

THE PIPER

FEBRUARY 27 & MARCH 6, 2022



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Readings (Feb 27)

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

Readings (March 6)

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2. 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

SERVICES DURING LENT

March 2nd - Ash Wednesday 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm

On all Wednesdays during Lent after Ash Wednesday

Holden Evening Prayer will be at 7:00 pm

All Wednesday services during Lent will be in person only. We will not be recording those services.



SOUPS ARE RETURNING!!

Starting Wednesday, March 9th soups will once again be available to pickup between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm

Soups for Wednesday March 9th are:

Loaded Baked Potato Soup

Wild Rice & Mushroom w/Chicken (DF/GF)

White Bean Soup w/Ham Hocks (DF/GF)

(DF-Dairy Free/GF-Gluten Free)

This Piper is a double issue as I will be out of the office from February 27th to March 4th. Due to my mom's passing, she is to be buried in

Florida with my father and I will be taking her cremains there.



I will have the computer with me and checking email.

If you need to get in touch with me, please either email

(tlcoffice2@comcast.net) or call my cell phone at: 814-404-5923.

Please leave a message if I don't answer and I will get back to you.

Thank you everyone for your kind thoughts and prayers.

TRINITY EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

10:45 am Worship w/Communion

YouTube Worship Service Recorded

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

5:30 pm Bell Choir

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

12:00 pm Worship w/Communion

7:00 pm Worship w/Communion

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

5:00 pm Worship w/Communion

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

10:45 am Worship w/Communion

YouTube Worship Service Recorded

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

5:30 pm Bell Choir

5:30 Executive Team

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Soup Pickup

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

7:00 pm Zoom Memoir Group

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

5:00 pm Worship w/Communion

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

10:45 am Worship w/Communion

YouTube Worship Service Recorded

2:00 pm Care of Creation Hike

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Jerry Wion, Carol Bernlohr, Dee Kiel,

Linda Leslie, the Brownson Family

TLC FRIENDS

Rita Shetler, Burnell & Doris Reichart,

the Butler Family, Nancy Dana, Aaron



Care of Creation Hike

Sunday March 13th at 2:00 pm

Rain date - Sunday March 20th

Meet at Walnut Spring Park

Take University Drive to Walnut Spring Lane

Come out for a chance to get some fresh air and connect with other Trinity members.

Remember wear a mask and we will practice social distancing. Hope to see you there. Karl Raynar is in charge.

Questions - email Karl (karl_raynar@hotmail.com)

Don't Forget - We will be turning our clocks ahead one hour and losing an hour of sleep.

Saturday night, March 12th for all those who have clocks that don't change themselves.



DEEPER WATERS CLASS CHANGES

Due to Out of the Cold being here, there will be not classes on Sunday, February 27th or March 6th

Due to Spring Break, there will be no class on Sunday, March 13th

The next Zoom Class will be on Sunday, March 20th and an email invitation will be sent out prior to that class.



Have you been wondering about the Trinity Yard Sale??

Well, for one more year, the 2022 Yard Sale, will be a casualty of the COVID 19 Pandemic.

That makes 3 years in a row we have had to cancel our annual yard sale. We are hoping to end this streak next year and have the 35th annual yard sale on May 13th, 2023.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Beloved of God,

In one of his great chapters on spiritual gifts, St. Paul reminds us in Romans 12:

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (3-13)

As you know, we here at Trinity will be hosting the guest of Out of the Cold (OOTC). Hosting OOTC is one way by which we seek to follow this and other teachings in the Scriptures. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we embark on this ministry in the Name of Christ.

When you read this, we will be about halfway through our two weeks of hosting. This year, about 20 guests stay with us each night. We provide not only the space and use of our building, but also meals, namely breakfast and dinner. Guests arrive at 8 pm and are expected to leave by 8 am. To that end, arrangements have been made with CATA that two buses stop each morning to take our guests to downtown and then two each evening bring them back to the church. It is rather amazing to watch how the drivers carefully guide those big buses around our building since they enter our driveway from Galen Dr. and then depart by way of Sylvan Dr. Before this, if you had asked me about a bus driving through our property that way, I would have argued that such is not possible. Shows how much I know!

So, thank you to our evening hosts volunteers! Thank you to our bakers who are providing desserts for each evening! Thank you to Jeff Gonet who has been helping me in the kitchen both mornings and evenings! Thank you to all of you who are Trinity Lutheran Church for your support of this important, even vital ministry!

