesday, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

All of this is part of following the Church Year Calendar as we do. We follow the seasons of the church year, the festivals, the commemorations and the High Holy Days. By following the Church Calendar we live into the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. Nothing shows this more than our living into Lent, Holy Week and the Great Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter. Without Lent and Holy Week there would be no Easter.

Our faith through all of this is a way of life for us. That way of life is a part of us here at Trinity. We do not come to worship ourselves, but we come to worship and give thanks to God for loving us enough to save us in the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, on the cross. We give back to God for his forgiveness, his love, his grace, his sacrifice. This faith way of life is a part of us here at Trinity, but it was also a part of you when you were on Baltimore St. It was a part of you when you gathered at the fire hall for worship, and it was a part of you when you began here. It is a part of you now and will be a part of you wherever you are, and wherever you go. You carry it with you.

The cooperative midweek services are an exercise in a wider view of worship. The gathering of the three congregations, Trinity, Evangelical, and Salem, and really all of our Chambersburg Conference, is a testimony to the faith that we share. We are doing something different and yet the same. We are gathering at different sites, with different people. It is a reminder that our worship is bigger than just our congregation, in this place. This faith we hold in common with the people of the other two congregations, those throughout our conference, the synod, and the whole ELCA. While we are with different people, in different places and experiencing differing fellowship and worship etc., it is the same Jesus Christ in whom we believe, in whom we trust and in whom we have our salvation. Whether here, or there, Christ is the same. Our salvation is the same and we are known and loved by God.

Pastor Denise





THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

Last Fall the Call Committee of Trinity met with the congregation to give information concerning the call process and to answer any questions that the congregation had. At that time they informed the congregation that with the mortgage debt, and costs of running the church, (including non-clergy employee salaries) Trinity cannot afford a pastor or even a part-time pastor.

In January at the congregational meeting, a *Power Point* slide presentation was given explaining the finances, and also that Trinity cannot afford a pastor.

The salary and housing for a pastor just out of seminary is approximately \$60,000. This does **NOT** include health benefits, pension, or Social Security and mileage. Trinity cannot afford a pastor.

Add to all of this the fact that there are very **few** pastors anymore, especially pastors willing to work part-time.

The ELCA has:

578 congregations with no pastor

278 pastors looking for call.

The Synod has:

8 congregations interviewing for full time pastors.

11 congregations wanting part time pastors, **and**

14 congregations working on Mission Site Profiles.

The synod has had at least 5 candidates since September leave the candidacy process due to bad congregational experiences. (These are seminarians).

The synod has 2-3 pastors from outside the synod looking for calls in our synod, but at the same time they have their information in with other synods as well. There is one seminarian graduating in May who wishes to stay in our synod.


Trinity's Call Committee is currently reviewing the Mission Site Profile (MSP) that they worked on earlier this year. Please note: the MSP is not an easy document to work on. It is extremely lengthy and complex.

*If you have any questions on this please speak with
Pastor Denise or Beth Ford who is Chair of the Call Committee.*



March 2023



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---------------------------------|-----|---|-----|---------------------------------|---|
| | | | 1 Lent Supper @ Salem 6PM Worship @ Salem 6:45 PM Scout Mtg 7:30 7:30PM | 2 | 3 Den Mtg 6 PM AA 7PM | 4 |
| 5 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM | 6 Outreach 7PM AA 8PM | 7 | 8 Lent Supper @ ELC 6PM Worship @ ELC 6:45 PM Council | 9 | 10 AA 7PM | 11  |
| 12 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM | 13 AA 8PM | 14 | 15 Lent Supper @ TLC -6PM Worship @ TLC 6:45 PM | 16 | 17 AA 7PM | 18 |
| 19 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM | 20 AA 8PM | 21 | 22 Lent Supper @ ELC 6PM Worship @ ELC 6:45 PM | 23 | 24 AA 7PM | 25 |
| 26 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM | 27 AA 8PM | 28 | 29 Lent Supper @ TLC 6PM Worship @ TLC 6:45 PM | 30 | 31 AA 7PM | |

March Worship Assistants

| | MARCH 5 | MARCH 12 | MARCH 19 | MARCH 26 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Assisting Minister | Charlie Ford | Charlie Ford | Don Swart | Dave Wolfe |
| Communion Assistants | Mary Thomas Rob Marsh Don Swart | Sue Wunderlich Wendy Hall Dave Wolfe | Carol Swart Robin Witmer-Kline Donna Wolfe | Mary Thomas Rob Marsh Darrell Swart |
| Communion Cups | Josie Thomas | Josie Thomas | Josie Thomas | Josie Thomas |
| Ushers | Donna Wolfe | Darrell Swart | Alan Shank | Don Swart |
| Singer | Phyllis McCullough | Ella Swart | Choir | Matt Cessna |
| IT Ministry | IT Team | IT Team | IT Team | IT Team |
| Communion Preparers | Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich | Don & Carol Swart | Beth & Charlie Ford | Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich |
| Media Shout | Scott Valentine | James Thomas | Ivan Wingert | Scott Valentine |



2023 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Matt Cessna - President
 Robin Witmer-Kline—Vice President
 Beth Ford - Secretary
 Don Swart
 Donna Wolfe
 Darrell Swart
 Sue Snyder

Not Voting Council Members
 Pam Arnold - Financial Secretary
 Carol Swart - Treasurer

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VIDEO
MINISTRY

FACEBOOK LIVE PROBLEMS

We are experiencing problems with the Facebook Live broadcast of the worship service each week. If the service is not available on Facebook, please go to the website and access the taped service by clicking on the *Worship Videos* button. This will take you to the YouTube video of the service. It will not be live but will be available shortly after the service ends.



SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly will be held via Zoom on June 2 and in-person at Trinity, Camp Hill on June 3. We need two people to volunteer to be Voting Members of the Assembly. Voting Members need to be able to attend these two meetings as well as a Day of Edification on May 20 and the Chambersburg Conference Assembly at St. Luke, Williamson on Sunday, April 16 at 2PM. If you would be willing to serve as a Voting Member, please speak with Matt Cessna or Pastor Denise.

2023
MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES
Evangelical, Greencastle
Salem, Marion
Trinity, Greencastle



(Join us at 6PM for Soup and Bread on the Wednesdays in March)

| DATE | TOPIC | LOCATION | TIME |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| March 1 | <i>Inheritance of Faith</i> | Salem | 6:45 PM |
| March 8 | <i>Perseverance with Endurance</i> | Evangelical | 6:45 PM |
| March 15 | <i>Faithful in Prayer</i> | Trinity | 6:45 PM |
| March 22 | <i>Striving for Justice</i> | Evangelical | 6:45 PM |
| March 29 | <i>Dying and Rising with Christ</i> | Trinity | 6:45 PM |



- March 19 Reception of New Members
- April 2 Palm Sunday
- April 6 Maundy Thursday Worship at ELC 7PM
- April 7 Good Friday Worship at Trinity 7:30 PM
- April 8 Easter Vigil at ELC 5PM
- April 9 Easter Pot Luck Breakfast - 8:30 AM
Easter Worship - 10:15 AM
- April 22 Community Dinner at Trinity
(Baked Potato and Salad Bar)



**FINANCE TIP FROM THE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

When using the TLC website or mobile on-line giving systems, it takes several days for the systems to process and deposit the giving into Trinity's account. If you wish to be credited with an offering for a particular month, please enter your giving request at least 3 business days before the end of the month to insure it is credited in the month you intend. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Arnold or Carol Swart.



EASTER FLOWERS

We will be decorating the sanctuary for Easter with tulips and mums. Lilies will be used to decorate the narthex. We will be taking orders for the flowers on Sundays, March 12 and 19. The cost is \$8 for lilies, \$9 for mums and \$6.50 for tulips.

The plants can be placed in memory or in honor of someone and taken home following the service on Easter Sunday.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Barbara Grane at the Greencastle Food Pantry is asking for our help to stock the shelves for cold weather. To help us focus our efforts, each week we'll assign a food item. Please bring the assigned item when you come to worship to place in the box in the Narthex or to the church on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

- March 5 Toilet Paper
- March 12 Applesauce
- March 19 Canned meats like Spam, tuna, etc.
- March 26 Cereal



MUSIC

Plenty of opportunity for worship and fellowship as we entered Lent with a thought-provoking service on Ash Wednesday in which Hannah Ruffner worshipfully intoned Psalm 51. There are the midweek services at 6:45 each Wednesday at either Evangelical, Salem or Trinity. There are the Sunday 10:15 AM services at Trinity either in person or online at tlcgreencastle.org.

Thank you to individuals who rotate singing each week and a reminder that Choir will help lead worship again on March 19. Anyone is welcome to meet with us at 9:15 AM that morning.

My prayer as we walk toward Jerusalem and the Cross with Jesus is, "Open the eyes of my heart, Lord! I want to see You high and lifted up!"



THANK YOU !

- On behalf of the neighbors we serve, thank you! Your meaningful donation during the Christmas season is greatly appreciated. Through your generosity, we were able to provide a joyous Christmas for 331 households in the Waynesboro/Greencastle area.

Morgan Hovermale
Waynesboro Community and Human Services

- Thank you for your recent gift of \$133.00 to Lutheran World Relief given through the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Thank you for your generosity! We are proud to carry your love—and God's love—to the places it's needed most....until your love reaches every neighbor.

Daniel Speckhard
President and CEO

- Thank you on behalf of our patrons for your generous donation of \$35 to the Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry. Your donation will help keep our shelves stocked and allow us to purchase meat and other proteins for our patrons.

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".

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The March meeting of the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship will be held at 9:30 AM on March 28 in Memorial Fellowship Hall of Evangelical Lutheran, Greencastle. The speaker for March will be Stephanie Ziebarth. Her topic will be *A Story of Hope and Mentorship*.



CRAFT FAIR AT LUTHER RIDGE

A Spring Craft Fair will be held on the campus of SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge on Saturday, March 25 from 9am to 2pm at The Fleck Community Center. The Fair will feature local vendors presenting seasonal décor, lotions & soaps, pottery, jewelry, Easter candy, floral arrangements and much more! Lunch items will also be available. This event is sponsored by the SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary. All proceeds support SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge.