

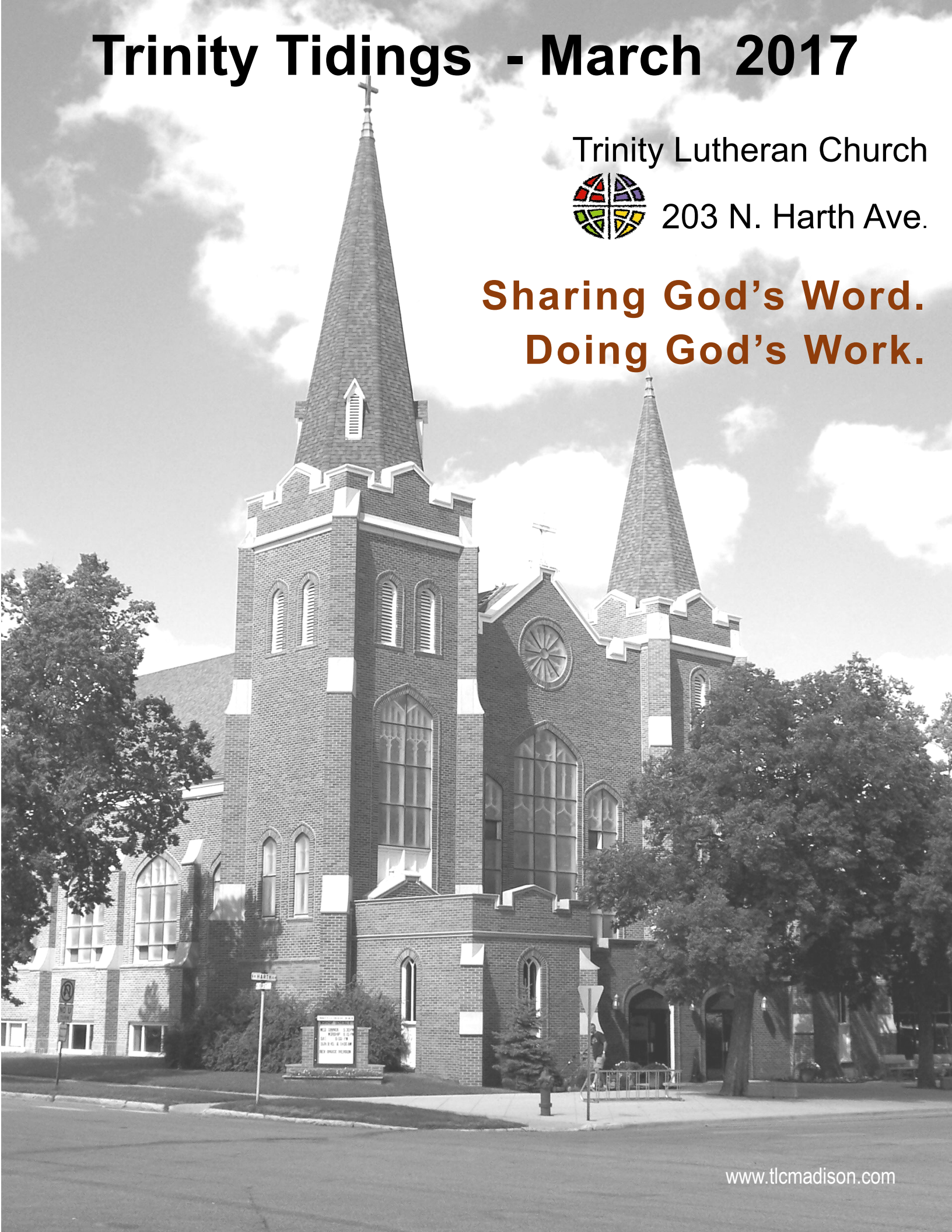
Trinity Tidings - March 2017

Trinity Lutheran Church



203 N. Harth Ave.

**Sharing God's Word.
Doing God's Work.**





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YOUTUBE

You can now view all Sunday worship services on our YouTube channel! Just search for *Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA* or click on the link on our



FOOD PANTRY

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month is rice and boxed potatoes. Donations can be brought to Trinity.



