

Lenten 2023

Newsletter

of

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

918 Tayman Avenue

Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501

*Together in Jesus Christ our
mission is to serve faithfully,
boldly, and joyfully.*

YOU ARE MORE
THAN WELCOME.
YOU ARE INVITED!

**Weekly in-person Worship
with Holy Communion
on Sundays in the Nave**
8:00 a.m. Spoken Liturgy
10:00 a.m. Music and Hymns

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion
in the Chapel **each** Sunday
5:45 p.m. Prayers for Healing and
Laying on of hands in the Chapel
each Sunday

Lent Begins
Wednesday, February 22
Ash Wednesday

Ash
Wednesday



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FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



By wisdom a house is built,
and by understanding it is established;
by knowledge the rooms are filled
with all precious and pleasant riches.
Proverbs 24:3-4

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Bible is dappled with house and home imagery. The prophets speak of a new covenant that the LORD will make the houses (people, descendants) of Israel and Judah. In addition to people, God's house also refers to a safe dwelling place, God's eternal home, a place of worship, a place to encounter the holy God.

The homes of God's people are places of encounter with the living God. Therefore, teaching the faith must be central to what happens in the home:

*"Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your might.*

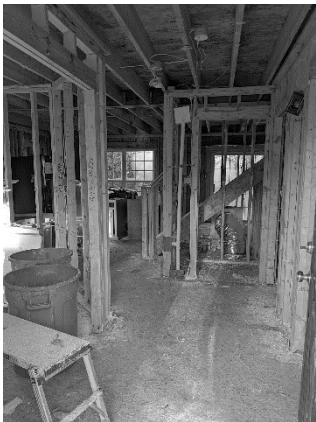
*"Keep these words that I am commanding you today
in your heart. Recite them to your children and
talk about them when you are at home and when you are away ...
and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."
The Great Shema, Deuteronomy 6:4*

In the New Testament, Jesus uses house imagery in his teaching parables (Matthew 7):

We are to let our light shine before others in the same way that a lamp gives light to all in the house.

We are to hear his words and act on them, and thereby be like a wise man who built his house on a rock. When the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew, that house did not fall because it had been founded on rock.

An unfortunate personal life experience that took place two days after Christmas has since expanded my personal understanding of God and God's house.

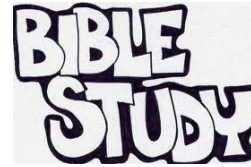


While my son and daughter-in-law were in State College for Christmas, the weather got really cold – even back home in Richmond, Virginia. The water heater (installed in the attic of their home) burst and water continued to flow for several days, flooding their home and making it uninhabitable. It has been completely gutted and 80% of their possessions have been declared a total loss.

What have I witnessed about God and God's house through my family's catastrophe? That no matter how dark the day is and no matter what they're going through, they still consider themselves forever blessed and are thankful. That no matter how important your home is (or was), and no matter where you are, home is where your family is together, safeguarded and strengthened by God. That the courage, strength, and resiliency of a four-year old can inspire her parents, even as she grieves the loss of every stuffed animal, children's book, preschool backpack, and bed quilt.

Finally, I am discovering that the one who promises to "go ahead to prepare a place for you" (John 14) is fulfilling this promise NOW as he provides my family with a temporary home and renewed hope and support, meeting their every day needs. Count on him to do the same for you. -Pastor Ruth Jensen

ADULT EDUCATION



WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets each **Wednesday afternoon** from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. All are welcome.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is every **Sunday** at 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall now through **February 19**. The class is studying the Bible through the Great Courses partnership with National Geographic using "The History and Archaeology of the Bible" and "Searching for the Historical Jesus." These video series use archaeological findings, maps, narration, and photography to tell the stories of the Bible. These videos are narrated by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, an historian, author, and award-winning filmmaker. The additional videos will be studied by the class leading up the Lent focus on the life of Jesus Christ. The last class in this series is Sunday, February 19.



ASH WEDNESDAY
February 22, 2023

*Drive thru Ashes/Donuts/Coffee—6:00 to 8:00 a.m.
on Trinity's front porch with Pastor Jensen*

*Worship at 7:00 p.m. with
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion*



**How does water
accomplish
HOLY BAPTISM?**

**How does someone
qualify to receive
HOLY COMMUNION?**

**How do you know that
you are FORGIVEN?**

**Why is there conflict
and sickness in the world
when we pray THY WILL BE DONE
ON EARTH as it is in heaven?**

*Investigate these and other faith-life questions on Sundays, **February 26 through April 2** with Vicar Regina Holliday and others during the Sunday School hour, 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Although this class is known as an adult class, Vicar Regina is designing the course for all ages and everyone is welcome to attend as a family or as an individual.*

Everyone will receive a copy of Luther's SMALL CATECHISM. Bring your Bible if you have one. Extra Bibles will be available.

