



# TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS March 2024

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

*“He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.” 1 Peter 2:24*

Family in Christ,

In Lent we consider and reflect on our lives and the ways we do and do not follow God’s Word. We reflect on the sacrifice of Christ on the cross for the forgiveness of **our** sins. We reflect on the above verse from First Peter 2: *“by his wounds you have been healed.”* Through Lent we follow Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem, to his Last Supper with his disciples, his arrest, trial, crucifixion, death and burial. Then we are summoned to sit with Jesus in the tomb until his Easter resurrection. It’s not a comfortable place to be, but we are sitting with our loved one holding a vigil and waiting.

Lent is not just another season in the church year. It is a deeply meaningful time. It is a time to get in touch with our faith as we walk through this life. It is a time to remember all that God has done for us, and to really remember and acknowledge how lucky we are that God found a way to atone for our sins, even if it meant sending his only son to death. It is a time to give thanks for our salvation, our Savior and to look ahead towards Easter and the resurrection.

Our happiness at Easter is hollow if we don’t first deal with the sadness of the death of our Lord. The crucifixion is the reason we can celebrate the light and joy of Easter. They go together and cannot be separated. Be patient. The time will soon be here.

In Christ,

*Pastor Denise*





# MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Cub Den Mtg 6PM AA 7PM	2
3 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i> W & Music Mtg	4 AA 7PM	5 Women's Bible Study 1PM	6 Lenten Supper 6PM @ ELC <i>Worship 7PM @ ELC</i> Scout Mtg 7:30pm	7	8 AA 7PM	9 
10 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	11 Outreach 7PM AA 7PM	12 Women's Bible Study 1PM Operations 7PM	13 Lenten Supper 6PM @ TLC <i>Worship 7PM @ TLC</i> Council Mtg	14	15 AA 7PM	16
17 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	18 AA 7PM	19 Women's Bible Study 1PM	20 Lenten Supper 6PM @ ELC <i>Worship 7PM @ ELC</i>	21	22 AA 7PM	23
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	25 AA 7PM	26	27	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>Worship @ TLC 7PM</i>	29 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Worship @ ELC 7PM</i> AA 7PM	30 Easter Vigil @ELC 5PM
31 <i>Easter</i> Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>						

# March Worship Assistants

	MARCH 3	MARCH 10	MARCH 17	MARCH 24	MARCH 31
Assisting Minister	Dave Wolfe	Charlie Ford	Don Swart	Dave Wolfe	Charlie Ford
Communion Assistants	Robin Witmer-Kline Wendy Hall	Sue Wunderlich Donna Wolfe	Carol Swart Mary Thomas	Darrell Swart Wendy Hall	Rob Marsh
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Robin Witmer-Kline	Sue Wunderlich	Norra Swart	Alan Shank	Rob and Alice Marsh
Ushers	Alice Marsh	Rob Marsh	Norra Swart	Charlie Ford	Darrell Swart
Singer	Ella Swart	Matt Cessan	The Choir	Hannah Ruffner	The Choir
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Don and Carol Swart	Charlie and Beth Ford	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Don and Carol Swart	Charlie and Beth Ford
Media Shout	Scott Valentine	Ivan Wingert	James Thomas	Scott Valentine	Ivan Wingert



## EASTER FLOWERS

We will be decorating the sanctuary for Easter with tulips, hyacinths, mums and daffodils. Lilies will be used to decorate the narthex. If you would like to order one of these plants, please fill out a form and return it by **March 3**. The form and money can be brought to worship on Sunday or dropped off at the Church Office by March 5. You may also either call or email the Church Office (717-597-9348 or [tlcsecoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecoffice@gmail.com)) with your order. Forms are available on the table in the Lobby. The plants can be placed in memory or in honor of someone and taken home following the service on Easter Sunday.



## EASTER BREAKFAST

There will be a potluck breakfast at Trinity on Easter morning at 8:30 AM. We are asking that each family bring a potluck breakfast dish (casserole, fruit, sweet rolls, etc.) to share. If you are planning to come for breakfast, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Lobby or call the Church Office at 717-597-9348.

