



*TRINITY
HIGHLIGHTS
February 2024
The monthly newsletter of
Trinity Lutheran Church
Greencastle, PA*

Dear Family in Christ,

It is difficult to wrap my head around the fact that Ash Wednesday is but a few weeks away. Yes. Ash Wednesday this year is on February 14. With Ash Wednesday Lent will begin. Lent is 40 days not counting Sundays. Why don't we count Sundays? Each Sunday marks the resurrection of Jesus. We still observe 6 Sundays in Lent. The last will be Passion/Palm Sunday.

Lent is a solemn time in which we consider the words that we hear on Ash Wednesday, "*Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.*" We are reminded of the fragile nature of our existence. We are reminded of the sinful nature of humankind, of our own sins and that the only way that we can be saved is not through our own works but through the salvific life and death of Jesus our Lord. It is a time to reflect on that and how we still have moments when we fall into sin and how we still need the washing of daily repentance. Lent is a good time, a spiritual time. It is a time to reflect on our lives as Christians and how we can draw ever closer to God and to one another.

I am pleased to say that we will not be observing our Lenten journey alone. I met with the interim pastor at Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pastor Katy Yates Brungraber, and we have put together a plan for observing Ash Wednesday, Lent and Holy Week. Please look further in the newsletter for the details. In addition, Salem, Marion has agreed to join us for these services as well. We look forward to this time of fellowship, friendship and spiritual deepening as we walk with Jesus in his journey to Jerusalem. All of this is in preparation for what is to come at the end of March. So prepare yourselves. Get ready, because here we go.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Denise





FEBRUARY

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Den Mtg 6PM AA 7PM	3
4 Scout Sunday Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	5 AA 7PM	6	7 Worship & Music 6PM Council 7PM Scout Mtg 7:30PM	8	9 AA 7PM	10
11 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	12 AA 7PM	13	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Worship at TLC 12 Noon 7 PM	15	16 AA 7PM	17
18 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	19 AA 7PM	20	21 Lenten Supper 6PM @ ELC Worship 7PM @ ELC	22	23 AA 7PM	24
25 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	26 AA 7PM	27	28 Lenten Supper 6PM @ Salem Worship 7PM @ Salem	29		

February Worship Assistants

	FEBRUARY 4	FEBRUARY 11	FEBRUARY 18	FEBRUARY 25
Assisting Minister	Don Swart	Dave Wolfe	Charlie Ford	Scott Valentine
Communion Assistants	Carol Swart Mary Thomas	Robin Witmer-Kline Rob Marsh	Sue Wunderlich Mary Thomas	Darrell Swart Dave Wolfe
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Alan Shank	Rob and Alice Marsh	Sally Funk	Shirley Freeman
Ushers	Norra Swart	Charlie Ford	Darrell Swart	Alan Shank
Singer	Ella Swart	Scott Valentine	The Choir	Phyllis McCullough
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Don and Carol Swart	Charlie and Beth Ford	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich
Media Shout	Scott Valentine	Ivan Wingert	James Thomas	James Thomas



SOMETHING NEW! BIBLE AND BREW

The ET Young Adult Bible Study meets weekly on Tuesday evening at 7:45 online. We will also be meeting in person for *Bible & Brew* on the following days for our weekly Bible study:

February 5 - John Allison Pub

February 12 - Norland Pub

Everyone regardless of age is welcome to join us!

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to join the Women's Bible Study. We are currently studying about Angels. We meet on Tuesdays from 1pm to 2pm in the Adult Sunday School Room. Plan to join us and feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions please see Phyllis McCullough.

Alleluia!

WORDS FOR WORSHIP

It is common for us to prepare ourselves and our worship for the Lenten fast, by the custom to "bury" the Alleluia. Alleluia is our special "party" word, used to remind us of heaven, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ which gives us life eternal. It is a happy word meaning "Praise Yahweh" and while we always give praise to God, in Lent we refrain from the boisterous, rousing Alleluia, and our worship becomes more reflective, and reminds us of our own sinfulness. Lenten season is a reminder of Jesus and his journey to Jerusalem, his trial, suffering and death all so that our sins would be forgiven. So, from Ash Wednesday through the Vigil of Easter we refrain from using alleluia. The tradition of putting away or burying the Alleluia goes back centuries and for us it is a visible reminder that we are entering into the season of Lent, a time to take stock of our lives and especially to take stock of all that God has done for us in Christ.