Ten Commandments

Lord's Prayer

Apostles' Creed

Holy Baptism

Holy Communion

Confession and Forgiveness

Morning and Evening Blessings

Personal Prayers and Prayers for the Family

This deep-dive into the SMALL CATECHISM will begin on **Sunday, February 26**. Bring your questions. Coffee, water, and donuts are provided.

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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY LETTER OF TRANSFER:

October 30, 2022 Brent Betz and Phyllis Peterson-Betz received by Letter of Transfer from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; Windber, Pennsylvania

MEMBERS REMOVED BY DEATH:

December 31, 2022 Ruth Ann (Walker) Nicholson

MEMBERS REMOVED BY DISMISSAL:

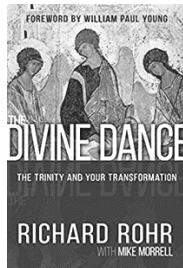
January 26, 2023 JoRene (Moore) Lightfoot removed by dismissal to St. Paul's United Church of Christ; Somerset, Pennsylvania

GROUPS MEETING

TRINITY'S MEN'S GROUP meets **every Tuesday** at the Turnpike McDonald's at 9:00 a.m. All men are welcome to join us.

TRINITY'S BOOK GROUP will meet on **Thursday, February 9** at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. They will continue to discuss the book, THE HOPE OF GLORY by Jon Meacham.

Richard Rohr and Mike Morrell's book THE DIVINE DANCE will be shared on **Thursday, March 9** at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.



A VIEW FROM THE LOFT

Do the Hokey-Pokey

Recently my mother sent me a video of my niece Anna doing the Hokey-Pokey with many other 4 to 5 year-olds at their library class. The first thing I noticed was how enthusiastic and unconscious of scrutiny the kids went about the dance. Every child I could see in the video had a big smile and attempted all the motions as instructed with gusto. The second thing I noticed was that most of the kids were doing the incorrect side, hand, or foot—when the song said “put your left foot in” at least half were putting the right foot in. Some children had it right (it is a 50/50 chance after all), but most were doing the dance technically incorrectly. It struck me how free they were and how they weren't worried about correctness; they were happy to participate without the need for perfection entering their minds. I thought about how as they each grow up, maybe even in a year or two that will all change, and they will be taught that participating requires doing your best to get everything correct. Even better, the children weren't worried about how well their neighbor did the dance, either.



I have noticed the same phenomenon with my piano students. The younger the student, the more excited they are to perform in a recital. The younger the student, the less they worry. As we grow up, we become afraid of judgment from everyone around us and of ourselves. We just want to be “good enough.” I started to think about myself; it is always best to self-examine. I thought about how I would feel doing the Hokey-Pokey. I'd be very self-conscious of my physical form, of people looking at me, and I would be utterly embarrassed if I did my right hand in instead of my left hand in.

Why does this happen? Even as a professional, I still feel a bit nervous when I perform at my recital. Why don't I trust myself yet? Why does it matter so much even if I would make a mistake? Perhaps part of it is the way I view myself and my identity. "I'm a professional, I can't make a mistake!" Maybe the sign of professionalism should be showing that it's ok to make a mistake?

Two passages from scripture keep coming to mind as I reflect on this. The first is Mark 10:14, "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'" It is easy to read this passage and think Jesus is simply saying "Children are super important!" However, when you read it in context and think about it more deeply, it is evident that Jesus is saying that we need to be more like children. Children often misbehave, so we scratch our heads, but what Jesus is talking about is that carefree spirit, that assured knowledge that we are enough. Children don't question that, until we teach them to. Jesus is saying, "Trust me, that I love you like you trusted as a child."



The other passage that comes to mind, which is one of my personal favorite Bible passages, is Matthew 6:34, "[Jesus said] Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." The more I look at the world, the rise of depression, the feeling of hopelessness, the declining church attendance, I think about how much the church misses sharing this simple message. The world is hungry for it. Come on, church, let's dance. Let's live in a way that people see it's ok to be like children. Let's do the Hokey-Pokey and turn ourselves around...that's what it's all about.

-Nicholas Carroll, Director of Music



Pancake Supper

Everybody's Invited!

**Tuesday, February 21, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall**

Pancakes with Syrup
Applesauce and Fruit
Breakfast Sausages

Doughnuts and Ice Cream
Coffee, tea, milk, juice

SHROVE TUESDAY is the day before Ash Wednesday. It has many names, including Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras, the Tuesday of the Carnival, and Pancake Day. The name "Shrove Tuesday" is derived from the word "shrive," which means to confess and receive forgiveness. Historically, Shrove Tuesday was the last day for feasting before a somber fast was observed by Christians during Lent.

