# **TRINITY**

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Chambersburg, PA

#### **COMING UP:**

March 3 3 Lent

March 10 4 Lent

March 17 5 Lent

March 24
Passion Sunday

March 28 Maundy Thursday

March 29 Good Friday

March 31 Easter Sunday

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# The Visitor



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# From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (Psalm 51: 10)

So, how's it going? We've been on our Lenten journey just a short while. Sometimes, Lent feels like New Year's resolutions. I'm going to do this or give up that and see how well I'm able to hold to my promise. Sometimes, I'm holding on with white knuckles praying that my resolve doesn't slip. Easter comes; I can breathe a sigh of relief. I've made it!

We might be tempted to look at Lent as a get-your-life-in-order kind of time. Lent can seem like a good time for a new start. It is that... but... Lent is so much more because first and foremost Lent has GOD at the center of it. While we might want Lent to be a six-week program to begin that weight control program we know is good for us or stop gossiping because it's a bad habit ... Lent is really about growing more deeply in our relationship with God.

Psalm 51 is the traditional psalm we hear on Ash Wednesday. Essentially, it's the theme for Lent. Lent gives us an opportunity to slow down and take intentional time to name those things that block our relationship with God. What in your spirit takes the place of God in your life? What in your spirit are you ashamed of? What in your spirit is broken?

Even more important, though, Psalm 51 tells us we don't go through the process alone. This isn't a case of "roll up your sleeves and get to work! Change!" Instead, we hear GOD creates the clean heart. GOD renews the spirit.

Lent is about nothing less than spiritual transformation. The spiritual practices of Lent, (fasting, prayer, study, giving and service), soften our hearts and place us consistently before God so love CAN change us. We fast, letting go of what gets in the way of God's light and love. We add prayer and conversation with God. We roll up our sleeves and use our time, talent and money to serve our neighbors. All of these practices lead us to renewed faith in Christ.

Here at Trinity we have an additional opportunity to grow spiritually as we reflect on and explore the meaning of stewardship. All you have, do and are is a gift from God. You are simply a manager of those gifts.

How is God calling you to grow in your relationship with God so that GOD is at the center of all the decisions you make regarding your relationships, your use of time, talent and money, your spiritual practices?

God invites you to open your heart to receive the grace of forgiveness and renewal. You aren't alone!

Blessings on your Lenten journey,

Pastor Barb

# **KEEPING UP WITH TRINITY**

### **JANUARY ATTENDANCE**

DATE	IN-PERSON	STREAMED		
1/7	No Service	Snow Day		
1/14	84	64		
1/21	100	68		
1/28	97	86		



#### **SEWING GROUP**

March 27, 2024 @ 11 AM @ Linda S's home. For more info call/email the church office.



### **JANUARY INFORMATION**

JAN	Income	\$54,666.54
JAN	Expenses	\$27,423,32
YTD	Budget Underspent (Overspent)	\$27,243.22





### GO GREEN TO GET GREEN TRINITY PAPER DAY MARCH 31

The best vessel to put your recycled paper (including junk mail and magazines) in is a paper grocery bag or a cardboard box. Please do not tape or tie anything closed. This benefit helps people to stay warm. Thanks so much for your participation.

### Say Cheese!

New and timely photos and video play a huge role in our evangelism on our website, on Facebook, and on Instagram.

New images of our congregational life show the world that Trinity's mission is alive and thriving. Whenever you are involved in a Trinity activity, take a moment to snap

several unposed shots and send them to:

office@trinitychbg.org.
Thanks in advance!

# **COMING UP @ TRINITY**

### HOLY WEEK



### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### PALM SUNDAY, 3/24:

10AM Traditional Communion Service
Sing 'Hosanna' as Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey then cry
"Crucify Him" as we re-enact the Passion.

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, 3/28:**

Noon with Holy Communion
7PM with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar
Hear Jesus' last teaching. Experience His last Supper.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY 3/29:**

Noon-3.

Council of Churches hosts a community worship reflecting on Jesus' last words. (Central Presbyterian Church, 40 Lincoln Way W)

7PM. Service of light and dark (Tenebrae)

Walk with Jesus through His passion.

### **EASTER SUNDAY, 3/31:**

10AM traditional service with Holy Communion
Jesus Christ is risen!