EMAIL ADDRESS



If you are currently receiving the Trinity Tidings in the mail and would like to receive it electronically, please contact the church office. Also, we send out "e-news"

that will delivered to your inbox weekly! If you have not received this and would like to, please let the office know your email address.

CONFIRMATION 1967

Where you confirmed in 1967 OR close to that year? We have a confirmation picture in the Narthex that we would like to have you review. Trinity historians are trying to put names to as many faces as possible. If you can provide us with more information, please write down the names of people you recognize on the sheet provided in the Narthex. We appreciate your assistance!

CARE TEAM

If you or someone you know is hospitalized, please contact the church office to let us know. Thank you from Trinity's Care Team.



Confirmation



PASTOR'S NOTES



Dear Friends in Christ,
Colorful Lent anyone?

Yes, you read correctly. I am wondering if you are interested in a colorful Lenten journey. While the world is still giving us gray, this year's Lenten experience at Trinity is going to be anything but black and white. Together we'll be coloring our way through the wilderness of Lent!

It is my pleasure to offer you two on-site permanent coloring stations throughout the season of Lent. The first one will be located in the back space of the sanctuary, where, throughout the week, you are invited to come and pause from your hectic schedule for as long as you wish and God's Holy Spirit draws you to stay. While you are there, taking your mind of your to-do-list and life's demands, you are invited to let your heart be refreshed, your mind be renewed and your soul be filled with peace through the act of coloring. Our beautiful historic sanctuary always invites you to come, rest and be renewed in the presence of the Spirit. The second permanent Lent coloring station will be located on the stage of the fellowship hall. Again, you are invited to come at your own time and stay for as long as you wish to work on this congregational coloring project.

What are we coloring? I have ordered a set of oversized intergenerational coloring pages revolving around the Stations of the Cross. Those coloring pages will be the backdrop to our Good Friday worship service at 6:30 pm, which will highlight all 14 Stations of the Cross. We also will have coloring pages for Easter Sunday that will need to be completed, which will of course be displayed in all their colorful beauty on Easter Sunday.

Now that you know what we are coloring and that you are not asked to free hand anything at all, but can rest in the fact that you are provided with everything you will need and all you have to bring is you, you may ask yourself and me; "why would I want to do that?". Research has proven that coloring provides a wide array of mental health benefits; "Coloring definitely has therapeutic potential to reduce anxiety, create focus or [bring \[about\] more mindfulness](#)," says Berberian, a certified art therapist and the Clinical Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator for the Graduate Art Therapy Program at NYU. ... "Just like meditation, coloring also allows us to switch off our brains from other thoughts and focus only on the moment, helping to alleviate free-floating anxiety. ...," says Berberian in a CNN article.

Generally people give things up for Lent. Trinity's family of faith would like to invite you to not just give up chocolate or pop for Lent, but to grow in your relationship with God by spending time with him as you take your mind of life's demands while busyng your hands to bring about beauty.

Oh, and one last thing, if coloring in the lines isn't your thing, feel free to color outside the lines, my toddler does this every day, so do my teenagers and my spouse.

In Christ,

Pastor Constanze



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Church Council meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship hall the second Tuesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend a council meeting, or contact any of the above leaders with any concerns, suggestions, or questions. We are here to serve you!

If you would like to participate in any of these opportunities, please feel free to contact the contact person listed. If you have an interest in an activity not listed, please contact the church office (256-2771).

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Youth	Sandy Cole	256-3222

Celebration Team Director

Virginia Lemme	483-3125
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nancy Presuhn (18)	Congregational Delegate	256-3419
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Newsletter	Julie Jones	256-2771
Mission of the Month	Ann Marie Rossing	256-3851
Prayer Chain	Marlys Schmidt	256-2771
Video Communication	Roger Hillestad	256-4087
Trinity Women	Nancy Miller	256-2145
Wedding Coordinator	Robin Boldt	256-2771



FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR SANDY



Beginning **Wednesday, March 1, 2017**, Ash Wednesday, we will have Lenten Soup Suppers from **5:30-6:45 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Soup Suppers will be held every Wednesday night through **April 5, 2017**. The donations from the soup suppers will be used for camperships for the twenty-two youth planning to attend a Lutherans Outdoors Camp. The cost of camp has increased again this year with an average of \$400-\$500. The youth attending camp, their parents, the confirmation students and Guides will be helping serve the soup suppers and delivering soup to the shut-ins. All of the confirmation students are expected to attend and sit with their Guides at the Lenten Worship Services at 7:00 p.m. following the Soup Supper. Each student will have the opportunity to take sermon notes at each Lenten Service (**March 1-April 5, 2017**) and **Maundy Thursday Service on April 13, 2017**.