As in contemporary times, food items like meats, fats, eggs, milk, and fish used to be regarded as restricted during Lent. To keep such food from being wasted, many families would have big feasts on Shrove Tuesday. Some folks make doughnuts on Shrove Tuesday to use up the grease, as they made no fried foods during Lent.

To help us prepare for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, please sign up in the Narthex, drop your information in the offering plate, or call/email Trinity's Office on/ before **Sunday, February 19**. A freewill offering will help to cover the costs.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER RESERVATION

Name _____ Phone # _____

Adults Attending ____ # Children Attending ____

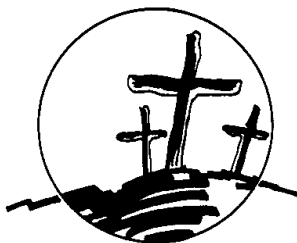
SILENT WITNESSES

**WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT
MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, AND 29**

**SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:00 P.M.**

**CANDLELIGHT PRAYER SERVICE
AND DRAMATIC PRESENTATION IN NAVE
7:00 – 7:40 P.M.**

Many people witnessed the events which took place 2,000 years ago on a hill outside of Jerusalem. Some *had* to be there. Others found themselves caught in the crowd. But there were other witnesses—witnesses we don't usually think about, although they were even closer to the events than the crowd was. They were *silent* witnesses.



Every Wednesday evening this Lenten season we will be given the opportunity to hear their voices.

The Robe	March 1	Matthew 27:27
The Nail	March 8	John 20:25
The Spear	March 15	John 19:31-37
The Shroud	March 22	Mark 15:42-46a
The Stone	March 29	Matthew 27:60b-66

Are you willing to provide soup or bread or a light dessert for our Midweek Lenten suppers? Please call Trinity's Office (445-5446).

Are you willing to consider participating in a dramatic presentation during Midweek Lenten worship? Please speak to Pastor Ruth.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**TRINITY MEMBERS HAVING SIGNIFICANT
BIRTHDAYS (80 YEARS AND OLDER)**

Robert Carouse—March 19
Barbara Swanson—March 19
Robert Thomas—March 23
Lana Miller—March 25

Dawn Felix—April 3
Geraldine Walker—April 21
Beverly Benford—April 25
Kenneth Saylor—April 25
Ellsworth Flyte—April 26
Marilyn Carouse—April 29

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE CALL TRINITY'S OFFICE at 445-5446 or talk to Pastor Ruth Jensen to report hospitalizations and illnesses if you would like prayers and phone calls from the Pastor or a Trinity member. Also, with the ill person's permission, let us know if they would like their name to be included on our prayer list.

PERSONAL GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2022 were mailed on **Monday, January 30**. Please call Ann at Trinity's Office with any questions you may have 445-5446.

TRINITY'S COMMITTEES are being formed for 2023. Every member is invited and encouraged to join a committee and/or attend a meeting during the year. Share your talents with us in all of our various ministries! To volunteer, please call Trinity's Office at 445-5446.



**JOIN A
COMMITTEE**

ANY MEMBERS OR GROUPS wanting to use Trinity's facilities or Pavilion should call Trinity's Office (445-5446) to schedule the date and time for 2023, even if you have used it for the same date/event in the past.

RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES Trinity recycles only the smaller personal cartridges you would use at home in your printers preferably **Hewlett Packard (HP)** and **Canon** ink jet cartridges in black or color. They do not need to be boxed to be recycled. We appreciate all of you bringing in your home ink cartridges to recycle! A plastic container to put them in is located inside the center doors of the Educational Building, to the right.

CHILD CARE NEWS

Welcome to a New Year here at Trinity Lutheran Child Care and Learning Center. We are looking forward to another year of providing exceptional care to the children of our program. Our teachers here continue to make interactive lessons to introduce to the children every week. Our older children have enjoyed getting to meet Vicar Regina and having special time to work on art projects with her. She really has made a wonderful impact in our program. We are also happy to continue upgrading our classrooms and rotating newly donated toys into the rooms.









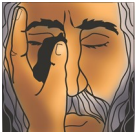
Over the next few weeks the kids will be busy learning about this season of winter we are in. The children will be learning about the weather and what activities we can do. They will also look at what the animals in our area do during winter and the type of animals that live in cold temperatures all year long. And if we don't get warm weather to go outside and play in the snow, the kids will make their own 'play snow' to explore and build with in the classrooms. We are always exploring the world around us and introducing them into different sensory experiences.