We are committed to doing this as a congregation because of what Jesus both teaches and models for us. This is how we are to live as the people or beloved of God. St. Paul writes to the Philippians (2:3-4): "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." We are looking to the interest of others.

I note all this, not to brag about us or what we are doing. To the contrary, I merely want to celebrate this opportunity to serve as Christ served and serves us! And believe, me, this group of guests deeply appreciates all that we are doing for them. As is often the case, in these situations

We practice hospitality in this way because of all that God has given to us! We do it in response to our baptism. As Jesus teaches, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Mt. 5:16)

May God’s light shine brightly through our words and deeds, now and always!

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Ron

A little more from the Pastor

LENT BEGINS MARCH 2ND

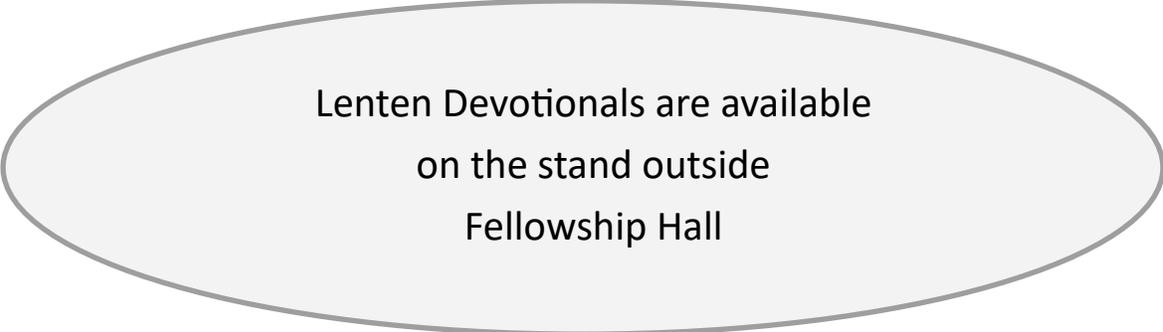
Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, that 40-day journey to Easter and Resurrection. Between the two celebrations, we remember and rehearse the teachings of Jesus along with the events of his passion and death. Lent is traditionally a time to focus on discipleship. Hosting Out Of The Cold, as Lent begins is an unexpected blessing!

As is our practice, we will offer mid-week worship opportunities this year. First, on Ash Wednesday, March 2, a brief, 30-minute service will be offered at 121 noon. In the evening, Vicar Ted will join us to lead the 7 pm worship service as Pastor Ron will be involved in meal service. Both services will include Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.

On the other Wednesdays during Lent, soup will be available for pick-up, 11:30 am to 1 pm. Then Holden Evening Prayer will be offered at 7 pm each week.

During Holy Week worship will again be at 12 noon and 7 pm on Maundy Thursday, April 14, and Good Friday, April 15. More details will be shared as we journey closer to those celebrations.

We hope you will take full advantage of these worship opportunities to aid you in your faith formation and spiritual life.



Lenten Devotionals are available
on the stand outside
Fellowship Hall

From the Bishop's Desk



When I was in the third grade, my grandparent's shoe and clothing business burned to the ground—literally. I distinctly remember standing on the parking lot with my family and seeing a big rectangle of thick, black ash. That was all that was left. We eventually found a few small items that survived, but everything else was reduced to this pile of ash. I think about that day almost every Ash

Wednesday as the black, sooty cross is traced on my forehead and I hear the words, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return." I saw a tangible reminder of that fact after the fire that I carry with me. I also saw new life emerge from those ashes when the community came together to clean up and start over.

That's what Jesus does for us, too—cleans us up and gives us new life—a chance to start over when we've made a mess of things.

On Ash Wednesday, we face our own mortality—not only our physical death, but the "little deaths" all along the way as a result of our sin.

In The Invitation To Lent we hear, "We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended." Throughout this season we will be called through Scripture to be renewed in Christ and to share His love through praying, fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love. We will be assured of God's great love for us through Jesus' action on the cross.

I pray that in this season you will find rest and renewal; that your passion for sharing Christ's love will be rekindled and that you will know more fully the great love Jesus has for you.

Peace be yours,
+Bishop Paula Schmitt