The Acolyte Schedule for this month is as follows: **3/5/17 8:45 a.m.**-Mackenzie Ryan/Breckyn Leighton; **11:00 a.m.**-Ethan Buskness/Gabriel Janke; **3/12/17 8:45 a.m.**-Landon Olesen/Keygan Cruz; **11:00 a.m.**-Colby Vostad/Braxton Bender; **3/19/17 8:45 a.m.**-Raena Rost/Alison Vacanti; **11:00 a.m.**-Rylee Hall/Ally Drew; **3/26/17 8:45 a.m.**-Raena Rost/Alison Vacanti; **11:00 a.m.**-Cam Buchholtz/Trey Smith.

On **Sunday, March 5, 2017**, the high school sophomores will be honored and will be receiving their "Milestone Ministry" gift and blessing from the Milestone Ministry Committee at both the **8:45 and 11:00 a.m.** Worship Services. At **10:00 a.m.**, Pastor Dirk will meet with **the high school sophomores and parents** to have a time to do a learning activity together in the **Fireside Room**.

The Milestone Ministry Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.** in the Church Office.

On **Sunday, March 12, 2016**, the Eighth grade students will be honored and will receive their "Milestone Ministry" gift and blessing from the Milestone Ministry Committee at both the **8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Worship Services. During the Sunday School hour at **10:00 a.m.**, Pastor Dirk will meet with the **Eighth grade students, their parents, and teachers**, to have a time to do a learning activity together in the **Fireside Room**.

We will have "Second Breakfast" on **Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room for Grade 5-6. We will have a Service Project. Kennedy Janke/Brandon Shaw's class is responsible for the breakfast. Grade 7-8 will have their "Third Breakfast" on **March 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. We will have a Service Project. Carolyn Feige/Amy Townsend's class is responsible for the breakfast.

On **Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.**, the Summer Ministry Committee will meet in the Church Office.

We will have our "First Communion Retreat" for the Fifth Grade students on **Sunday, March 26, 2017 from 12:15-5:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin with lunch. Please mark your calendar.

The deadline for the eighth grade confirmands with their Mentor Program is to have Worksheet #1, Worksheet #2, and an interview with the assigned Pastor by **Friday, March 31, 2017**. The deadline for Worksheet #3, Worksheet #4, a Statement of Faith, and an interview with the other Pastor is **Friday, May 26, 2017**. The confirmands and Mentors need to attend two Worship Services together and turn in their two "Worship Notes" by **Sunday, September 10, 2017**.

Seniors 2017! Please call the church office, if you are considering attending Augustana University for the fall 2017 term, so we can put your name on the PACT form.

Seniors 2017! Have you turned in a **senior picture and a short resume** of your future plans to me for a special display that we are planning for you? Please turn this in by **Friday, March 31, 2017**. Your promptness will be greatly appreciated!

Sandy Rhode, AIM



REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

The TLC Council and Foundation met for a Visioning Retreat on Saturday, January 28th. The Facilitator was Dr. Richard Hanson from Dakota State. The work sessions contained a combination of instructive, individual and group work.

The group began with a discussion of the Mission of the Congregation and our current Mission Statement. After a thorough discussion the group entertained the possibility of adding “Welcoming” to the beginning of the current statement so that it would become “Welcoming. Sharing God’s Word. Doing God’s Work.” Further discussion will be needed.

The group then discussed Trinity’s core, shared fundamental values. Current values were identified as being Christ-centered, nurturing, demonstrating grace and love, authenticity, faithfulness, kindness, truthfulness and joy. Other values that we aspire to were identified as acceptance, generosity, trust and “fun.” The importance of members sharing stories, experiences and memories about Trinity was emphasized.

The group had been surveyed prior to the meeting. They felt that Trinity’s strengths included children and youth ministry, worship and pastoral care. Areas that were identified as needing attention included facilities, evangelism and lay participation.