I thank everyone for the support of our program. If anyone needs sweets or you're looking for ideas for Valentine's Day, please stop into Trinity's Office and buy some O'Shea's chocolate bars for \$1.00 each to support the Child Care and your sweet tooth too!



Again thank you one and all for your continued support and words of encouragement. We truly are a blessing in this community where Child Care is a much needed service.

- Jody Jurgevich, Director

Preparing our Hearts and Minds for Worship	
Sunday, February 5 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 	Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12] Psalm 112:1-9 [10] 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16] Matthew 5:13-20 <i>The teaching of Christ: salt and light</i>
Sunday, February 12 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37 <i>The teaching of Christ: forgiveness</i>
Sunday, February 19 Transfiguration of our Lord 	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9 <i>Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son</i>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> ASH WEDNESDAY Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 <i>The practice of faith</i> </div>  </div>	
Sunday, February 26 First Sunday in Lent 	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11 <i>The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days</i>
March 5 Second Sunday in Lent 	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 <i>The mission of Christ: to save the world</i>
March 12 Third Sunday in Lent 	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42 <i>Baptismal image: the woman at the well</i>
March 19 Fourth Sunday in Lent 	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 <i>Baptismal image: the man born blind</i>

S.A.M. LENTEN SERVICES

SOMERSET AREA MINISTERIUM (S.A.M.) COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES will be held at noon at First United Methodist Church **each Wednesday in Lent**, starting Ash Wednesday, **February 22** through March 29. There will be a service on Wednesday in Holy Week (April 5) and one on Good Friday (April 7). Music begins at 11:30 a.m. before the service. The service itself runs from noon to 12:30 p.m. A meal will be provided after each service. Services will also be streamed LIVE on Somerset First United Methodist Facebook page.



...SOUP...SOUP...SOUP...



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER to make a Crockpot of soup for the Wednesday evening Lenten meals, please call Trinity's Office (445-5446). **We need volunteers for these Lenten Wednesdays: March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, and March 29.**

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 2022

- ➔ Motion approved to authorize Property Committee to secure an Industrial Appraisal of the church buildings and contents.
- ➔ Property will take another look at the hinges on the front door to make it easier to open.
- ➔ Elected the following Council officers:
 President: Jack Illar
 Vice President: Pete Jacobson
 Secretary: Linda Phillips
 Treasurer: Chris Lloyd
- ➔ Alex Boose was appointed to serve on the Endowment Fund.

DONATE ONLINE

ONLINE GIVING DONATIONS

can be made by going to our website at www.trinitysomeset.org and clicking the About Us tab and then click on "Give" to make a donation.



Under Note/Memo you can designate your gift for a special purpose if desired or just donate to the General Fund (our greatest need).

LENTEN DEVOTIONS



DEVOTIONS FOR LENT 2023, "water & spirit" are available in Trinity's Office, Narthex, Fellowship Hall, and Chapel areas. The devotions begin with an evocative image and a brief passage from the Gospel of John. Readings begin with Ash Wednesday through Vigil of Easter. The writers then bring their unique voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers. Please take one for your family's devotions to incorporate a simple Christian observance into your Lenten journey.


CHANGE YOUR CLOCK

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

begins on **Sunday, March 12.** Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.



FREE BOOKS are located on the wooden benches in the Narthex as you enter Trinity on both sides. Please help yourself and share them with your friends and neighbors.

GOD SHOWS HIS
LOVE  **FOR US**
 THAT WHILE
 WE WERE STILL
SINNERS
CHRIST DIED FOR US
 {romans 5:8 }

Treasured Traditions Worship

Tuesday,
 February 14
 St Valentine's Day
 11:00 a.m.

On **Tuesday, February 14**, our Treasured Traditions service will be liturgy of scripture readings and musical offerings offered by members and friends of Trinity based on the theme of God's unspeakable love. The service will be in a "Lessons and Carols" format but **will** include Holy Communion. The service will take place in the Nave. Pastor Ruth will preside.

A meal and opportunity for fellowship will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations are not required and there is no charge for the meal.

*"For God so loved the world
 that He gave His only begotten Son,
 that whoever believes in Him shall not perish
 but have eternal life."*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, our new women's group, will gather on **Tuesday, February 14** after the Treasured Traditions Worship meal at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. All women are invited!

40 Days and 40 Bags

In 2011, Ann Marie Heasley, author of the "White House Black" a few people give up chocolate or coffee for Lent, why not excess bogged down by piles of possessions? Can our excess help others?

