



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

March 2026

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

Dear Family in Christ,

As we begin the long journey to Jerusalem with Jesus, we have the opportunity to learn and to grow together. As I write this, I am looking ahead to this coming Wednesday when we will have the first of our Midweek Lenten Meals and Services beginning at 6 pm at Evangelical Lutheran Church here in Greencastle. We began doing Midweek Services before Covid when Pastor Barb, Pastor Martin and I got together to plan them. It seemed reasonable because all three churches did not have great attendance at their solo services. The three churches are not that far apart. Salem is a mere 5 miles from Greencastle.

Now all three churches are without duly called individual pastors. There is also the matter of the clergy shortage which grips all denominations at this point in time. We are all doing this so that all of us may continue to gather in the name of Jesus Christ to worship, to see that the sacraments of the church are carried out for all, to witness to the presence of God in our lives and to grow together in the faith. We are doing this specifically during Lent so that through our Lenten journey we may grow deeper in the Christian faith, grow closer to our Savior, and particularly grow closer to one another in faith despite which church we attend.

In this our Centennial Year at Trinity, I ask you to stop. Stop whatever you are doing. Pause long enough to listen...

Are you listening? What is the Lord saying to you? How will you come together with us to celebrate our faith, to work together for the benefit of our communities, and to share in the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Please grow with us this Lent. Join us for a meal and for worship. Meals begin at 6pm and a service follows at approximately 6:45. This year our topic is "Conversations with Jesus." I hope to see you all there.

In the Name of Jesus

Pastor Denise

MARCH 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	2 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	3 Women's Bible Study 1PM	4 Lent Supper & Worship 6 PM @Salem	5	6 Den Mtg 6PM AA 7PM	7
8 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	9 Scouts 6:30PM Outreach 7PM AA 7PM	10 Women's Bible Study 1PM	11 Lent Supper & Worship 6 PM @TLC	12	13 AA 7PM	14
15 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	16 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	17 Women's Bible Study 1PM	18 Lent Supper & Worship 6 PM @ELC	19	20 Pack Mtg 6PM AA 7PM	21
22 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	23 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	24 Women's Bible Study 1PM	25 Lent Supper & Worship 6 PM @TLC Scout Mtg 7:30PM	26	27 AA 7PM	28
29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	30 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	31 Women's Bible Study 1PM				

March Worship Assistants

	MARCH 1	MARCH 8	MARCH 15	MARCH 22	MARCH 29
Assisting Minister	Dave Wolfe	Ella Swart	Don Swart	Dave Wolfe	Scott Valentine
Communion Assistants	Donna Wolfe Kevin Dagliano	Carol Swart Mary Thomas	Donna Wolfe Wendy Hall	Don Swart Kevin Dagliano	Sue Wunderlich Mary Thomas
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Norra Swart	Kevin Dagliano	Sally Funk	Shirley Freeman	Sue Wunderlich
Ushers	Norra Swart	Don Swart	Darrell Swart	Norra Swart	Charlie Ford
Singer	Ella Swart	Matt Cessna	The Choir	Phyllis McCullough	Matt Cessna
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Scott Valentine	Don and Carol Swart	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Scott Valentine	Charlie and Beth Ford

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will be discussing *How the Meaning of Several of the Jewish Feasts is Fulfilled in Jesus*". We meet on Tuesdays from 1-2 PM in the Adult Sunday School Class. Plan to join us and feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions please speak with Phyllis McCullough.



FEED THE HUNGRY

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. *These are only suggestions! Any non-perishable food item you can donate is needed and would be appreciated.*

- March 1 – Baked beans
- March 8 – Applesauce
- March 15 – Cereal
- March 22 – Jello or pudding mixes
- March 29 – Complete pancake mix

SPECIAL APPEAL

The March Special Appeal is the Waynesboro Area Community and Human Services Backpack Program. Food is provided for children who need it over weekends. If you desire to make a 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 24 in Memorial Fellowship Hall of Evangelical Lutheran, Greencastle. The speaker for March will be A. Kelsey Marshall. Her topic will be *Life Unleashed*.