Finally a tentative action plan for the year includes a fund raising campaign designed to address, at least in part, facility needs, encouraging lay participation, emphasizing our mission statement (with or without the change), communication of values, and member appreciation and recognition.

Thanks to the Foundation for providing funding for the Retreat.

David Rossing, Council President



TRINITY YOUTH NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (MSLYO GRADE 6-8)

March 3-4, 2017 Friday, 9:00 p.m.-Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Lock-In at Trinity Lutheran. Bring a pillow, sleeping bag, and \$7.00 for expenses. **You must sign-up ahead for this event!** We will need a signed covenant and health form for this event. Sign up at the sign-up sheet at the “Middle School Youth” bulletin board.

March 5, 2017-10:45 a.m. MSLYO Committee ONLY Meeting in the Youth Room.



HIGH SCHOOL LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (HSLYO GRADE 9-12)

March 6, 2017-5:00-8:00 p.m. Pizza Ranch Fundraiser. We will receive a percentage of the dine-in and carry-out orders. Please plan to join us for supper with your family! This is a fundraiser for the High School trip to Minneapolis.

March 15, 2017- 8:00 p.m. High School LYO Sunrise Service Planning Meeting. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.



LYDIA CIRCLE

Color your way through Lent



All women are invited to join other “Lydias” for an evening out on Thursday, March 16th from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The evening will feature a biblical look at Lent and its seasonal traditions, an interactive experience as we participate in the congregational coloring activity, and of course food, fellowship and fun. Please spread the word and bring a “Lydia” of your choice along. For questions contact either Lisa Gale or Pastor Constanze.



HEALTH TIPS FOR MARCH



IS gambling really that bad? It is important to recognize that most people can gamble without negative consequences. However, significant percentages suffer major problems (about one in every 37 adults). Some repercussions associated with problem gambling are: Economics-The average gambling related debt among problem gamblers in treatment is about \$27,000. Family Issues-About half of those in gambling treatment report they had jeopardized or lost a significant relationship due to their gambling. Abuse & neglect- “Stress and financial crisis related to gambling problems may manifest within the home and result in the perpetration of violence against partners and/or children” (Afifi, Brownridge, MacMillan & Serene, 2010). Suicide/ Depression-A major depressive disorder is likely to occur in 76 percent of pathological gamblers. Crime-The vast majority of gambling-related crimes are non-violent; embezzlement, check forgery, credit card theft, fenced stolen goods, tax evasion, insurance fraud, employee theft and fraud are common gambling-related crimes. Be watchful if someone you know is...Preoccupied with gambling, Secretive about his/her gambling habits, and defensive when confronted, Increasing bet amounts when gambling in order to achieve the desired excitement (“high”), Trying unsuccessfully to control, cut back or stop gambling, Restless or irritable when not gambling, Gambling when distressed (helpless, guilty, anxious, depressed). “Chasing” losses with more gambling, Lying to family and others about the extent of gambling, Jeopardizing or losing relationships, jobs, or educational or career opportunities because of gambling, Relying on others to bail him or her out relieve money problems caused by gambling. If any of these signs are affecting someone you know, maybe it’s time to get help.

Compliments of Tracy Barton-Opdahl, Faith Community Nurse





MARCH CALENDAR

Sun

Mon

Tue

Room Codes:

CO=Church Office
 CR=Conference Room
 FS=Fireside Room
 FH= Fellowship Hall
 S=Sanctuary
 SB=Sanctuary Balcony
 SR= Sonshine Room
 YR=Youth Room

Sunday Schedule:

8:00 am—Coffee Hour (Narthex)
 8:45 am—Worship Traditional (S)
 9:45 am—Coffee Hour (FH)
 10:00 am—Sunday School
 11:00 am—Worship Celebration (S)

Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sat./Sun.