Where to donate? There are a lot of local options:

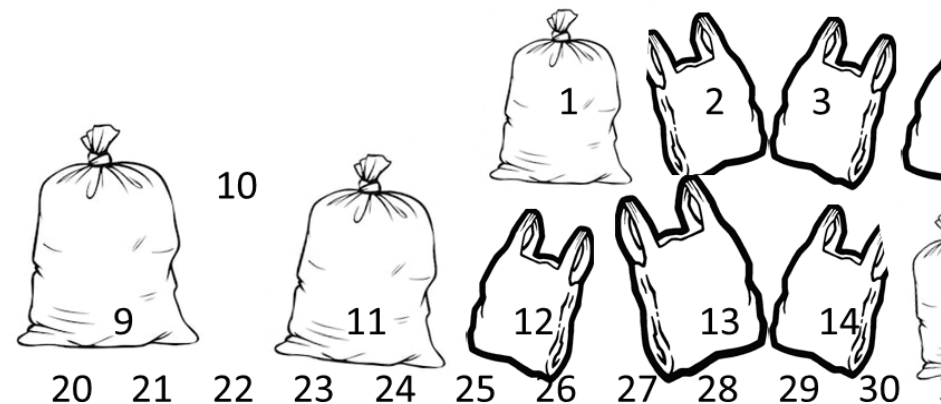
St. Mark Lutheran Church Clothes Closet at 823 Main Street in Shanksville has a mural of clothes on the door. They accept clothes, household items, appliances, books. All items are given away for free and volunteers from many local churches. Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Salvation Army Family Store on North Center Avenue in Somerset accepts donations on the back side of the shopping center.

St. Francis Sharing and Caring Thrift Store in Davidsville accepts donations 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturdays. They have a drop box for donations at the back of the store.

If you have any questions about this great way that you can let go of things, please call Regina Holliday at 704-838-1111.

God Bless you in your Lenten journey,
 Vicar Regina Holliday



: A Challenge for Lent

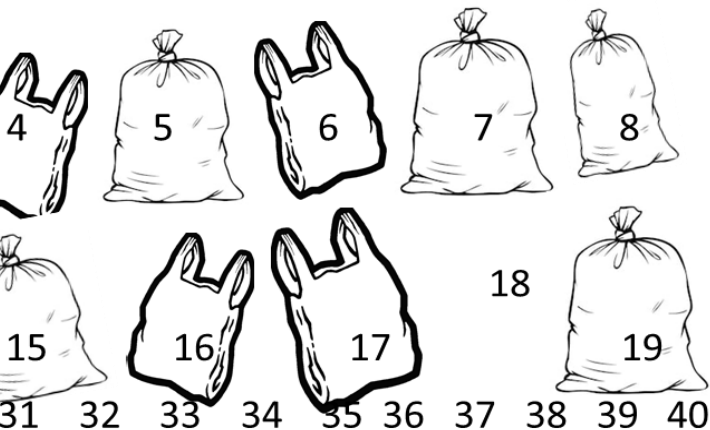
Shutters” blog started promoting this national challenge. Quite
 ss stuff? Is it good stewardship of our time and money to be
 ers in need?

le accepts donations through the entrance facing Main Street with the
 iances, tools, bedding, toys, small pieces of furniture, shoes, purses, and
 churches serve there. They are open to clients and accept donations on

cepts donations in and beside the white donation bins behind the store

ns inside of store 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and
 other times. They are staffed by volunteers from several churches.

gs and help people, just call me at (202) 441-9664.



CPR/AED/STOP THE BLEED FIRST AID TRAINING



**A CPR/AED/STOP THE BLEED/FIRST
 AID TRAINING CLASS** will be held in

Trinity's Fellowship Hall on **Saturday,
 April 1** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If
 you are interested in attending, please fill

out the registration form below along with your check for
 \$20 payable to "Trinity." We want to be sure to have
 enough supplies/equipment for everyone. All are wel-
 come and encouraged to come.

Trinity now has 4 AED's located in the:

Narthex

Fellowship Hall

Educational Building (main floor, near Trinity's Office)

Educational Building (upstairs)

It is so important for everyone to learn how to use an
 AED to save someone's life!