### Trinity Scholarship Applications

Applications will be accepted until *April 15, 2024* 

Applicants must be a member of Trinity

To apply for a scholarship: Stop by the church office for an application Call / email the church office Endowment Fund Requests Due

March 24, 2024



# LARC SCHEDULE

**LENT 2024** THEME: Drawing Nearer to God

We will be having Wednesday Lenten services at the Lutheran, Anglican (Episcopalian), and Roman Catholic Churches (LARC Churches) February 21 through March 20 at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to stay for a time of conversation following worship.

Date /Time: 7:00	Name of Jesus	Location	Preacher	
March 6	Rabbi	Trinity Episcopal 58 S 2nd St Chambersburg 17201 (717) 264-6351 Pastor Barb		
March 13	Suffering Servant	First Lutheran 43 W Washington St Chambersburg 17201 717-264-2015	Mother Pat Dickson	
March 20	Lamb of God	Solomon's Lutheran 4856 Wayne Rd Chambersburg 17202 717-267-2266	Father Allan Wolfe	

**LENT SOUP SUPPERS** A soup and bread supper will be held each Wednesday evening at 5:30 **AT THE CHURCH WHERE WORSHIP WILL BE HELD.** 

**LENTEN OFFERINGS** The LARC Lenten offerings will be donated to NETWork Ministry. NETWork Ministry is an urban youth ministry for children and teens in Chambersburg. Since 1993, they have been committed to sharing in the love of Christ with those who are most vulnerable in our community. Their desire is to minister to the whole person with the gospel of

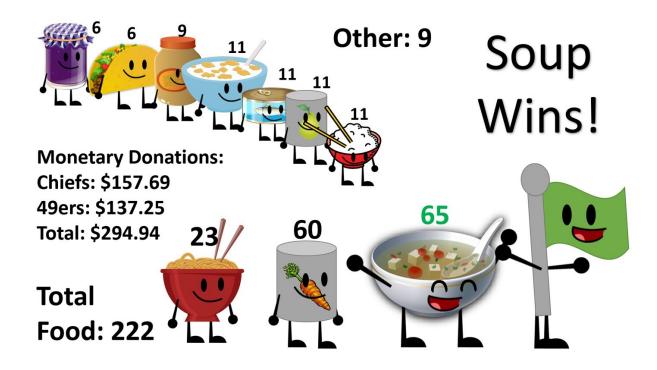
Jesus. They especially seek to equip children and young adults with the skills necessary for these four areas of focus: spiritual growth, academic achievement, life management, and Christian leadership. This is accomplished through a variety of after school and summer opportunities for youth. Checks may be made payable to LARC.





# **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

Souper Bowl of Caring Results:



#### Souper Bowl 2024 Thank You!

In these challenging times, food banks have been particularly hard hit, so donations are critical. This year, our Souper Bowl of Caring collected 222 food items and \$294.94 in monetary donations.

Thank you to everybody who contributed to the success of this year's campaign. It is a wonderful illustration of how even small donations can really add up!

Sincerely,

Nathan & Heather Wadas



# **ADULT GROUPS**

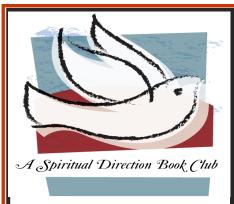




Please use the Chapel beside the office if you desire silent prayer before worship.



Thanks to all the adults who are serving as acolytes for worship. What an example you are setting for our youth! Anyone, youth or adult, interested in serving, please contact David Wenerd for training and to be placed on the schedule.



Christian Reading Book Club meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month, in the lounge at Trinity, at 4 PM.

Currently reading, "Radical Optimism" by Beatrice Bruteau. It highlights many of the themes we covered before: living in the present moment, safety in God's Unconditional Love and that we all belong. And there is great adventure for us ahead in her discussion on leisure (Sabbath rest), cultivating imagination in our spiritual meditation and/or scripture reading, and her concept of God's radical optimism (once it percolates into us) allowing us to become radically optimistic about ourselves, each other, and the fate of God's world.

Please buy your own copy of the book. I purchase used books on-line at a fraction of their cost, even after shipping.

Contact either Wallace or myself if you have any questions or suggestions. Jim Druckenbrod

# **SERVICE TEAM**



#### Soup and Vegetable Cans Continually Needed

10 ¾ oz. soup, 14.5 oz. vegetable, and 15 oz. fruit cans are need for daffodil arrangements. Each year the third week in March the Service Team makes and gives the arrangements to Meals on Wheels for delivery to the meal recipients. Please place clean cans in the marked bin in the church office. Thank you.

