

Trinity Torch



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March 2020

We have wounds, don't we? Of course. Each of us has experienced woundedness because of sin in the world. A couple of weeks ago in my sermon, *Sin Separates, Love Unites*, I spoke about the seriousness of sin.

Sin is the breaking down of fellowship between God and man. Sin is the breaking down of fellowship between man and man. Sin is wandering, loneliness, going astray, separation, and transgression. Everything that is wrong in the world is due to sin.

Not only have we been wounded, but we are also guilty of wounding others. The Law of God reveals our wayward behavior. We have not followed the path that God had planned for our life. We do not always love Him with our whole heart, mind, body, and strength. And we certainly do not always love our neighbor as ourselves.

But Jesus, the Christ, came to fulfill the Law of God. Jesus lived a sinless life and endured the cruelty of the cross in our place. Because of His life, death, and resurrection, we receive by faith; forgiveness, everlasting life, and salvation. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus our Savior. Grace is the undeserved kindness and love of God. Grace is the restoration of our fellowship.

During Lent this year, our midweek worship will focus upon the wounds of Jesus. The innocent Son of God had no sins of His own for which He deserved to die, yet his enemies falsely accused Him of violating every commandment of God. It was our sin, our disobedience, that Jesus bore in His body on the cross. The Lord laid on Him "the iniquity of us all." Jesus suffered the penalty of death in our place, and "by His wounds we are healed."

May God grant us His blessing this Lenten season as we journey toward the cross and ultimately, His resurrection.

In Jesus,

Pastor Bob



Photography for our upcoming directory event is fast approaching. With a goal of 100%, we need all our families to sign up. Our directory will help us stay connected. Photography times are still available. Visit our website to sign up ~ www.tlbr.org

Parish Education – Bible Study Schedule

March 2020

Please check over the many Bible Classes and TLC Bible Groups available throughout the week. If you have questions or desire more information, you may contact the class leader or DCE Rob Grady – 708-839-1200 ext.6. All studies are weekly unless otherwise noted.



Sunday Morning

Adult and Youth Bible Studies – 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

The Adult Bible Study is held in the Church Library. This study will be the “Ephesians” curriculum. Small Group TLC meets in the lower level of school, “Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith” is our current study.

High School Youth Bible Class meets in the school conference room.

Sunday School for Three-Year-Old through Grade 8 currently meets in the church basement.

Tuesday Morning

Pastor Bob continues a study on “The Gospel of Mark”. This study meets (March 3, 10, 24, and 31) in the Church Library at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday Evening

Join us as we continue the study “LifeLight: Feasts” in the school conference room at 7:00 p.m. This class is facilitated by Rob Grady.

A study on the “Gospel of Mark” will meet (March 3, 17, 24, and 31) in the Church Library at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Bob is the facilitator.

Wednesday Morning

Men’s Bible Class meets weekly at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Facilitated by Roy Carr (630-323-3688) we will continue the study of Francis Chan’s book “Forgotten God”.

Wednesday Morning TLC

We will continue our study on Ephesians and 1 and 2 Thessalonians on March 11 and 25 following the Lenten Lunch. We usually meet the second and fourth Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Library.

Thursday Afternoon

Ladies Bible Class meets weekly at 1:00 p.m. in the home of Susie Carr (630-323-3688).

Thursday Afternoon TLC

TLC Bible Study Group will meet on March 12 and 26 at 4:30 p.m. in the Trinity School Conference Room. The class is led by Sharon Wendte (630-455-1775). We are continuing the study on “Angels”.

Friday Evening TLC

TLC Bible Study Group meets in member homes and is led by Cliff Gustafson (815-372-9937). We will meet again on March 6.

JOY Club

Join us on **Thursday, March 19 at 11:30 a.m.** Please bring your favorite dish.



Please bring a \$5.00 gift for Crazy Bunco. Contact Joyce Tomes at 630-257-2927 or Donna Halla at 708-839-0551 if you have questions.