SIGN ME UP FOR THE TRAINING

Saturday, April 1, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Name _____

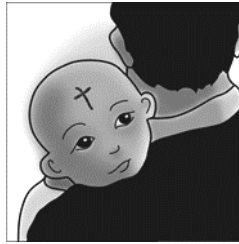
Phone _____

Attending _____ @ \$20.00 each

THIS ... a randomly asked worship question:

**What does Pastor Ruth say
as she blesses infants
during Holy Communion?**

*"Receive the sign of the cross and
know that God loves you."*



Receive. You are the recipient of a priceless gift. It comes from our loving God and costs you nothing. It cannot be purchased, bartered, or received in trade. No one in the universe has or ever will deserve it. God simply invites you to accept it with open arms and a trusting heart.

the sign. You are receiving proof – proof of the covenant God makes with each of God's children. Indelible proof that will not wear off or wear out. A pledge. A lasting promise made public.

of the cross. The symbol of the crucifixion: the suffering and death of God's only Son, Jesus Christ, for the sake of the world. Jesus' death on the cross is the ultimate way God proves God's love for us, forgives our sinfulness, and promises us forgiveness and life everlasting.

and know. To know something is to observe it, to test it, to grow in understanding of it. To know a person is to share yourself in and through a trusting relationship. In Jesus, we can know God, be known by God, and know one another.

that God. The creator of heaven and earth, the source of life, the source of love, and the great I AM in all times and places. The more we know God, the more we realize we don't know about God and will never be able to comprehend. Yet, God continues to make God's self known to us through Word and Sacrament, through the person Jesus Christ, through the gift and command to love.

loves you. Protects us, celebrates us, pleasures in our worship and praise. Suffers with us, sacrifices for us, saves us, shepherds us, never grows weary of us, puts up with our antics. And drama. Keeps us as the apple of their eye.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
February 2023: Join us for fellowship			
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4:45am Food Pantry ru m Bible Study (Conf.	16 6pm Finance Meeting (Conf. Room)	17	18
4:45am Food Drive Thru Go m Bible Study (Conf. Wednesday Service in	23 6pm Council (Conf Room)	24	25
Questions? Contact Trinity Lutheran office 814-445-5446 Tayman Ave, Somerset, PA 15501			

Come to the Trinity Lutheran Church FIRST ANNUAL MINISTRY PLANNING RETREAT!

Where have we been? What has God done for us?
What are our needs? What is God doing with us?
Where is God calling us to speak the name of Jesus?

- Who** All YOUTH and ADULTS of Trinity ...
can we get 40 people? 60?!?
- What** A 5-hour, hands-on work session
complete with snacks and lunch
- When** **Saturday, March 11** from 9am to 2pm
- Where** Friedens Lutheran Church, Friedens PA
Carpools to/from Trinity will be available
- Leader** Pastor Ruth and guests
- Outcome** A ministry plan to involve us, invigorate
us, and enable us to joyfully enter
together into God's future for us
- What to Bring** A Bible, if you have one. Dress is
comfortable and casual. Snacks,
lunch, and beverages will be provided.

See next page for registration form ➔ ➔ ➔

We are extending registration through **Sunday, March 5** in order to give folks more time to plan, prioritize, and commit to participating. This is an **IMPORTANT MILESTONE** in the life of Trinity. We are praying for 40 participants. **EVERYONE** is needed.

*Please PRAY for God's presence and power at this event.
Please plan to PARTICIPATE in this 5-hour retreat.*

TRINITY'S FIRST ANNUAL MINISTRY PLANNING RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023 9AM – 2PM
AT FRIEDENS LUTHERAN CHURCH, FRIEDENS
Please register by Sunday, March 5

Name _____

Phone _____

Email (if you have it) _____

Special needs, concerns, or diet restrictions _____



BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

1	Angela Miller	20	Beth Mayer
2	P. Michael Jacobson		Cynthia Fisher
	Sadie Snyder		Emily Miller
5	Emma Fanale		Jacob Miller
	Heather Fanale	22	Susan Centi
6	Patricia Widmann	23	Delaney Pizer
7	Timothy Bence		Robert Thomas
	Greta Carroll	24	Peyton Gibson
11	Travis Anderson	25	Lana Miller
	J. Franklin Kyle, Sr.		Kelley Thompson
14	Ann Voytish	27	Ann Persun
	Jack Illar	28	Rebecca Kennick
	Larry Mazer	29	Danielle Leslie
15	John Barndt	30	Gordon Centi
	Lillian Mostoller		Rebecca Minnich
16	Elwood Echtler		
17	Kelly Emswiler		
	Gregory Widmann		
	Graham Crawford		
19	Robert Carouse		
	Barbara Swanson		
	Pastor Ruth Kocha Jensen		