Wednesday Schedule:

4:30 pm—Youth Jubilant Bell Choir (SB)
 5:00 pm—Epiphany Bell Choir (SB)
 5:15 pm—Covenant Choir (FS)
 Chancel Choir (YR)
 6:00 pm—Chapel Choir (S)
 6:00 pm—Adult Choir (FS)
 8:05 pm—Celebration Practice (S)

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****See Sunday Schedule**
 8 am to 11 am Blood Pressure Screening (Narthex)
 10 am—Milestone Ministry (FS)
 10:45 am—MSLYO Committee Meeting (YR)

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9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR)
 5 pm—Pizza Ranch Fundraiser
 6:30 pm —Webelos(FS)
 7pm —Troup 5 Boy Scouts (FH)

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8:30 am—Staff Meeting (CR)
 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR)
 1 pm—Quilting (FH)
 5:15 pm—Milestone Meeting (CO)
 6 pm—Wolves (FS)
 6 pm—Bears (YR)
 6 pm—MRT-LSS (Room 18)
 6:30 pm—Den (FH)

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****See Sunday Schedule**
 10 am—Milestone Ministry (FS)

Daylight Savings Time



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9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR)
 4 pm—Cancer Support Group (Nicky's)
 5:30—Troup 40052 Girl Scouts (FS)
 6:30 pm—Webelos I (FS)
 7pm —Troup 5 Boy Scouts (FH)

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****See Council Schedule**
 8:30 am—Staff Meeting (CR)
 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR)
 1 pm—Quilting (FH)
 6 pm—MRT-LSS (Room 18)
 6 pm—Wolves (FS)
 6 pm—Bears (YR)
 6 :30 pm—Den (Room 8)

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****See Sunday Schedule**

Communion
Jingle Change

20

9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR)
 6:30 pm—Webelos I (FS)
 7pm —Troup 5 Boy Scouts (FH)

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8:30 am—Staff Meeting (CR)
 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR)
 9 am—Mary Circle (FH)
 1 pm—Quilting (FH)
 5:15 pm—Summer Ministry Committee (CO)
 6 pm—MRT-LSS (Room 18)
 6:30 pm—Pack 5 Meeting (FH)
 7 pm—Martha/Naomi Circle (Bethel Apartments CR)

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****See Sunday Schedule**
 12:15 pm--First Communion Retreat

27

9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR)
 6:30 Webelos I (FS)
 7pm —Troup 5 Boy Scouts (FH)

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8:30 am—Staff Meeting (CR)
 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR)
 1 pm—Quilting (FH)
 6 pm—MRT-LSS (Room 18)
 6:30 pm—Pack 5 Committee (FS)



MARCH CALENDAR

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1 ASH WEDNESDAY 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR) **See Wednesday Schedule 5:30 pm—Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 pm—Confirmation Small Groups (SR) 7 pm—Ash Wednesday Service (S)</p>	<p>2 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR) 7:15 pm—Stewardship Meeting (CO)</p>	<p>3 6:45 am—Men's Group (FH) 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR) 9 pm—MSLYO "Lock In" <i>Start Time</i></p>	<p>4 12 pm—MSLYO "Lock In" <i>End Time</i> 6 pm—Worship (FH) with Communion</p>
<p>8 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR) **See Wednesday Schedule 5:30 pm—Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 pm—Confirmation Small Groups (SR) 7 pm—Lenten Service (S)</p>	<p>9 8:30 am—Worship Committee (FS)</p>	<p>10 6:45 am—Men's Group (FH)</p>	<p>11 6 pm—Worship (FH)</p>
<p>15 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR) 9:30 am—Ruth Circle at Prairie View Apartments **See Wednesday Schedule 5:30 pm—Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 pm—Confirmation Small Groups (SR) 7 pm—Lenten Service (S) 8 pm—Sunrise Planning Mtg (FH)</p>	<p>16 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR) 7 pm—Lydia Circle (S)</p>	<p>17 6:45 am—Men's Group (FH) 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR)</p>	<p>18 5 pm—Potluck (FH) 6 pm—Worship (FH) with Communion & Jingle Change</p>
<p>22 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR) 12:00 pm—Foundation Mtg (FS) **See Wednesday Schedule 5:30 pm—Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 pm—Confirmation Small Groups (SR) 7 pm—Lenten Service (S)</p>	<p>23 9 am--Preschool Parent Conferences (FS) 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR) 7 pm—Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild (FH)</p>	<p>24 6:45 am—Men's Group (FH) 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR)</p>	<p>25 6 pm—Worship (FH)</p>
<p>29 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR) **See Wednesday Schedule 5:30 pm—Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 pm—Confirmation Small Groups (SR) 7 pm—Lenten Service (S)</p>	<p>30 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR) 4 pm—St. Dysmas Visit 6 pm</p>	<p>31 6:45 am—Men's Group (FH) 9 am and 12:30 pm—Preschool (SR)</p>	<p>Council Schedule: (2nd Tuesday of the month) 1:00 pm—Finance Committee (CR) 5:15 pm—Precouncil (CR) 5:15 pm—Milestone Ministry Committee Meeting (CO) 5:45 pm—Executive Council (CR) 6:30 pm—Board of Trustees (FH) 6:30 pm—Board of Deacons (CR) 6:30 pm—Board of Ed (CO) 8:00 pm—Council Meeting</p>



MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH

Freedom to express our faith in Jesus Christ and worship openly is a gift of our freedom in this great nation.

This is not the case around much of the world today. We hear very little about the physical persecution, restriction of religious practices, and martyrdom of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering every day. According to a study conducted by The Independent Center for Studies on New Religions based in Turin, Italy, Christians were the most persecuted religious group in the world in 2016. The report stated that 90,000 Christians were killed last year (this number is down from 105,000 in 2015). This figure means that approximately one person is killed every six minutes for their faith in Christ. Additionally, an estimated 500 to 600 million Christians were prevented from practicing their faith in countries restricting Christian beliefs. We all recall with horror, the graphic beheading of the 21 Coptic Christian men on a beach a couple of years ago. This practice is still occurring in different forms and countries around the world.

Voice of the Martyrs is a ministry, begun over 50 years ago, serving persecuted Christians in over 60 restricted or hostile nations around the globe including Iran, Syria, North Korea and parts of Africa and Asia. VOM provides food, shelter, basic health care, clothing, education, job training, microbusiness tools, legal assistance, safe houses and support for families impoverished by abuse and persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

VOM's mission is: **“Serving Christians through practical and spiritual assistance and leading other members of the Body of Christ into fellowship with them”.**

In response to this question asked of VOM, “What is the greatest need right now”, the answer given by those served in this ministry was, “It is **prayer**. . .”

PLEASE remember to PRAY for our brothers and sisters in Christ and thank God for the witness they are to the world for the faith they have in Jesus.

As the Mission of the Month of March **and during the season of Lent**, consider what you might give up as you consider the sacrifices others are making to help share the Good News of Jesus and help alleviate some of the suffering of these people of faith. Needless to say, your financial gift would be most appreciated to support those in need.

www.persecution.com/aboutvom

“ . . .remember those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.” Hebrews 13:3b





ST. DYSMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25:36b, “. . . **I was in prison and you visited me.** . . . and in Matthew 25:40 He reminds us that , “. . . **whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did it unto me.**” Those in prison are among those Jesus named as “**the least of these**”. They were considered to be the “forgotten fifth” by the first pastor of the St. Dysmas congregation, Pastor Leroy Iseminger, because we often do not see them or think of them.

One of the ministries that are supported by the generosity of the members of Trinity Lutheran Church is St. Dysmas which is a Lutheran congregation that is inside the South Dakota State Penitentiary located in Sioux Falls. All the members are inmates, prisoners. The name St. Dysmas is the legendary name that was given to the thief on the cross who in Luke 23:42 asked Jesus to, “. . . **remember me when you come into your kingdom.**” St. Dysmas celebrated its 25th anniversary last year.

At least once a year, members from Trinity attend worship in the penitentiary Hope Chapel. Twelve guests are invited to attend from different congregations throughout the year.

The worship opportunity at St. Dysmas is a privilege we would encourage you to participate in. The inmate choir, the music, the sharing of the peace, the brief time for fellowship all comes with gratitude from the inmates we worship alongside. The men are so appreciative of the time spent and shared with them. For many in the prison who have no visitors, the opportunity to talk with and worship alongside someone from the outside is a most welcome gift. It is only in the Hope Chapel that the inmates are permitted to be called by their Christian names. Pastor Chell reports that everywhere else in the penitentiary they are known by their surnames or inmate number.

Those guests who have attended worship in St. Dysmas always report receiving so much more than we hope to give by our presence at that prison worship. We leave the worship filled with joy given by the Holy Spirit and the heartfelt thanks expressed by the inmates for our presence.

