



# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Monthly Newsletter

March, 2019



## OUR MISSION

To Glorify God by Celebrating God's Love  
Growing in Faith and Knowledge  
Reaching out with the Compassion of Christ to All.

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### Trinity Lutheran Church

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### Office Hours

Monday -Thursday  
8:30 am to 4:00 pm (Closed 12-1)  
Closed Friday

### Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am  
Monday 5:30 pm



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FROM PR. GREGG . . .

### **“SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER FOR LENT”**

Lent begins on March 6. This season can be a good time of spiritual enrichment. Here are a few things to consider for your Lenten observance. [Make note of the Lenten Page in this newsletter for opportunities for prayer and fellowship with one another.](#)

**READ!** Reading informs our mind, stirs our imagination, and inspires our spirit. Do some reading during Lent. We have a variety of selections in our library. Encourage your children & youth to set a goal for reading during Lent. Also, perhaps husband and wife or friends could read the same book and then have conversation together about it.

**SIMPLIFY!** Our lives are abundant with stuff. Lent is a good time to do some cleaning out and cutting down. A thorough cleaning of our closets **and drawers of clothing items we don't need** would be a good start and give to the Caring Center, Goodwill, or Salvation Army. Consider ways you could simplify your food purchases and

reduce your consumption. Eat healthier and reduce your food costs. Perhaps, consider **Wednesdays and Fridays as “no meat” days.**

**ENCOURAGE & GIVE THANKS!** Reach out with a word of encouragement or thanks to one other person each week during Lent. We all have people who could use a boost of spirit with a call or note from us.

**EXERCISE!** Body, mind, and spirit are intimately connected. When we take time for exercise it sharpens our mind, makes our spirits more responsive to the goodness of life, and helps us manage the stress of life much more effectively. Make a plan to get some exercise each day and you will feel a renewal of both mind and spirit.

Lent is only forty days but a lot of good can happen in those days. Think about your Lenten Plan for 2019. + Pr. Gregg

### **“Fasting & Feasting in this Lenten Season”**

- Fast from judging others; feast on Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from words that pollute; feast on speech that purifies.
- Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger; feast on patience.
- Fast from negatives; feast on solutions.
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern; feast on service to others..
- Fast from gossip; feast on purposeful silence.
- Fast from resignation to conflict; feast on being a peacemaker.
- Fast from indifference; feast on passion for engagement.
- Fast from boundaries that exclude; feast on the inclusiveness of grace.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that sustains.
- Fast from despair; feast on faith.

## MARCH 2019 LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Saturday 5:30 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Fellowship Time: 8:15 a.m. (before early worship)

Monday Mass & Meal 5:30 p.m.

### MONDAY MASS & MEAL

5:30 p.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Potluck Meal

If you are staying for the meal bring some food to share.



### HEALING MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 6:00 p.m.



Prayer! Anointing! Communion!

### GLENWOOD EUCHARIST

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 11:00 A.M.

Join our Trinity members and other Glenwood residents in a time of Word and Sacrament.

### EMBERS' EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 10:00 A.M.

Join our Trinity members and other residents in celebrating the body & blood of Christ.

### YOUTH MASS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 5:30 P.M.

Youth assist, followed by a meal, conversation, and games.

### CHILDREN'S MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 9:00 A.M.

Our children will help lead us in worship. Let Kyla Boswell or Pr. Gregg know if your children would like to help!



### LENT IS COMING!

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 6!

See the Lenten page in this newsletter.



### ABSOLUTION OF SIN FOR LENT

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you this day; forgiving your sins for the sake of + Christ, leading you from death to life. Amen.



LENT AT TRINITY 2019  
PRAYING, GROWING, SERVING

In Lent we come together to pray, listen, serve, give, eat, share fellowship, and celebrate Christ's love, forgiveness, sacrifice, and his promise to strengthen us for our journey of life and faith.

ASH WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 6



Embers 10:00 a.m.

Trinity 12:10 p.m.

Downtown 12:45 p.m.

Iowa Veterans Home 1:30 p.m.

South Third Ave. 3:15 p.m.

Soup Supper 5:30 p.m.

Trinity 6:30 p.m.

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS:  
MARCH 13 – APRIL 10

The Wednesday schedule is as follows:

Stations of the Cross 12:15 p.m.

Stations of the Cross 5:00 p.m.

Soup Supper 5:30 p.m.

Homemade soups, bread, and dessert

Evening Prayer 6:30 – 6:55 p.m.



Wednesday  
*Lenten Services*

ANIMATE

Adult Spiritual Formation

Down & Out:

"Where Grace Takes You"

Mondays Mar. 11 – Apr. 15

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

(See information in this newsletter)

**ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION**

Our annual St. Patrick's fun will be part of our Lenten Wednesday on March 13!

Soup Supper 5:30 p.m.

(sign up to win the St. Patrick statue)

Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m.

(followed by the drawing for St. Patrick)

**PASTOR'S DAY OF PRAYER**

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Pr. Gregg has set aside this day to pray for all of our parish families. If you have specific things you want pastor to pray about you can email confidentially to pastor at [gdavison@tlc-elca.org](mailto:gdavison@tlc-elca.org).