## 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.

- March 3 Cake mixes and frosting
- March 10 Canned fruit
- March 17 Dry pasta
- March 24 Potato mixes
- March 31 Canned meat (sPAM, tuna, chicken)

## 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".



**MUSIC NOTES**

Happy spring as of March 19! I'm back with *Music Notes* after skipping a month. (Hope you missed me! ) There are so many community worship opportunities in March:

- > The Wednesday night joint 6 PM suppers and 7 PM services
- > Each Sunday morning at 10:15 AM at Trinity
- > Celebrating Palm Sunday on the 24th at Trinity at 10:15 AM and a Community Service being planned that evening at First Assembly of God Greencastle
- > 7 PM Maundy Thursday Remembrance and Stripping of the Altar at Trinity
- > 7 PM Good Friday Tenebrae service at Evangelical
- > 5 PM Saturday Vigil at Evangelical
- > 10:15 AM Resurrection Day service at Trinity with choir leading the singing. The Choir will lead the singing at Trinity both March 17 and 31. All are welcome to come at 9:15 AM those Sundays for warm up and sound check.

*Thank you to all the volunteers that enhance the music ministry at Trinity!*



**2024**

**MIDWEEK LENTEN, HOLY WEEK, EASTER**

*Evangelical, Greencastle  
Salem, Marion  
Trinity, Greencastle*

*(Join us at 6PM for a Simple Soup Supper on the Wednesdays in Lent)*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
March 6	<i>Praying</i>	Evangelical	7:00 PM
March 13	<i>Giving Thanks</i>	Trinity	7:00 PM
March 20	<i>Living in God's World</i>	Evangelical	7:00 PM
March 28	Maundy Thursday Service with Communion	Trinity	7:00PM
March 29	Good Friday Service	Evangelical	7:00 PM
March 30	Easter Vigil	Evangelical	5:00 PM
March 31	Easter Day	Trinity	10:15 AM

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

The March meeting of the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship will be held at 9:30 AM on March 26 in Memorial Fellowship Hall of Evangelical Lutheran, Greencastle. The speaker for March will be Cindy Dingeldein. Her topic will be *Encouragement, the Language of Heaven*.



## **SPRING CRAFT FAIR**

The Spiritrust Chambersburg Auxiliary is sponsoring a Spirit of Spring Craft Show on Saturday, March 23 from 9AM to 2PM. The Fair will be held at The Fleck Center on the Luther Ridge campus. There will be local vendors, baked goods, and a silent auction.

## **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

## **MINUTES OF JANUARY JOINT COUNCIL MEETING**

A joint meeting the Congregational Councils was held Monday, January 22, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church with The Rev. Richard Jorgensen and The Rev. Dana Blouch-Hanson.

At this meeting ELC and TLC both gave a report of where they both stand with the Call Process.

Sheila Rushlow of ELC reported on the progress of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and thanked TLC for their guidance with this. The Call Committee is planning on having two more meetings with their congregation on the call process.

Darrell Swart of TLC reported that Trinity is moving along and that TLC and ELC have been working together with Christmas, Lent and Holy Week. He followed up with Revs. Jorgensen and Blouch-Hanson on the profile submitted as it says "pending." The profile is "pending" as Synod is waiting to hear what the two churches are planning: merging or consolidating.

Rev. Blouch-Hanson gave advice on the MSP. TLC and ELC can either submit their profile together or keep it separate. If there is a consolidation of the two churches, it can be consolidated into one document. Both churches should continue with the call process and Synod is going to continue with the search for a pastor.

Pastor Jorgensen suggested a workshop renewal on a Saturday, think about leadership teams and to read "When Church Stops Working" and "Anatomy of a Revived Church." He also said we should "pause (to catch our breath), ponder (what does God want us to do) and pray." What direction is God leading us? He also assured us that the Synod is working on resources for us. They will accommodate and help us on a joint ministry, merger or consolidation, whichever we choose. He would also like the two congregations to have two worship services and lunch together, one at TLC and one at ELC, and to engage in the community together/work on a community project together.

Next meeting is April 15, 2024, at 6p.m. at ELC.

Pastor Denise Horn closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darrell Swart, CC President TLC  
Tammy Hodder, CC President ELC