Sometimes people are reluctant to attend for fear of their own safety. Be assured that the worship experience is safe. Those who volunteer to attend will complete a Department of Corrections clearance and a waiver. You must be at least 18 years of age. Often there is opportunity to ride with others traveling to Sioux Falls for the worship. Attendees arrive no later than 6:00 pm and the worship is generally over 7:30-8:00pm. There is an opportunity to have coffee with Pastor Bob Chell and talk about the ministry and your experience after the worship if desired.

The next scheduled date for Trinity to attend the worship is **March 30, 2017** and we will attend again on October 26, 2017 (if you are unable to attend in March). **If you are interested in attending the spring worship opportunity, please contact Ann Marie Rossing (605)256-3851 or call the church office (605)256-2771. Forms must be filled out and submitted by March 14, 2017 to our church office.**

I encourage you to consider visiting the prison and worship with the “family” of St. Dysmas.

Submitted by Ann Marie Rossing, Deacon, Mission Momentum





WORSHIP SERVICE FOR LENT/EASTER

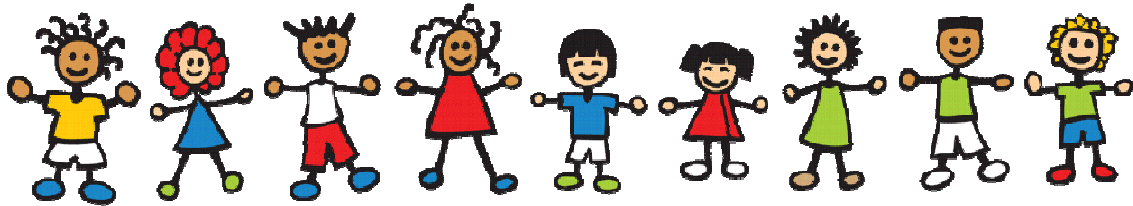
- **Ash Wednesday:** Traditional Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes
In the Beginning was a Hammer
The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
- **March 8:** Scripture – Romans 3:19-28
Theme: Pivotal Moments, Grasping who God is for us
- **March 15:** Scripture – Romans 3:19-28
Theme: We are Enough
- **March 22:** Scripture – Romans 3:19-28
Theme: Reformation, a time of Change
- **March 29:** Scripture – Psalm 46 & Hebrews 13:8
Theme – A Mighty Fortress is our God
- **April 5:** Scripture – 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4; 11-12
Theme – Faith is caught, not taught
- **April 9 (Palm Sunday):** Reader’s Theater on the Passion of Christ
- **April 13 (Maundy Thursday):** Scripture – John 13:1-17; 31b-35
Theme – The Washing of the Feet and the New Commandment to Love One Another
- **April 14 (Good Friday):** 6:30 pm *“The Stations of the Cross”* - 8:30 pm *“Watch the Lamb”*
- **April 16 (Easter Sunday):** 7:00 am Sunrise - 8:45 am Traditional - 11:00 am Celebration





PRESCHOOL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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June 4-8, 2017-5:45-7:30 p.m.

PRESCHOOL I, PRESCHOOL II, KINDERGARTEN

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Completed Grade (5/17) _____ t-shirt size _____
 _____ t-shirt size _____
 _____ t-shirt size _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Parent's signature: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

"Old Testament Stories For You and Me"

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

I would like to help with VBS in the areas marked below.

_____ Teacher _____ Helper
 _____ Preschool I
 _____ Preschool II
 _____ Kindergarten

I am interested in leading or assisting in these areas:

_____ Leader _____ Assistant _____ Music _____ Supper
 _____ Bible Storyteller _____ Games _____ Crafts

Other ways I would like to help:

Thank you for volunteering to help. Please return the registration and volunteer sheet to the Church Office by Friday, April 28, 2017.



FEBRUARY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 14, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

President David Rossing called the Trinity Lutheran Church February Council meeting to order. The council recited the Mission Statement of Trinity Church, "Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work." Council members absent and excused were Ann Marie Rossing, Patti Weber, Adam Shaw, and Dana Hoff.

Jennifer Briggs led us in devotions and David Rossing led us in prayer.

President Rossing presented the agenda and added a few additions and then asked for an approval. Keith Knutson made the motion to accept and Peggy Hoff seconded. Motion passed.