P A L M
Sunday

COMMUNITY PALM SUNDAY SERVICE



The Greencastle-Antrim Community Palm Sunday service will be held at Grace United Church of Christ on Sunday, March 29 at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

TRINITY 'S CENTENNIAL



This is a very special year in the life of Trinity. In 1926, a faithful people gathered with hope, courage and trust in God—and from that beginning, this congregation was born. Today, one hundred years later, we gather to give thanks for God's faithfulness across generations and to celebrate the people, ministries, and moments that have shaped who we are. Several people from our congregation have volunteered to form a Centennial Committee to spearhead our commemorations. The Chairperson is Scott Valentine and the other members include Sue

Snyder, Donna Wolfe and James Thomas.

This centennial year is not just about looking back but it's also about living out our faith right now and looking forward to the next 100 years. Throughout the coming months, we will be engaging in 100 Acts of Faith. These are acts of service, prayer, generosity and care for one another and our community. These 100 Acts of Faith will showcase Trinity's devotion to faith in action. You'll hear more about these as the year unfolds, but let me assure you, there will be a variety of opportunities for all members to participate.

Additionally, we'll also be preparing a time capsule as a gift to future generations, filled with stories, prayers and reminders of who we are in this moment so that those who gather here 100 years from now will know that we are faithful, hopeful and committed to God's work

Moreover, we'll have celebrations with special music that reflects the beauty and joy of our shared faith and acknowledges the history of the church.

These are just some of the ways we'll mark this centennial. Throughout the year there will be other surprises, events, gatherings and moments of celebration. Some will be just for our church family and others will be for our wider community. This centennial year is meant to be joyful, meaningful and *shared*.

SPECIAL CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

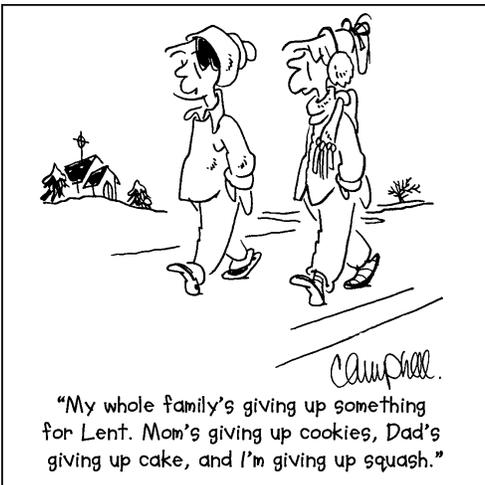
March

Be sure to pick up your Centennial Sticker from an usher on Sunday morning.

The Centennial Committee's March project is to collect 100 items of food for the Greencastle Food Pantry. These 100 items can be any kind of non-perishable food like canned goods, pasta mixes, cereal. Can we make 100? Items need to be brought to the church by March 31.

April

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School on Easter Sunday. They will prepare 100 eggs for the hunt.



SUNDAY, MAY 31



The Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, the Rev. Stephen Herr will be with us for a special Trinity Sunday worship service that morning to help us celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

JOURNEY HOSPICE



We have recently learned that Journey Hospice, a program of Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey is serving people in Franklin and Adams Counties. They are using some of the same staff that formerly served with Spiritrust Lutheran Services. Journey Hospice brings the right care at the right time to those facing long-term or life-limiting illness. Admissions are done the same day or within 24 hours including weekends.

The Journey Hospice office is in the Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village. Staff can be reached at 717-549-2752 or journeyinfo@lsmnj.org. They also have an office in the Quincy Retirement Village.