The Tenth Commandment

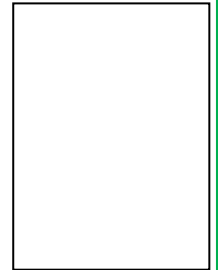
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maid-servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

The Central Thought:

God created us to be content with the gifts by which He sustains our life. As Christians, we seek to live a life of contentment by giving thanks for the daily blessings that God provides for us and our neighbor. Think of some things for which you are grateful and offer a prayer of thanks to God right



THE BOARD OF YOUTH MINISTRY WISHES YOU A HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

The Board of Youth Ministry would like to invite you to join us for our Lenten Soup and Sandwich lunches for all of the Wednesdays during Lent. We would love for you to join us immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Lenten Service behind the fireplace in the Church Library. Different soups will be served after each service. Thank you to Tim Carr, Beth Ernst, Judy Grady, Kathy Fritschel, Rob & Leslie Grady, and Judy Gustafson for baking desserts and cooking delicious soups. We appreciate you sharing your cooking and baking talents with us!

The Youth hosted the Lenten Supper on Wednesday, March 4th. We hope you were able join us for Fellowship before service. Thank you to Beth Ernst, Rob Grady, Tim Carr, and Kathy Fritschel for providing dinner and delicious desserts too.

The Youth and their families are busy working on the upcoming Easter Continental Breakfast scheduled for Sunday, April 12th. This event has been a part of Trinity's Easter morning services for the past several years. Tickets will be available at the door beginning at 7:30 a.m. We will be serving until 10:00 a.m. The menu consists of fresh fruit, bagels, and cream cheese, coffee cakes, a variety of juices, milk, and coffee. We would love for you to join us for Easter breakfast and fellowship with your Trinity Church family! In conjunction with our Easter Continental Breakfast, we will again be having our Easter Bake Sale. Yummy treats will be available that morning for you to purchase in the Narthex.

PLANT SALE order forms will be available in the Narthex mid-March. The date of the Plant Sale is May 9th. Pick up time is 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. There is a wide variety of plants available once again for you to purchase. This is one of three fundraisers the youth has each year to help pay for their trips. These trips include the Winter Retreat and the Mission Trips. If you have any questions regarding the sale, see Rob Grady. If you would like an order form e-mailed to you, we can do that too!

Remember Youth Bible Class on Sunday morning. Bible class is held every week and begins at 9:45 a.m. Hope to see you there!

Blessings!

The Board of Youth Ministry

2020 HONDURAS MISSION TRIP



Our Mission Trip this year is
June 23rd - July 1st.

The price for the trip is \$1300.00 per person. We have 25 airline tickets reserved and you can hold a spot with a deposit of \$700.

For More information, and to receive your information packet, see Pastor Bob. We will be traveling back to Buenos Aires and finishing the last classrooms, along with all the programs we normally provide: medical, dental, eye care, hair-cuts, clothing, vacation bible school, arts and crafts, evangelism, feeding the children, and sharing the love of Christ.

We would love to have you join us on our 2020 Mission trip to Honduras.



Midweek Lenten Services at 10am & 7pm

Midweek Services - March 4, 11, 18, 26, April 1
at 10am & 7pm

Lunch follows every 10am service

Evening meals will be served March 4 & April 1

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - April 5 at 8:30am & 11am with HC
at both services

Maundy Thursday - April 9 at 10am & 7pm

Good Friday - April 10 at 10am & 7pm

Saturday Easter Vigil - April 11 at 6:30pm

Easter Sunday - April 12 at 6:30am, 8:30am & 11am
with HC at all services

**Love
affirms
Life**
NID Life Task Force

Affirming Life Reaching Out!

A Workshop for Life-Affirming Lutherans

Saturday, March 14, 2020

8:30 a.m. to noon

Trinity Lutheran Church - Tinley Park

RSVP to kbwrk123@gmail.com or 630.234.1491

Affirming Life – Reaching Out! A Workshop for Life Affirming Lutherans is on **Saturday, March 14, 2020**, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at **Trinity Lutheran Church in Tinley Park**. The program, presented by the Northern Illinois District Life Task Force, features Rev. Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life. Rev. Salemink will present “How to Be a Life-Minded Congregation and Community” and give an overview of current pro-life issues. Discover the many ways that you and your congregation can reach out into the community and be pro-life. Connect with pro-life ministries working in the community, including *Caring Network*, *Bethany Christian Services*, and *Voice of Care*. Learn about *Swaddling Clothes* and *Breakfast with Baby*, two area Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregational ministry models affirming life within the community. In all, over 15 life-affirming organizations will share about their work and how to get involved. Trinity Lutheran Church is at 6850 W 159th St, in Tinley Park, Illinois (TLCS.org). A free will offering will be taken. Registration is requested. RSVP to Kris Blackwell, at kbwrk123@gmail.com or 630.234.1491.

