

Good Morning

Trinity Lutheran Church—Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Welcome

Who are your enemies and what does it mean to love them? Goodness, Jesus has some teachings that are difficult for us to understand and embrace, doesn't he? And yet, does it not seem in keeping with the fact that we, members of the human race, have not always been "friends" of God. Rather we have defied, challenged, and rebelled against God perpetually over time and history. And yet, he loves us. Undeservedly, consistently and unconditionally, he loves us. Today we reflect together on what God's gospel love teaches us about love and life.



You are invited to participate in the upcoming extraordinary 40 day journey, walking *"Hand in Hand with the Master"* through our Lenten worship time together. This is a time of year to experience a deeper dive into our relationship with God as we take a look at significant happenings surrounding the passion of Christ and what the scriptures and the Holy Spirit have to say to each one of us in our respective spiritual quest. Please see this also as a special opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor, or work colleague to experience the discipleship ministry of Trinity through this significant series on Wednesdays for worship at 12:15 P.M. or 6:30 P.M.

- March 6 • Ash Wednesday
- March 13 • Folded Hands
- March 20 • Clutching Hands
- March 27 • Washing Hands
- April 3 • Pierced Hands
- April 10 • Wringing Hands
- April 18 • Serving Hands—Maundy Thursday
- April 19 • Open Hands and Open Arms—Good Friday



Lenten Soup Lunches

Each Wednesday after the 12:15 P.M. Lenten service, the Trinity Room will be the place for marvelous soup and bread, enjoyable fellowship, and something sweet to end the meal. The menu will be posted before the service. **We need volunteers to serve and clean-up! Please sign up at Clipboard Central.** The free will offering will go to our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

CVASING Concert

Enrich your soul and help Feed My People by attending the 11th Annual CVASING's Concert on Sunday, March 3, at 2:00 P.M. or 7:00 P.M. in the Trinity Worship Center. Tickets are available this morning in the lobby or at the door on the day of the concert. This year's performance is entitled "Come to the Water." The choir is directed by Gary Rambo and accompanied by Karol Hommen.

Special Guest Preacher

Pastor Randy Olson will be our guest preacher on Sunday, March 3. He serves on the staff of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin with primary responsibilities in the areas of call process and candidacy. He has a wide range of pastoral experience having served congregations in Ohio, Wisconsin, and Iowa. He and his wife Mary enjoy spending as much time as possible at the lake with their three grandchildren.

Pastor Olson will also lead the Adult Forum immediately following the 8:15 A.M. worship service. There will be only one forum on Sunday, March 3.

Pancake Supper

Come and celebrate with Noah's Ark at our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5 from 4:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M. Advance ticket prices are \$8.00 for age 13 and over and \$5.00 for age 3–12. At the door on March 5, prices are \$10.00 for age 13 and over and \$5.00 for age 3–12. Tickets will be on sale on Sundays, February 24 and March 3, before and after worship in the lobby and also on Wednesday, February 27. During the week, tickets are available in the Church Office.

Good God Books

"Where is God?" is one of the most consequential questions of our times. People believe, but they believe differently than they once did. The theological ground is moving; a spiritual revolution is afoot." These are words from Diana Butler Bass' book *Grounded: Finding God in the World*. Pastor Sarah invites you for a lively discussion of the book on Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room. Books can be purchased individually, or there is a copy available in the Trinity Library.



Winter Parking Etiquette

As winter continues, parking around Trinity is affected by snowbanks. When you are parking on the residential streets, please be careful to park four feet away from neighbors' driveways. Periodically neighbors call Trinity with concerns about vehicles restricting visibility and driveway access. Please be kind and park appropriately.

Baptism Class

Trinity celebrates baptism as an affirmation of God's gracious claim and a welcome into Christian community. For parents seeking to baptize their children, baptism classes are offered regularly. The class seeks to help parents both reflect on the meaning of the sacrament and prepare for the day, as well as connect them to faith formation resources. Childcare is provided. Sign up is online through the Trinity website. If you are an adult who is not baptized and are interested in pursuing your own baptism, contact Pastor Sarah at sarah@trinity-ec.org or through the office 715.832.6601. We look forward to walking with you toward that meaningful day!