The January 10th, 2017 council minutes were presented and President Rossing asked for a motion to approve and Nancy Sabbe made the motion and Amy Townsend seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor Constanze presented the Educational Moment. She thanked everyone and welcomed the new council members for accepting the call to serve on the council.

Trustee Keith Knutson reported on the Financial Report and expressed we are starting out bad as we are \$6500. behind in expenses versus income. The council discussed the report and agreed to send a mailing and electronic message to all members of Trinity Church. A motion to accept the report was made by Keith Knutson and seconded by Jennifer Briggs. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY:

Pastor Constanze reported:

- She discussed the council evaluation and passed out sheets to members with the results.
- May watch our attendance policy.
- Council members who have left the board may help to mentor the new council.
- No council meeting in June, but boards may meet.

Pastor Dirk reported:

- He is preparing for Lent.
- Visiting hospital patients.

Vice President Jennifer Briggs: no report

Sandy Rhode, Parish Education coordinator reported:

- Busy getting ready for Lent.

Trustee Chairman, Keith Knutson reported:

- Stewardship committee will continue.
- Wayne Halma will be the contact for janitor David Reed and Randy Van Rosendale second.
- Approved paying the bills.
- Keith Knutson made a motion to move Fund, Randy VanRosendale seconded. Motion passed. our CD from the parsonage sale to the ELCA Mission Investment
- Trustees will conduct an inventory of the church this year and will establish a church time line with a member breakfast.
- Duties the Trustee board members are in charge of are:
 - Keith Knutson, Chairman
 - Elizabeth Molstad – Insurance
 - Wayne Halma – Education Wing
 - Randy VanRosendale – Sanctuary
 - Peggy Hoff – Development & Planning



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Deacon Board Chairman Nancy Sabbe reported:

- Worship and Music: Music is planned for March.
- Mission Momentum: Mission of the month for February is the Care Fund and March Mission of the month is "Voices of the Martyrs."
- April 6th is worship at St. Dymas
- Services and Sacraments: Linda Brick will be in charge of Home Communion and she is always looking for volunteers for greeting and ushering.
- Nancy Sabbe made the motion and Peggy Hoff seconded to have the summer worship service time of 9:30 A.M with one service and it will begin on Memorial Day weekend and continue thru Labor Day weekend. No changes to the Saturday services.

Parish Education Chairman Amy Townsend reported:

- Mentor information meeting went well. Worship notes are being turned in and mentors and mentees are meeting.
- A high school trip update, the Valentine Dinner went well, Pizza Ranch fundraisers are going well.
- The youth and Pastor Constanze are meeting on March 15th to discuss Easter Sunrise Service and the Board of Parish Education is going to meet on April 1st at 8:00 a.m. to discuss goals for the year.
- Summer ministry meeting is February 2^{1st}, and will set preschool Bible school dates.
- Day Camp is June 25th thru the 29th.
- Approved ordering the teacher appreciation gifts for preschool Bible school, day camp, and Sunday school.

President David Rossing reported:

- "Welcome" to all new Council members and I am delighted that you have chosen to join us. I know that most of you come here to the meeting after a long day and my goals will include being a good steward of your time and for us to be as efficient as possible.
- I am pleased that Vice President Jennifer has agreed to continue to arrange for us to begin each meeting with an opening devotion. I think it helps us to remember why we are here and whom we are serving.
- Thank you to all of you who participated in the Visioning Retreat either by attending or responding to the survey or both.
- Thank you to Parish Ed. for our lunch tonight.

New Business:

- Jennifer Briggs made a motion to have Tom Farrell serve another term on the Foundation Commission and Linda Brick seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The Retreat was discussed and a thank you to Dr. Dick Hanson for leading us.
- Goals from the retreat are as follows:
- Continue discussion on the "TLC Tender Loving Care Campaign". Initially the executive committee will serve as the steering committee.
- Address how to encourage –lay participation in all aspects of TLC's missions and ministries such as greeting, ushering, and lecturing during worship services.
- TLC's mission statement will remain unchanged: "Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work."
- The identified values of TLC's family of faith will be implemented in many ways throughout the year.

A motion to adjourn our meeting was made by Peggy Hoff and the council all stood and joined hands and prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting will be March 14, 2017.

February treats were provided by the Board of Education. March treats will be by the Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Merager, Council Secretary



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