1517 Academy

Have you heard about 1517 Academy yet? 1517 Academy provides knowledge in service to the gospel. We create high-quality theological resources by collaborating with the best minds in Reformation theology. Make sure you visit www.1517.org

CANDY BAR BINGO

SATURDAY, MARCH 21



10:30 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.
Trinity Lutheran Church Basement

LUNCH (PIZZA) WILL BE SERVED FROM 11:45 A.M.-12:15 P.M.

BINGO WILL START PROMPTLY AT 10:30 A.M. COME A LITTLE EARLY TO PURCHASE YOUR BINGO CARDS.

THE COST FOR THE EVENT IS \$5.00 PLUS THREE FULL-SIZED (NOT KING SIZED) CANDY BARS.

THIS IS A FUN EVENT FOR ALL. TELL YOUR FRIENDS.

Since we need to purchase food for lunch, we would appreciate it if you would sign up for Candy Bar Bingo and place the slip found below in Rob Grady's door compartment by March 8.

Name: _____ Age _____

Friend's Name _____ Age _____

Friend's Name _____ Age _____

Friend's Name _____ Age _____



THE BOARD OF FAMILY LIFE
 INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO ATTEND
 THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
 SATURDAY, APRIL 4
 9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Start your weekend by joining us for a lovely Easter Egg Hunt and Continental Breakfast with entertainment featuring "Ben's Bubble Show".

After breakfast, the children and adults will come together in the School Gymnasium where we will have an Easter Devotion followed by entertainment by "Ben's Bubble Show".

Finally, the children will head outdoors (weather permitting) and get ready for what we think is the best Easter Egg Hunt, which consists of over 2500 eggs! Everyone will go home with candy! This year we are even hiding coupons for gift cards in some of the eggs. If it rains, we will still have the hunt in the school gym. The Hunt will begin around 10:30 a.m.

Invite your friends and neighbors! Don't forget to ask grandparents! This is a fantastic family event! Mark your calendars and sign up for this event soon!

Cost for this event is as follows:

\$5.00 PER PERSON

\$20.00 Maximum for immediate Family (Parents and Children)

The cost includes breakfast, the entertainment, and egg hunt. Please prepay no later than March 22. Make checks out to Trinity. All we ask is that you pre-register and prepay in order for us to purchase food.

Please submit the following in the envelope by the poster in the school lobby or church entrance area. Hope to see you there!

Name: _____

Adults Attending: _____ Children Attending: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Greetings from the Altar Guild!

We wanted to take a minute to update you on some of our membership changes.

We have been blessed with two new members, Betty Rediehs and Cheryl Kohutynski. They have jumped right in and are learning how to set up and clean up for various worship situations. We are happy to have them, welcome to the team Betty and Cheryl!



Also, after 61 years of service, our member Ruth Hess is retiring. She has been a part of Altar Guild since it started here at Trinity in 1958, putting in countless hours attending to her duties in various ways. We have all been influenced and/or trained by her in some way over the years and will miss her greatly. Thank you Ruth for, well, everything!

I am proud to be in Altar Guild with each and every one of our members. Please thank them when you see any of them. They are a fantastic group of women!

Jan Baranek, Directress

Evangelism

Fellowship Luncheon will be held on **Sunday - March 29th** after the 11:00 a.m. church service.



Witness Forum will be **Sunday – March 8th at 6:30 p.m.**

What do we do at this function ~

1. Devotions
2. Suggestions on how to witness to people.
3. Open discussions on past witnessing experiences.
4. Suggestions on how to talk and share your Faith to family / friends / neighbors...etc.
5. Understanding our mission in life according to God's Word.

Please come and enjoy listening / learning / building relationships with Trinity members.

If you have any other questions, please contact ~ Pat Cermak – pat.cermak@itgtrans.com or via phone at 630-240-1689.

~The Peace of God ~

Let the peace of God rule in your hearts. Colossians 3:15

Science has confirmed what the Bible taught centuries ago: there is a close relationship between our minds and bodies. Proverbs puts it this way: “A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones” (17:22 NIV).

But there is also a close relationship between our mental and physical health and the health of our spiritual lives. Guilt, fear, jealousy, bitterness, futility, escapism – these and a host of other problems are spiritual ills brought about by the disease of sin. Like poison, they can sicken us in mind and body.