On our hearts and on our houses, be the blessing of God! In our coming and our going, be the peace of God! In our living and our believing, be the love of God! At our end and new beginning, be the arms of God to welcome us and bring us home to heaven!

## MARCH MINISTRY EVENTS

### SUPPORTING OUR MILITARY:

#### AN EVENT FOR ALL AGES

SATURDAY, MARCH 9;

WORSHIP 5:30 P.M., MEAL 6:30 P.M.

PROJECT TO SUPPORT OUR MILITARY 7:00  
P.M.



As a Christmas project Trinity raised money to purchase 100 copies of the "Prayer Book for the Armed Services. On this night we will work on writing a brief personal word of thanks inside each these books that will be given to men & women who serve our

country. Pictured below is the Accola family: AJ, Amanda, Gavin, & Perry. AJ is currently deployed! THIS IS FOR ALL AGES! We will provide beef burgers and ask everyone to bring a side dish and/or dessert. Let's have a good turnout, have fun, and support our military.

### **CHILDREN'S MASS**

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 9:00 A.M.

If your kids would like to help contact Kyla Boswell [kyla1105@hotmail.com](mailto:kyla1105@hotmail.com) or Pr. Gregg [gdavison@tlc-elca.org](mailto:gdavison@tlc-elca.org).



### **"MY STORY DR. ANDREW TERRY"**

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 10:15 A.M.

Andrew grew up at Trinity and was an active member of our youth and camping ministry. Andrew and is an Emergency Medical Specialist at Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines. We look forward to welcoming Andrew as he shares some of his story about faith, medicine, and service in the world. Homemade brunch will be served prior to the program.



### ANIMATE IS BACK

#### ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Mondays: 10:00 a.m. March 11 – April 15



In our parishes, in our communities, in our families, and in our work lives, grace takes us out into God's world, to trust in God's promises. We are sent out of our churches, to love and obey, to co-create with God on behalf of others, for the sake of the world. Register by emailing [gdavison@tlc-elca.org](mailto:gdavison@tlc-elca.org) or sign up in the back of the church. If there is enough interest we will consider offering a Monday evening group at 6:45 p.m.

March 11: Up/Down

March 18; In/Out

March 25: Wanna/Gotta

April 1: Creatures/Creators

April 8: Self/Others

April 15: Spirit/Flesh

# FAITH IN ACTION



Cousins assisting Pr. Gregg with worship!



Carla assisting at Embers!



Cheri assisting at Glenwood!



Parents prepare confirmation meal every Wednesday!



Youth prepare college Valentine's boxes!



Candle lighting for those Whom we miss and love!



Confirmation youth prepare to do a skit!

## **"BLESSED BY GOD TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS"**

Our gifts bear witness to our love for God and for our neighbor!

### YOUR OFFERINGS AT WORK

Your gifts made these good things possible!

- ◆ Snow Removal. We have never had to move so much snow in such a short period of time to keep lot cleared and open. Thank you for your financial support!
- ◆ Valentine Boxes. We prepared and mailed 21 Valentine boxes for our college students. Thank you for your financial support!
- ◆ Baptism. Those baptized receive a candle, stole, and baptismal towel. Thank you for your financial support!

### DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

+ **"Lenten Soup Suppers."** Every Wednesday we gather for homemade soups, bread, & deserts. Thank you God, for fellowship with one another!

+ **"St. Patrick Celebration."** Our travelling St. Patrick statue will be drawn for at March 13 Lenten Service. Thank you God, for good fun!

+ **"Bible Verse of the Month."** Each month we have a Bible verse that we begin worship with. We also use it at other gatherings as well. Our February verse is: "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." + Romans 12:15. Thank you God, for the Scripture!

### NOW YOU DO . . . !

### FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1 – 31, 2019

Income Actual: \$25,358.38. Expense Actual: \$21,870.09

Thank you! Please continue with your faithful support in 2019!

### KEEP DESIGNATING THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS TO TRINITY

Through January 2019 we received \$0

If you are a Thrivent Financial Member please continue to designate Thrivent profits in 2018 to our parish, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you have questions about how to do this contact Pr. Gregg. These dollars are very important to funding our ministry!



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# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 5:30 pm Worship
3 8:15 am Fellowship 9:00 Worship & Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	4 5:30 pm MMM 6:00 pm Bell Choir	5 11:00 am Glenwood Eucharist 6:00 pm Healing Eucharist 6:00 pm Quilt Sew-Ciety	6 Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes: 10:00 am Embers 12:10 pm Trinity 12:45 Downtown 1:30 IVH 3:15 S. 3rd Ave. 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Trinity	7	8	9 5:30 pm Youth Eucharist Emergency Food Box
10 8:15 am Fellowship <b>9:00 Children's Eucharist</b> 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	11 10:00 am Animate 5:30 pm MMM 6:00 pm Bell Choir	12	13 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Evening Prayer	14	15	16 5:30 pm Worship
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