Upcoming baptism classes for parents: Sunday, March 3, at 11:00 A.M. in Room 208; Sunday, May 5, at 11:00 A.M. in the Lobby.

March 10 Adult Forum

Come learn your spiritual type at the forum on Sunday, March 10, in the Fireside Room with Pastor Natalie following the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services. Just like we all have unique personality types, gifts, and leadership styles, we all have a spiritual type. Learning about your spiritual type can show you what faith practices suit you and what aspects of worship are especially important for you. Learning about the spiritual types of others can help you understand their needs and appreciate your differences.

"Become Your Best US" Marriage Class

Every couple is unique. They're an "US." There are things they like to do, places they like to go, histories that are their own. And whether they are loving their US, wondering if their US is going to make it, or somewhere in between, every couple at some level wants to become their best US. They just may not be sure how. So,

- While the way we are wired both individually and as a couple may be different . . .
- While our stage of life might be different . . .
- While our situations may be different . . .

There are some great relationship habits that empower all of us—specifically four core habits that come from Scripture that can help every couple become their best US.

We'll explore these core habits and more on five Sunday evenings at 6:00 P.M. in the lobby beginning March 17. Register by Monday, March 11, at Clipboard Central or online at www.trinity-ec.org by clicking on the blue "Sign up Here" button to ensure your spot. Cost is \$10 per couple to cover materials. Checks made payable to Trinity Lutheran or cash may be dropped off at the church office. Childcare will be available upon request.

Call Committee Update

- The Call Committee was installed at all worship services on Sunday, February 10, and Wednesday, February 13.
- Tom Fiedler was selected by the committee to become its Chair, with Mark Hofer appointed as Vice Chair.
- As the Call Committee continues to plan and prepare for its work, they expect to receive names and profiles of qualified candidates for Lead Pastor through the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin office of the ELCA before the end of March.
- Please keep the Call Committee in your daily prayers as they prepare to launch their search.

Re-Purpose

Do you have men's ties no longer in style? Want to re-purpose your men's ties? Your ties can find a new home in Jamaica at Jabneb Christian Academy. Any ties donated will be used for a children's craft project. The deadline for tie donation is Sunday, March 17. Please drop them off at the church office. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Open Gym

On Tuesdays, through March 19, from 10:00 A.M.—11:30 A.M. the Trinity Room will be open for parents and their young children (toddlers—preschool) to come in and use our equipment in a large safe space. Members, friends of members, and non-members are welcome to attend. The cost per session is \$3 for one child; \$2 for each additional child from the same family.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Luther Park Recharge Club 78 and Club 9 Retreat

The next Luther Park Recharge is March 1 and 2. This retreat is 24 hours of camp to recharge faith through faith discussion, music, friends, and activities. This year's theme is *Firm Foundation*. The registration cost is \$80 and includes programming from 7:00 P.M. Friday until 7:00 P.M. Saturday, meals, lodging, and a Recharge t-shirt. Sign-up at the Toolbench. Register online at www.lutherpark.org or call 715.859.2215. Scholarships are available if needed.

Baked Goods Needed

Club 78 and Club 9 students are invited to share a pan of baked goods with concert attendees at the Chippewa Valley Area Singers Concert on Sunday, March 3. Deliver a pan of bars, cookies, or mini-muffins to the church kitchen by 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 3. Donations collected from concert participants will be used toward the Appalachia mission trip. This act of kindness fulfills 1/3 credit for Club 78 and with Club 9 service hours. Please sign-up at the Tool Bench. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information about any of the scheduled events listed above, please contact Ashley Olson at ashley@trinity-ec.org or call her at 715.832.6601 ext. 209.