But when Christ comes into our lives, He removes our guilt and takes away our fears. He gives us love for others and a new purpose in life. His joy and peace neutralize sin's poison and promote emotional and physical health.

Does that mean our emotional and physical problems will vanish? Not necessarily. But like a spring of pure water, God's peace in our hearts brings cleansing and refreshment to our minds and bodies.

Featured Resources For March Focus on Lent



Lent is the forty days preceding Easter, excluding Sundays, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. This season of solemn preparation culminates in Holy Week, when we follow Jesus to the cross, for us, on Good Friday and His victory over death Resurrection morning. Lent is a time to recognize that mankind's greatest problem, fatal separation from God, has a solution: the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our redemption. Lent is a time to contemplate God's great mercy given to us in Christ Jesus. It is a reflective time to strengthen our faith.

While some may choose to give something up during this time, many will choose to increase their meditation and devotional practices. (If you don't spend daily time with Our Lord, this is a great season to start!) The Church Library offers several tools for use during your times of reflection and repentance this season.

The following resources will be available throughout the Lenten season:

An Explanation of the History of the Suffering and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ by Johann Gerhard

This classic work is a must-read during Lent. The 24 sermons draw upon the Old Testament prophecies and show how they find their fulfillment in Christ.

He was Crucified by Gerard Stanley

(Even if you don't check this out from the library, go to the library and flip through the pages of this.)

In this beautiful book, Gerard Stanley, a medical doctor, uses history and his medical experience to offer reflections on the physical and mental anguish Jesus endured in the hours leading up to His death. This stunning book will deepen your understanding of what Jesus experienced.

A free study guide is even available from www.CPH.org

Thy Kingdom Come - Lent and Easter Sermons by David H. Petersen.

With over sixty sermons spanning Pre-Lent, all forty days of Lent, and the Sundays after Easter, this book serves as an excellent daily devotion.

The Christ of the Gospels by William F. Beck

The life and work of JESUS as told by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John presented as one complete story in the language of today.

Bearing the Cross: Devotions on Albrecht Durer's Small Passion by Carolyn Brinkley

This combines the great artwork of Albrecht Dürer's Small Passion, gems of hymnody, and Holy Scripture into faith enriching devotional vignettes. You will be escorted from Genesis to Revelation in a personal, intimate journey with Christ. (This is also available from Amazon for your Kindle.)

Sacred Meditations by Johann Gerhard

Johann Gerhard's 51 meditations immerse the you in Christ, bringing you through trial to glory, through anguish to peace, through doubt to certainty, through confession to absolution, through cross to resurrection. This classic work of Lutheran spirituality reminds us all that the Word of God is living and breathing, changing not only how we think or live, but even who we are.

The Day Christ Died by Jim Bishop

This book about the most dramatic day in the history of the world, the day on which Jesus of Nazareth died, is written by a journalist in a captivating manner.

The First Easter and **In The Fullness of Time** by Paul Maier

In these books, Paul Maier unravels the politics behind the Crucifixion, retells the resurrection accounts, and illustrates with numerous photographs the sacred sites.

Pontius Pilate by Paul L. Maier is a historical novel that draws you into the events Holy Week and offers a different vantage point. If you have never read this book before, you are missing out on a very unique and engaging read. I recommend reading it before Good Friday. If your local public library offers a Hoopla app, this is available on Hoopla.

With My Own Eyes by Bo Giertz is a third person narrative of the Gospels but told from a different perspective with each story. You will be drawn in as you see and experience each event through the character's eyes.

If you have chosen to spend some time this Lenten Season learning God's Word through reading the Lutheran Confessions, a **2020 Book of Concord Reading Plan** is available to assist you. The library also has several copies of **The Book of Concord** available. Consider spending some time each day growing in the faith and what we Lutherans believe, teach, and confess.

Please feel free to speak with your library representative should you have questions regarding any of these resources. God bless you as you grow in your love and knowledge of Him.

Your library representative,
Crista Childers

"Christ's blood has obtained for us pardon forever acceptable with God. God will forgive our sins for the sake of that blood so long as its power shall last and its intercession for grace in our behalf, **which is forever.**" -Martin Luther from his sermon on Hebrews 9:11-15

VBS CRAFT DONATIONS NEEDED

It's hard to believe that plans are in the works for this summer's Vacation Bible School at Trinity. We are again asking for donations of items to help defray the cost of crafts again this year. Listed below are the items we are looking for at this time. The list continues to be updated as items are received. Each year the number of children attending Trinity's Vacation Bible School has grown and we are planning to be able to witness to over 125 children this summer! Thank you in advance for your support.