### **MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING**

Lutheran Camping Corp and SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care Endowment



### **STEWARDSHIP**

# 2024 Stewardship Campaign

### Growing Hearts for Jesus

Pastor Barb introduced the topic of stewardship in her sermon on February 18. She said, "Stewardship is how we manage the gifts and blessings God provides daily. Everything you have and do is God's gift. We are called, invited, dare I say, commanded, as children in the family, to use our gifts in loving ways that build the kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We own nothing. We are simply managers for the "One Who Loves Us."

Verse 2 of the hymn, <u>Son of God, Eternal Savior</u>, sums up our stewardship emphasis very nicely. As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live. Freely have your gifts been granted: Freely may your servants give. Yours the gold and yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea: We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be. In the coming weeks we will learn about Stewardship of the Word of God, Stewardship of vocation, avocation, Stewardship of relationships, Stewardship of time & talents, Stewardship of financial resources. Please give thoughtful prayer as to what gifts you will share — time, talent, money — with God and Trinity on Commitment Sundays April 14 and 21.

As Jesus said,

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

# MONTHLY COUNCIL UPDATE

#### **Council Highlights February 2024**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A thank you letter was received from the Salvation Army for a \$22 donation

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

Pastor Barry:

Photos are being updated on the website.

A flyer will be available with items that can be purchased from Floss Sterner estate sale.

Synod Assembly will be held May 31 – June 1, 2024

Synod needs one male nominee for Synod Council

Will be using vacation time July 11 - 17. Will need lay minister for Sunday, July 14.

Pastor Ruth reported the following:

- -- member phone call visits (including family, nursing home) 97
- -- member visits (home, nursing, retirement home, hospital) 14
- -- office, pastor, committee phone calls, texts, emails, meetings 24
- -- Saturday worship 0

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **LEARNING:**

- Still need a co-teacher for grades 3-5
- High school Sunday School class still on hold
- Continue to keep up to date on National Youth Gathering
- Youth are serving in the worship services.
- Fundraising is moving along.
- \$287 was raised for Good Gifts from ELCA. Two goats, two piglets, five chicks, and three honeybees were purchased.

#### **SERVICE:**

- Gloria made a presentation to the Council regarding the expansion of the Homeless Connection Ministry. Floss Sterner did a tremendous job of getting this ministry started. Originally it was geared to provide items for new families who were moving into the community. A budget amount was allotted to purchase mattresses. We are now receiving referrals from various agencies requesting items from dishes, furniture, bedding, etc. We currently have four guys in our congregation who use their personal, trucks, their time and to purchase gas to load and unload items for families. The service committee would like to see that these individuals are reimbursed for at least gas expense. Denny asked that they send in their request with the amount as part of their budget for 24-25. This needs to be submitted no later than March 15, 2024.
- It was decided to request \$345.50 for the Franklin County Prison Ministry as it was omitted this year due to misprint in offering envelopes. Chaplain Bartlett is the new Franklin County Prison Chaplain.
- Trinity will host a LARC Soup Supper on February 21. 6 more soups are needed. Also help with clean-up is requested.
- Daffodils for Meals on Wheels. Plaster's Florist will get the greens and daffodils for us at cost.
- Valentine stickers and cards will be given to the Head Start children.
- The WELCA Day of Renewal retreat will be held on April 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



#### **WORSHIP:**

- Ash Wednesday 2 services will be held. One at noon and one at 7:00 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday 2 services will be held with communion or both noon (?) and evening service.
- Good Friday Service March 29. It was suggested that a cross be carried in addition to having the candles on the wooden cross.
- Palm Sunday Lowe's will be contacted for the palms.
- Easter Sunday Flowers Yellow Daffodils, red Tulips and four white lilies will be purchased.
- Future plans for Advent and Christmas were discussed; these would be used as guidelines for future years.
- Pascal candle should be lit for Christmas and Easter seasons, baptisms, All Saints Sunday, and funerals.