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Kelsey Pletcher | 14 Alaina Thompson |
| Vincent Morocco | Teagan Pletcher |
| 2 Reese Demchak | 15 Mia Gibson |
| Wayne Walker | 16 Natalie Anderson |
| 3 Benjamin Emswiler | Beth Fetterolf |
| Dawn Felix | 17 Max Thompson |
| 4 Misty Demchak | 20 Sydnay Bowersox |
| Haddie Lepley | 21 Geraldine Walker |
| Judith Klink | 22 Terri Snyder |
| Isaac Richter | Maddox Sanner |
| Randell Urban | 25 Beverly Benford |
| 5 Samuel Sanner | Kenneth Saylor |
| Molly Emswiler | 26 Ellsworth Flyte |
| 6 Chad Schrock | 27 Seth Shaffer |
| 7 Melanie Miller | 28 George Kaufman |
| Reese Sanner | 29 Marilyn Carouse |
| 8 Robert Troy | 30 Troy Miller |
| 11 Robert Boose II | Gayle Morocco |
| 12 Marci Miller | Sandra Griffith |
| 13 Lisa Brady | |



Order Form for Easter Lilies 2023



In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Presented by _____

Cost of each plant is \$15.00

Lilies will grace our Chancel at Easter.

_____ Number of Plants at \$15.00 each \$_____

Please return your order and money to:
Trinity Lutheran Church
918 Tayman Avenue
Somerset, PA 15501

Checks should be made payable to:
Trinity Lutheran Church

Deadline for orders is: Tuesday, March 28

Remember Our Shut-Ins:

Give to Homebound

() yes () no

I Will Pick Up My Plant

() yes () no



2023 SPECIAL EASTER GIFTS

This year, in addition to or in lieu of Lilies,

our special gifts will go to:

_____ *Trinity's Child Care*



_____ *Pastor's Discretionary Fund*
(to be used towards utility or medical needs)

Amount \$ _____ Envelope # _____

Please make checks payable to:
Trinity Lutheran Church
 918 Tayman Avenue
 Somerset, PA 15501

Deadline: Tuesday, March 28

In Memory of _____

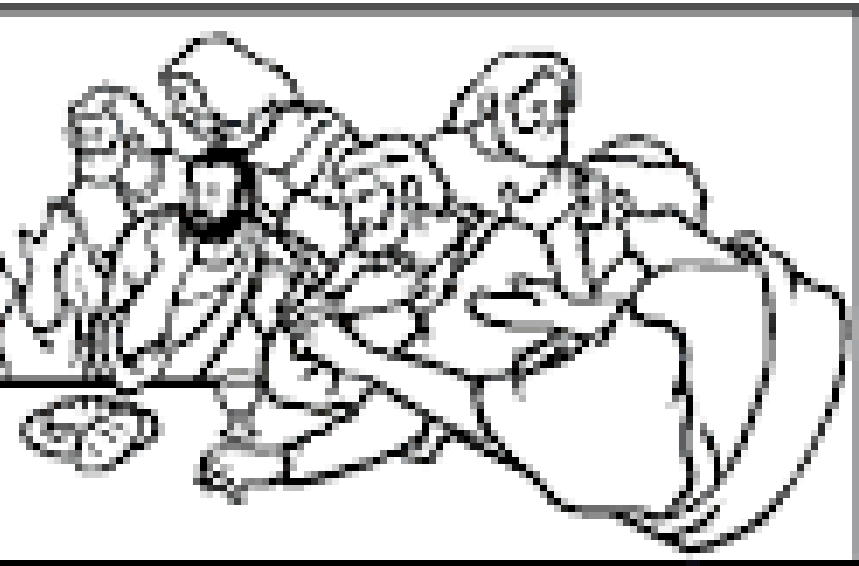
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Presented by _____

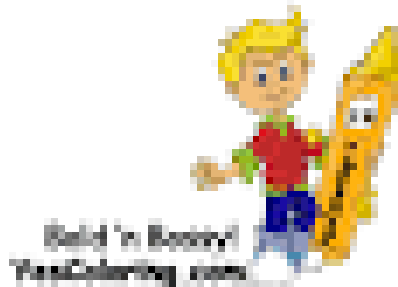
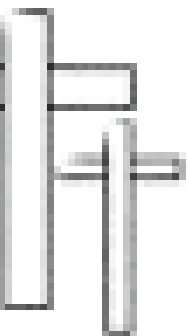


JESUS LAST





ST SUPPER



Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023 Last Supper Dramatization 7:00 p.m.

On Maundy Thursday (April 6), the people of Trinity will gather for our traditional liturgy which includes Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar at the end of the service. In place of the sermon, however, will be a dramatization of Jesus' Last Supper. Through the words of Jesus and his disciples, we will share Holy Communion and then "turn the lights out" in the upper room as we strip the altar.

11 men
+ 2 male youth
+ 2 women (*minimum*)
+ 3 children (*minimum*)
18 people needed!

Costumes will be provided. Speaking parts are **NOT memorized.**

There will be

ONE 45-minute rehearsal on Palm Sunday, **April 2** at 6 p.m.
 and

ONE 45-minute rehearsal on **Wednesday, April 5** at 7 p.m.