Please place any donations in the bin marked "Vacation Bible School Donations" in the Narthex or drop them off to Rob Grady's office. Monetary donations are also welcome to help purchase supplies we may not receive from this list. If you have any questions regarding the items, please contact Sheri Abernathy. If you would like to help with cutting or prepping our craft items let us know!!! We are looking for someone to drill one hole into 100 paint sticks this year. ***If you can help our any day during the week of VBS in our Craft Area please let us know. We are looking for adult helpers.***

- 100 White Bandanas from Hobby Lobby
- 150 Assorted COLORS ONLY Sharpie Markers
- 3 Large Spools Brown Twine – Not Waxed
- 100 Dowel Rods ¼" Thick x 18" Long
- 125 Tootsie Pop Suckers
- 125 Individually WRAPPED Twizzlers
- 125 Band-aids
- 125 Individual Purse Sized Packages of Kleenex
- 5 Spools ¼" Skinny Satin Ribbon Red or Black
- 6 Spools Thin Silver Craft Wire (Can be found in the floral section of Hobby Lobby, Michael's or Joann Fabrics)
- 125 Battery Operated Tea Lights
- 10 Large Bottles Tacky Glue
- 10 Rolls Paper Towels
- 2 Bottles Windex
- 5 Containers Baby Wipes
- 2 Boxes Gallon Ziplock Bags
- 3 Boxes Quart Ziplock Bags
- 1 Box Snack Ziplock Bags
- 750 Heavy Duty Luncheon Size Plates (The children carry their crafts home on these so we need them to be sturdy.)



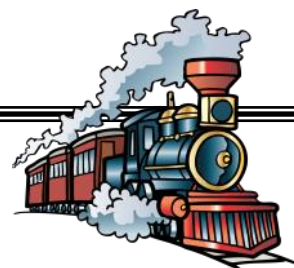
Thank you in advance for your donations. If you have any questions or can help out in any way please contact Sheri Abernathy (708) 987-8768 or e-mail abernathysheri@gmail.com.

Donation List for Snack Items for Vacation Bible School

- 150 Individually Wrapped Rice Krispie Treats
- 6 Large Bags Twizzlers Pull & Peel-Not Regular Twizzlers
- 3 Boxes MINI Vanilla Wafers
- 3 Boxes Oreo O's Cereal
- 3 Boxes Chocolate Chex Cereal
- 8 Regular Bags Chocolate Gold Fish
- 5 Bags Oreo MINI Cookies
- 3 Boxes Hershey Kisses Chocolate Cereal (General Mills)
- 3 Boxes Chocolate Cheerios Cereal
- 150 9 oz. Solo Clear Plastic Cups
- 10 Cans Vanilla Can Frosting **with Squirt Top**
- 150 Individually Wrapped Twinkies
- 5 Bags Assorted Colored M & M's

- 750 Dessert Size Heavy Duty Plates
- 750 Napkins
- 750 8 oz. Styrofoam Cups
- 10 Rolls Paper Towels
- 1 Spray Bottle Windex
- 1 Bottle Dawn Dish Soap
- 2 Packages Cleaning Sponges
- 5 Packages Baby Wipes
- 300 Sandwich Size Ziplock Bags
- 300 Quart Size Ziplock Bags

2020
VBS
June 15 - 19



New Member Welcome!

Jill and Mitch are high school sweethearts and met in driver's education class. Mitch works in risk management for Discover Financial Services. Jill is a Pre-K Blended teacher in CUSD 201 in Westmont.

Jill and Mitch recently got a new Samoyed puppy named Meeko, who has completely stolen their hearts. They love being outside, traveling to new places, and treasure spending time with their family and friends.

They're excited to become members at Trinity to continue to grow in their faith together.

If you see Jill and Mitch please welcome them to Trinity.



Live Simply... Use Less Plastic

By Rev. Mark Bussert, Director of Stewardship

This is the third in a series of articles which extend the concepts of our recent Annual Stewardship Emphasis, “Live Simply.” Each article includes a “30-Day Challenge” for you to consider. These challenges may, 1. Make your life simpler, and/or 2. Save you money, and/or 3. Practice good stewardship of the environment.