#### **PROPERTY:**

- Tree trimming is complete.
- Air Compressor Approval to purchase a back-up compressor from Quad State Air.
- Altar Rail: Monday Morning Crew will consider purchasing parts to build rails.
- Ken will patch and paint the hallway.
- Sam's Flooring will check on the bad spot in carpet.
- Pastor Barb will check with Boy Scouts to see if they would be willing to maintain the Blessing Box as an ongoing service project.
- Capital Bldg. Committee met. This committee has been renamed Capital Improvement Committee.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Committee met on February 5. Plans for the Spring Campaign were discussed; Growing Hearts for Jesus using a spiritual prospective, temple talks and reflection on our stewardship of our time. Topics will be addressed in the sermon and temple talks, emails, newsletter etc.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Emergency Plan Committee will tentatively be meeting in March.
- A vote was conducted regarding compensation for trainings for the office staff. The council approved this unanimously.
- Endowment Fund Committee: Have a prospective nominee.
- Delegates for Synod Assembly first week of June. Kay Saylor has agreed to represent. Still need a female delegate.
- Stewardship Mission or Standard Budget: A motion was made by Gloria, second by Laura to use the standard budget. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Nominating Committee: Terms of three members of Council are expiring in June. Evan Sutton, Gloria
  McCauley and Ray Brindle. These three will canvass for three new members for Council. Names are
  needed by April meeting; Applicants will be placed on ballot for voting at Congregation meeting in
  June.
- Scholarship Award applications: Mary Jo Frey usually presents these applications to Endowment.
- Stewardship plans for the Spring Campaign have been established.
- Task Force-Ad Hoc Committee to update Website Sherry Saylor, Travis Diehl, Liz Sutton and Monica Have agreed to serve on this committee.
- \*\*Reminder: All budget requests must be submitted on or before March 15, 2024.

Thank you and God Bless,

Evan Sutton, Council President

## **YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS**

**ELCA GOOD GIFTS** With your matching gifts, the Sunday school children had \$287.00 to use for purchasing animals from ELCA Good Gifts. After much discussion and the realization that the animals would not be showing up in our parking lot, a decision was reached. They chose to purchase two goats, two piglets, five sets of chicks, and three sets of honeybees. The children chose wisely, getting the most they could with their money. They know that these animals will help others to support themselves and their families with the by-products they produce. This idea produced many smiles around the table.

Thank you so much for matching our funds... and more.

What a wonderful way to support the children and ELCA Good Gifts.

With appreciation, Mary Jo Frey



As you all know, the youth of our congregation are going to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in the summer of 2024. We would like to thank you all for the contributions you have made so far! If you would still like to donate, please take an envelope from the bulletin board in the hallway by the chapel and place your contribution in the offering plate. Thanks again!

Alison, Hannah, Clark, and Ben



### Summer Camp Is Coming!

Summer Camp 2024 and exciting times are ahead at Nawakwa and Kirchenwald, camps of the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania. Now is the time to be thinking about the many possibilities of going to summer camp. Opportunities abound for children *and* adults. Visit the bulletin board in the hallway to learn more about the many things camp has to offer.

Registration forms are available online and in the office.

To support outdoor ministry and to acknowledge its importance in our faith formation,

Trinity will pay full camperships for any of our children and youth going to camp! Contact the office for details.

Visit The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania at <a href="https://www.lutherancamping.org/">https://www.lutherancamping.org/</a>



# **SUNDAY SCHOOL**











# **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**



1	Jenell Donnelly
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- 2 Nancy Glen
- 6 Ethan Shreffler
  Thomas Bundy
  Beverly Smith
- 7 Brendan Nelson
- 8 Adam Hartman
- 9 Shirley Howard
- 12 Jennifer Robeson
- Phillip Lobaugh
  Jean Baughman
  Brock Harmon

- **14** Amar Pallavaram
- 15 Pete John Jay Minteer
- 16 | Kyle Witter
- 17 Colleen Lobaugh
- 18 Karen Shrader Kelly Graham
- 19 Sandra Snyder
  Garland Oliver
  Sharon Emmons
- 21 Ashley Kilburn
- 23 Lilah Upham

- 24 David Wenerd Jennifer Hutsler
- 25 Dave Etter
  Jason Fisher
- 26 Tammy McDonald
- 29 Donna Gilbert
- 30 Marjorie Schweitzer
- 31 Pastor Ruth Smith



# READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

MARCH BIBLE READINGS					
Mar 1	1 Cor 5-8	Mar 12	Philippians 1-4	Mar 23	1 Peter 1-5
Mar 2	1 Cor 9-11	Mar 13	Colossians 1-4	Mar 24	2 Peter 1-3
Mar 3	1 Cor 12-14	Mar 14	1 Thess 1-5	Mar 25	1 John 1-5
Mar 4	1 Cor 15-16	Mar 15	2 Thess 1-3	Mar 26	2 John, 3 John, Jude
Mar 5	2 Cor 1-4	Mar 16	1 Timothy 1-6	Mar 27	Rev 1-3
Mar 6	2 Cor 5-9	Mar 17	2 Timothy 1-4	Mar 28	Rev 4-8
Mar 7	2 Cor 10-13	Mar 18	Titus—Philemon	Mar 29	Rev 9-12
Mar 8	Gal 1-3	Mar 19	Heb 1-6	Mar 30	Rev 13-16
Mar 9	Gal 4-6	Mar 20	Heb 7-10	Mar 31	Rev 17– 19
Mar 10	Eph 1-3	Mar 21	Heb 11-13		
Mar 11	Eph 4-6	Mar 22	James 1-5		

### IN OTHER NEWS



This Lent we are practicing a new spiritual exercise after worship. Sometimes it's easy to forget others in our excitement at seeing our friends. Take time before you connect with those friends to look outside your holy huddle and speak with someone you don't know or don't normally talk to. Healthy dynamic congregations enjoy one another.

It is the first step to becoming a truly welcoming congregation!



In addition to the Visitor, the office sends out a weekly email with information about what's happening at Trinity. To help those without email or computers, a copy of the weekly email is printed and available on the table by the side door. If you are not receiving the weekly email and would like to please contact the Parish Office

### Poverty Simulation Opportunity

Several local churches are working together to host a **Poverty Simulation**, run by SCCAP to be held at St. John's UCC. This 2-hour interactive simulation will give participants the opportunity to learn more about what it is like to live

You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ ... for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

in poverty. We are targeting May 11 or 18 as the date to hold the event. If you would be interested in participating, please sign up as soon as possible on the bulletin board at church so we can reserve our spot. We need at least 60 people from our combined churches to make this event happen. Please sign up as soon as possible so we can gauge interest in this opportunity! Participants will assume the role of an individual who does not have enough to survive. Upon entering the room, they will sit in a chair with a name tag and assume this role for the simulation. Around the perimeter of the room there will be simulated organizations and businesses that the participant will utilize during the simulation. For example, if the participant's assumed role is employed, they will go to the General Employer for a portion of the simulation. The simulation will consist of four 20 minute weeks, as well as a 10 minute introduction and a 30 minute debrief. Please sign-up on the bulletin board at church or call the church office.



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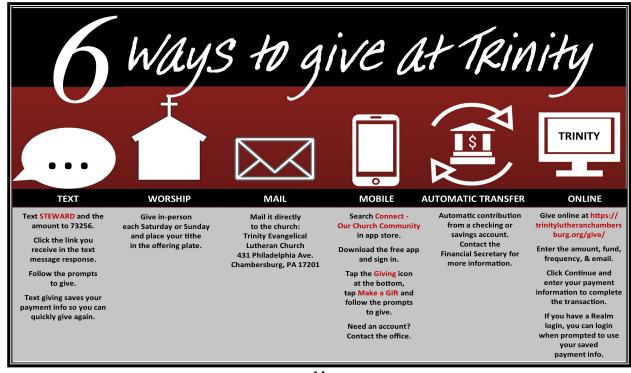
#### **Great Easter Basket Stuffer!!! NEW DISCOUNT CARDS**

Please see your SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary representative, Sharon Emmons to get yours at mysunni@comcast.net / or 717-264-3977. The sale benefits Luther Ridge Community--residents.



### Thank you!

Linda Lerda and Helen Wlazlowski for providing lunch February 14th For The House of Grace Your kindness and generosity is a blessing to this ministry!



### **HELPING HANDS**







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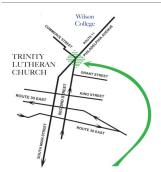
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### **Sunday Worship**

10 AM - Traditional (in-person & streamed)



### NEW Youth

### **Fundraiser:**

Proceeds to support the Youth Gathering.



The youth are selling quarts of homemade soup for the next few weeks after worship in the hallway. \$12 per quart. Return the jar from the previous week: \$10 per quart.

Mar 3: Ham & Bean; Mar 10: Stuffed Pepper;
Mar 17: Vegetable Soup