A sign-up sheet is on the welcome desk in the Narthex. For more information, please talk with Pastor Ruth.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Trinity has reached its goal to raise and send \$10,000 to Corby and Ashley White, the missionaries in Poland who are striving to help the Ukrainian refugees. They are extremely grateful for your generosity and kindness!

**Goal
Met!**



ENSEMBLE SCHEDULES

TLC CHOIR will begin rehearsing at 11:15 a.m. on **Sunday, March 5**. Rehearsals continue each Sunday.

WITTENBERG BELLS begin rehearsals on **Sunday, March 5** at 11:30 a.m. in the Choir Loft. Rehearsals will continue each Sunday.

If you would like to join either of these ensembles, please call Nicholas Carroll, our Director of Music, at (814) 233-2093. We look forward to having this special music in worship.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023

2023 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm/Passion Sunday (April 2)

Palm Procession
8:00 a.m. in the Nave
10:00 a.m. begins in the Fellowship Hall
for Blessing of the Palms
5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

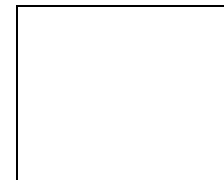
Maundy Thursday (April 6) with
the Sacrament of Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. in the Nave
(See page 34 for more information)



Good Friday (April 7)
7:00 p.m. in the Nave

Vigil of Easter - (Saturday, April 8)
7:00 p.m. in the Nave with the Sacrament
of Holy Communion.
We will celebrate our Baptism.

Easter Sunday (April 9)
8:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the Nave
5:00 p.m. in the Chapel
Return of Alleluias!
The Festival of the Resurrection of
our Lord continues with the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
Come celebrate the Joy of our
Lord's **RESURRECTION!**



First Lutheran Church
415 Vine Street, Johnstown
(814) 536-7521

welcomes liturgical jazz pianist



Deanna
Witkowski

Award-winning pianist Deanna Witkowski will present a spirit-filled worship program featuring her jazz arrangements of hymns and original compositions. Her contemporary style blends her jazz piano skills with an inspirational message.

Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 3:00 p.m

An offering will be received

SECURITY UPDATE

TRINITY'S DOORS are opened at 7:15 a.m. in the Nave on Sundays for worship. Once the service starts at 8:00 a.m., the Narthex and all other outside doors are locked during worship. At 8:30 a.m., the Educational Building is opened. During 10:00 a.m. worship, the front door is left open during the service as there are ushers present. All other outside doors are locked during the 10:00 service.



Security Update

CAMP SEQUANOTA

Sustain - An Adult Retreat
Date: February 24-26, 2023
Bowersox Center at Camp Sequanota

Cost: \$170 (double occupancy)
 \$210 (single occupancy)

Cost includes 2 nights lodging with
 linens and 4 meals

This weekend retreat has been created to provide adults a weekend to engage their faith for the journey of life. We all need to be sustained in our love and trust in God. This weekend is for all adults. Free child care will be provided on site during sessions to make it easier to engage in the weekend's sessions. Book study on Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do About It. By Brian McLaren

All are welcome! Register online or call the Camp office
 (814) 629-6627

HORNER LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS' CLUB at Horner Lutheran Church is held **Tuesdays** 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. with Games, Crafts, Bible Study, and Snacks. Pre-K to 6th grade are welcome to join us. There is no charge to participate in the program.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY: Horner Lutheran Church; 415 Horner Church Road, one mile off 219 at the Stoystown exit, offers a Celebrate Recovery meeting on **Saturdays** from 4:30-5:30 p.m. This meeting provides an environment for adults affected by hurts, hang-ups, and habits. At Celebrate Recovery, people will hear about the healing power of Jesus Christ through eight recovery principles. These biblical principles centered on Christ help us to grow and free us from our addictive, dysfunctional, and compulsive behaviors, drawing us together into a stronger relationship with God and others.

DAFFODILS FOR CANCER

BLOOMS OF HOPE, the local campaign for cancer, is taking orders for daffodils to be distributed **March 15-17**. Over \$17,269 was raised last year. Funds raised will go to the Somerset Walk of Hope helping local cancer patients. **Order deadline is Tuesday, February 28**. Questions may be directed to Betty Anderson at 445-6698. Order forms are in Trinity's Office, Narthex, and Chapel.



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LENTEN 2023

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT 7:00 P.M.
ON FEBRUARY 22 IN THE NAVE.**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES
BEGIN MARCH 1 IN THE NAVE AT 7:00 P.M.
LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL ON MARCH 1.**