The 30 -Day Challenge for March is, **for 30 days, reduce (or, if possible, eliminate) single-use plastics.**

Isn't plastic wonderful? It's lightweight, it's inexpensive, it can be formed into countless shapes and colors. Unfortunately, it is almost totally non-biodegradable. When a Styrofoam cup or a plastic water bottle does break down (in 100 to 500 years), it simply becomes microplastic and nanoplastic particles. A staggering amount of plastic shopping bags, cups, lids, straws, eating utensils and bottles – just to name a few of the most obvious – end up in ditches and fields, where they are eaten by birds and other wildlife, or get washed into rivers, lakes and oceans, where they are eaten by fish and other marine animals...and eventually come back to us in the food we eat and even the air we breathe.

A few interesting statistics from a recent National Geographic article: one million plastic beverage bottles are bought *every minute* around the world. Less than half are recycled. Twenty-four *billion* pairs of shoes were made in 2018. Shoes are hard to recycle because different types of plastic and other materials are glued and molded together. One *billion* toothbrushes will be discarded in the U.S. this year. *Trillions* of cigarettes are sold around the world every year – many having a filter made from cellulose acetate – and two-thirds of them are flicked onto sidewalks, streets, beaches, parking lots, etc.

There are a lot of things we can do to reduce our use of plastics, but this 30-day challenge is specifically aimed at **single-use** plastics. Could you eliminate, or at least significantly reduce, your use of single-use plastics for one month (or permanently)? Here are a few ideas.

If you go to a restaurant (not a great idea in itself – see last month's article), ask for your drink without a straw. If it's a fast-food place, skip the plastic lid on the drink. Get a refillable water bottle or coffee travel mug (as much as possible, avoid commercial bottled water entirely). Keep a set of reusable cutlery in your lunch bag, purse, briefcase, or car. Don't want to send metal silverware in your kids' lunches? Get some that are compostable. Put meal leftovers in permanent containers, like Pyrex bowls with lids (instead of covering with plastic wrap). Bring your own take-home container to a restaurant. Take tote bags or mesh produce bags when you shop (preferably cotton, not plastic ones).

This 30-day challenge won't save you much money – in fact, it may even cost you a little, at least at first. But it will make the world God gave us a little better place!

Want to participate? You can do it “on your own,” or, fill out the tear-off below and put it in the hot pink box in the narthex.

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Yes, I will be part of the 30-Day Challenge for March, “Reduce or eliminate single-use plastics.”

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Greetings from Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid monthly meeting was February 10th in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to our hostesses for a Valentine themed appetizer table. We enjoyed delicious treats while we engaged in fellowship and a devotion prior to beginning the meeting.



New business started with planning the Lenten Supper on Ash Wednesday. We voted on catering the meal this year from Spring Forest Deli & Catering with homemade desserts. We hope it was enjoyed by all.

The Fall Rummage Sale was discussed at length. We are looking at a tentative date in late September. Much of the discussion identified the need for more help gathering and unpacking the donations and then organizing the tables and pricing items. This is a huge undertaking and very time consuming. It is a long-time tradition of Ladies Aid and one of our biggest fundraisers. We hope to continue serving our community in this way and stressed the need for continued support from our ladies. We are a service organization and with the help of God's grace, we will get it done.

We are already taking reservations for crafters at our Annual Holiday Market in November. It will take place in the school gym again. We have room for additional tables to rent. Once we have confirmed the date, please help us get the word out.

Our last agenda item was the Advent Tea. We took some suggestions for ways to make it more inclusive and convenient for our members. We hope to plan it as an afternoon tea following the late Sunday morning service, with light pastries and simple finger sandwiches. We hope that planning it during daylight and immediately following a worship service, may make it easier for our families and church ladies of all ages join us in fellowship and celebration.

Our next meeting is Monday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m. Please join us. We extend a warm welcome to women of all ages to "Come serve the Lord with gladness!"

Principal's Page

GALATIANS 5:22-23 "BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL. AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW."

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

During the first week of March, Trinity students and teachers will be celebrating our school! We will be having Lutheran Schools' Week, LSW, all week. This is such an exciting week for the students and teachers to celebrate Trinity Lutheran School. We have fun themes and special activities planned for every day.

The excitement for LSW begins on Sunday, March 1st, when the students will sing for the congregation members at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. church services. It is always great to see Trinity's students sharing the love of Jesus through a song for our congregation. For the remainder of the week, the themes will spell FRUIT from our school theme verse Galatians 5:22.