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LENTEN MIDWEEK and HOLY WEEK SERVICES

*Evangelical, Greencastle
Salem, Marion
Trinity, Greencastle*

A Simple Soup Supper AT 6PM Followed by Worship at 6:45 PM on the Wednesdays in Lent

Conversations With Jesus

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	TIME
March 4	Supper and Worship	Salem	6:00 and 6:45 PM
March 11	Supper and Worship	Trinity	6:00 and 6:45 PM
March 18	Supper and Worship	ELC	6:00 and 6:45 PM
March 25	Supper and Worship	Trinity	6:00 and 6:45 PM
April 2	Maundy Thursday Worship with Stripping of the Altar and Communion	ELC	7:00 PM
April 3	Good Friday Worship	Salem	7:00 PM
April 4	Easter Vigil	ELC	5:00 PM



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**

15. The form and money can be brought to worship on Sunday or dropped off at the Church Office by March 15. You may also either call or email the Church Office (717-597-9348 or tlcsecoffice@gmail.com) with your order. Forms are available on the table in the Lobby or from the Church Office. The plants can be placed in memory or in honor of someone and taken home following the service on Easter Sunday.



HELP NEEDED

Trinity will be hosting the Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers on March 11 and 25. People are needed who would be willing to donate soup, bread or jello for those two weeks. It does not need to be homemade. If you can provide something, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby or contact the Church Office at 717-597-9348.

EASTER DAY FUN

Come enjoy a potluck Breakfast at Trinity on Easter Sunday at 8:30 AM. Bring your favorite breakfast casserole or pastry. Beverages will be provided.

An Egg Hunt for the children will be held at the church at 9:30 AM. In keeping with the 100th Anniversary, 100 eggs will be hidden. Come enjoy the fun of watching the children hunt for eggs!



Lent



WORSHIP MATTERS

The Season of Lent

The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word *lencten*, meaning "Spring Season." It refers to the observance of the 40 days where Christians follow Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem, to his suffering and death. Lent precedes the day and Season of Easter. The forty days of Lent comes from the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness fasting, praying and being tempted by the devil. The forty days are calculated as individual days not including Sundays.

Lent is a time of looking inward and taking stock of our lives. In what ways do we live lives of faithfulness and in what ways do we do things counter to the ways of God? It is a time of repentance and reminding ourselves of our role in the suffering and death of Jesus. It is a time of focused worship in which we avail ourselves of worship services and midweek week services with Lenten themes. In Lent we are not only preparing for Jesus suffering and death but we also are preparing for the true joy of Easter.

The time of Lent is also a time to observe the disciplines of Lent, particularly those of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Almsgiving is the giving to those in need.

The liturgical color for Lent is purple, the color of royalty but also the color of repentance.

ONLINE ELECTRONIC GIVING GIVING MADE EASY

eGiving makes it simple for you to give exactly how and when you want. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring gifts using your bank account or credit card.

There are several methods for electronic giving. Use the one that is most convenient for you:

1. Fill out a Simply Giving Form (on the table in the Narthex) to select the funds and how often you wish to contribute from your *bank account*.
2. Visit tlcgreencastle.org/give/ to select your funds and how often you wish to contribute using a *bank account or credit card*.
3. With your smart phone. Download the "Vanco Mobile" app from the Apple and Google Play Stores and enter Trinity Lutheran Church Greencastle PA and follow the prompts to make a donation via *credit card*,
4. Use the QR code found in your pew and follow the prompts to make donations via *credit card*.

THANK YOU

- The Greencastle Exchange Club would like to thank you for the very generous donation toward their Christmas Project. Your yearly support has been vital to continuing a favorite and needed community project that supports families in Greencastle during the Christmas season.
- Because caring donors like you give from the heart, WIN can provide safety, support, and healing to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault every single day.



CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Members of the Congregational Council for 2026 are:

Don Swart - President
Charlie Ford - Vice President
Beth Ford - Secretary
Matt Cessna
Wendy Hall
Denise Nerenhausen
Sue Snyder
Darrell Swart
Ella Swart (Youth Representative)
Mary Thomas

Non-Voting Members:

Brian Hall - Financial Secretary
Carol Swart - Treasurer