Alleluia will be back on Easter Sunday when we celebrate with great joy the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Easter worship will be more meaningful for having gone without alleluia for a while. In the meantime, with great vigor we sing alleluia until it is deposited away for a time.



**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND
ON THE WEDNESDAYS IN LENT**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Trinity and Evangelical will be holding joint worship services that day. The services will be held at Trinity at 12:00 noon and 7:00 PM. Both services will include the Imposition of Ashes and Communion. Please plan to attend the one which works best for you.

We will be joining with the members of Salem, Marion and Evangelical, Greencastle for weekly Wednesday evening services during Lent. The first weekly service will be held at Evangelical at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 21. The theme for this year's Wednesday services is *Christ's Sacrifice: Our Grateful Response*.

A light soup and sandwich supper will be held at 6 PM before each Lenten Services. The first supper will be held on February 21 at Evangelical. The supper will be held each week at the church sponsoring the service. If you are unable to attend the supper, please plan to come to the service at 6:45 PM.



*Christ's Sacrifice
Our Grateful Response*

Lenten Worship

**Evangelical Lutheran, Greencastle
Salem Lutheran, Marion
Trinity Lutheran, Greencastle**

A Simple Soup Supper will be served at the sponsoring church at 6PM followed by Worship at 7PM

DATE	LOCATION	THEME
February 21	Evangelical	<i>Remembering</i>
February 28	Salem	<i>Believing</i>
March 6	Evangelical	<i>Praying</i>
March 13	Trinity	<i>Giving Thanks</i>
March 20	Evangelical	<i>Living in God's World</i>



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Barbara Grane at the Greencastle Food Pantry is asking for our help to stock the shelves. 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.

- February 4 - Baked beans
- February 11 - Applesauce
- February 18 - Peanut butter and jelly
- February 25 - Cereal

FEBRUARY SPECIAL APPEAL

The Special Appeal for February is Habitat for Humanity. Families in need of a decent place to live build safe and affordable homes in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. In Franklin County, Habitat builds decent affordable houses in partnership with participant families, then sells those homes with very affordable mortgages. One of their homes is currently being built not far from Trinity on the Williamsport Pike.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The February meeting of the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship will be held at 9:30 AM on February 27 in Memorial Fellowship Hall of Evangelical Lutheran, Greencastle. The speaker for February will be Pastor Mike Sanders. His topic will be *Our Attitude Towards Ministry*. He is Senior Pastor at the Open Door Church in Chambersburg.

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

In-sanctuary: 34
 Website: 10
 YouTube: 3



CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL 2024

Members of the Congregational Council for 2024 will be installed during the worship service on January 7. They were elected at the Congregational Meeting in December. Council officers will be elected at the January 10, 2024 meeting.

Members for 2024 are:

- Darrell Swart - President
- Matt Cessna - Vice President
- Beth Ford - Secretary
- Wendy Hall
- Sue Snyder
- Mary Thomas
- Robin Witmer-Kline

Non-Voting Members:

- Pam Arnold - Financial Secretary
- Carol Swart - Treasurer

WINTER WEATHER SEASON IS HERE!



In case of inclement weather this winter if the worship service is canceled, it will be announced on our website www.tlcgreencastle.org and the Facebook page. If worship is held with some snow, the parking lot will be plowed by 8AM.

THANK YOU!

From WIN: You have our sincerest gratitude for your selfless gift of \$513.00 to WIN. Gifts like yours can make all the difference for victims whose lives have been turned completely upside down. Thank you for being a part of our team to save lives, protect survivors, and make our community better.



From Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry: Thank you on behalf of our patrons for your generous donation of \$40.00 to the food pantry. May God bless your church community for the commitment they show to our local pantry.

From Greencastle Exchange Club: *Once again the members of the Exchange Club want to thank you for your continual support for our Christmas project. Club members shopped for toys and clothes for 175*