Monday is Farm day. Everyone can dress as farmers or something from a farm, and then they will play a live action game of "Clue." On Tuesday, we will dress with the theme Roaring 20's. They get to choose from the 1920's or the 2020's as their outfits. Our school day culminates in a spelling bee. Wednesday, we will celebrate our favorite university for University day. As in previous years, we will begin Wednesday with chapel and end with our, always entertaining, talent show. Thursday we will have warm thoughts with Island day. Hula Hoop Mania is a highly anticipated activity for the day, with all games involving hula hoops. Finally, the week will conclude with Trinity Tiger Day on Friday with a fun field trip that the PAWS, Trinity's parent group, has organized to Sky Zone that afternoon.

As if that is not enough, the classrooms will be competing all week with a Penny War. Classes will collect money all week and with an opportunity to subtract totals from other classes.

I am tired just thinking about all the fun that we are going to have at Trinity during LSW!

In His Service,
Andy DeWitt



APRIL 24 & 25, 2020

A Day to Change YOUR Life & Health With Martha Wilmore



Do the recent health headlines have you feeling overwhelmed? Are the mixed messages from the media, internet and even the medical world making your head spin?

Special guest speaker, Martha Wilmore, internationally known health and wellness author and nutritional consultant, will help us sort through the propaganda and misinformation to enlighten you on the healthiest and safest choices for you and your family.

FRIDAY: Attending the pot luck is not required - but will give you and your guests a chance to try *7 Day Cleanse Approved Dishes*

FRIDAY NIGHT TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Boosting Your Family's Immunity
- The Shaklee Difference - Prove It

SATURDAY'S TOPICS INCLUDE:

- The Shaklee Difference
- Living It - The Prove It Challenge
- Digestion is the Key
- The Autoimmune Explosion

pws.shaklee.com/iwkutuz

No Refunds. Reservations are a Must!! We believe this will sell out!



FRIDAY, APRIL 24

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March Birthdays

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|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Chuck Deets | 11 Neil Hammes | Adelynn Weeks |
| Matthew Gawlik | 11 Robyn Marszalek | Emma Weeks |
| Mary Rockrohr | Rachel Salverredy | 22 James Benstent |
| Bryce Trtan | Trent Workman | Fred Halek |
| 2 Kameryn Autullo | 12 John Barnacle | Jason Hansen |
| 3 Linda Juergens | Patricia Pallisard | 22 Ashley Lehenbauer |
| Jaden Salverredy | Jack Rozum | 23 William Jung |
| 4 Anthony Baranek | Corrine Trtan | David Kluge |
| Charlotte Murphy | Debra Williams | 24 Ralph Browne |
| Chance Orrick | 13 Irene Genutis | Cecilia Murphy |
| Jill Thomas | Jennifer Thorburn | Lauren Vasquez |
| 5 Janet Albrecht | 15 Christopher Beyer | 25 Wes Buege |
| Kathleen DiBacco | Hunter Bond | Brian Halek |
| Eileen Marrs | Sherri Gartman | Elaine Kearney |
| Mary Michaelsen | Jason Lyons | June McAnally |
| Joshua Wielebnicki | Owen Mathis | Linda Pohlis |
| 6 Hannah Radosevic | Valarie McClain | 27 Mark Korres |
| Karen Timm | 16 Robert Geaschel | 28 Steve Gehrt |
| Lori Trinche | Shirley Phillips | Michael Sneath |
| 7 Lauren Cindel | Weston Ramos | 29 Kerri Fuller |
| Deloris Harding | Dorothy Supeter | Lisa Hutcheson |
| Cecily Lange | David Trick | Sharry Joiner |
| John Probst | 17 Sara Weeks | Lydia Ruckauf |
| 8 Bethany Crispin | 18 Marris Carli | 30 Christina Guzlas |
| Aimee Ernst | Collin Marwitz | Loretta Hruska |
| Carl Ligman | John Rediehs | Ryan Marwitz |
| Chase Manley | 19 Michael Holloway | Angelica Rossi |
| 9 Esther Dervin | 20 Laurel Buege | Johnathan Zaccari |
| William Kulis | Lauren Clement | 31 Joanne Cardinallo |
| Joseph Lyons | Bradley Simon | Beth Ernst |
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Lutheran Schools Sunday 8:30am HC 9:45am SS 11:00am Cont. Worship 6:30pm Open Yth (YR)	2 6:30pm Elders (CR) 6:30pm School Board (SL) 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	3 10:30am Gosp of Mark (CL) 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 6:30pm Gosp of Mark (CL) 7:00pm TLC (CR) 7:30pm Sanct. Choir (Ch)	4 10am & 7pm Lent Worship 6:30am Men's BC (CL) 10:45am Lenten Lunch (CL) 4:45pm Pub. Conf. (CL) 5:45pm Lenten Supper /Youth (TFH) 7:30am AA (TFH)	5 2pm Dismissal 1:00pm Ladies BC (OP) 6:30pm Oliver Gohr Speaking Cont & Art Fair (G) 6:30pm Praise Team (Ch)	6 7:00pm TLC (OP)	7 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Celebration Service HC	
8 8:30am Worship 9:45am BC & SS 11:00am Contemp. HC 6:30pm Witness Forum (CL)	9 7:00pm Council (CR) 7:00pm Ladies Aid (CL) 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	10 10:30am Gosp of Mark (CL) 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 7:00pm TLC (CR) 7:30pm Sanct. Choir (Ch)	11 10am & 7pm Lent Worship 6:30am Men's BC (CL) 10:45am Lenten Lunch (CL) 11:45pm TLC (CL) Noon-6pm Voting booths del 4:45pm Pub. Conf. (CL) 7:30am AA (TFH)	12 1:00pm Ladies BC (OP) 6:30pm Praise Team (Ch)	13 4:30pm Winter Jam (S)	14 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Celebration Service HC	
15 8:30am HC 9:45am BC & SS 11:00am Cont. Worship	16 1:00pm Election Set Up 2-9pm Lifetouch Pictures (TFH) 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	17 Election Day 2am-9pm Lifetouch Pictures (TFH) 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 6:30pm Gosp of Mark (CL) 7:00pm TLC (CR) 7:30pm Sanct. Choir (Ch)	18 10am & 7pm Lent Worship 12:00pm TORCH deadline 6:30am Men's BC (CL) 10:45am Lenten Lunch (CL) 4:45pm Pub. Conf. (CL) 7:30am AA (TFH)	19 St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus 11:30am JOY Club (TFH) 1:00pm Ladies BC (OP) 2-9pm Lifetouch Pictures (TFH) 6:30pm Praise Team (Ch)	20 End of 3rd Quarter 2-9pm Lifetouch Pictures (TFH)	21 8:30am Trustees 10am-5pm Lifetouch Pictures (TFH) 10:30am Wielebnicki Baptism TBD Youth Activity 6:30pm Celebration Service HC	
22 8:30am Worship 9:45am BC & SS 11:00am Contemp. HC	23 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	24 10:30am Gosp of Mark (CL) 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 6:30pm Gosp of Mark (CL) 7:00pm TLC (CR) 7:30pm Sanct. Choir (Ch)	25 The Annunciation of Our Lord 10am & 7pm Lent Worship 6:30am Men's BC (CL) 10:45am Lenten Lunch (CL) 11:45pm TLC (CL) 4:30pm Pub. Conf. (CL) 7:30am AA (TFH)	26 1:00pm Ladies BC (OP) 6:30pm Praise Team (Ch)	27 Wedding Rehearsal	28 8:30am Trustees 3:30pm Wedding - <i>Mignolo & Rekaru</i> 6:30pm Celebration Service HC	
29 8:30am Worship 9:45am Altar Guild (TFH) 9:45am BC & SS 11:00am Cont. Worship 12:00pm Fellowship Luncheon (CL) 6:30pm Open Yth (YR)	30 School Resumes 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	31 Joseph, Patriarch 10:30am Gosp of Mark (CL) 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 6:30pm Gosp of Mark (CL) 7:00pm TLC (CR) 7:30pm Sanct. Choir (Ch)	No School - Spring Break				
		Ushers: 8:30 - Group 1 11:00 - Group 3		Altar Guild: Lisa Haak Dorothy Supeter Nancy Alex Betty Redlshs		Meeting areas: <i>(shown in parenthesis)</i> Ch = Church Sanctuary CR = School Conference Room CL = Church Library TFH = Trinity Fellowship Hall	G = School Gym SK = School Kitchen CK = TFH Kitchen SL = School Library N = Natheex YR = Youth Room Op = Off Premises

HC = Holy Communion; BC = Bible Class; SS = Sunday School

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