

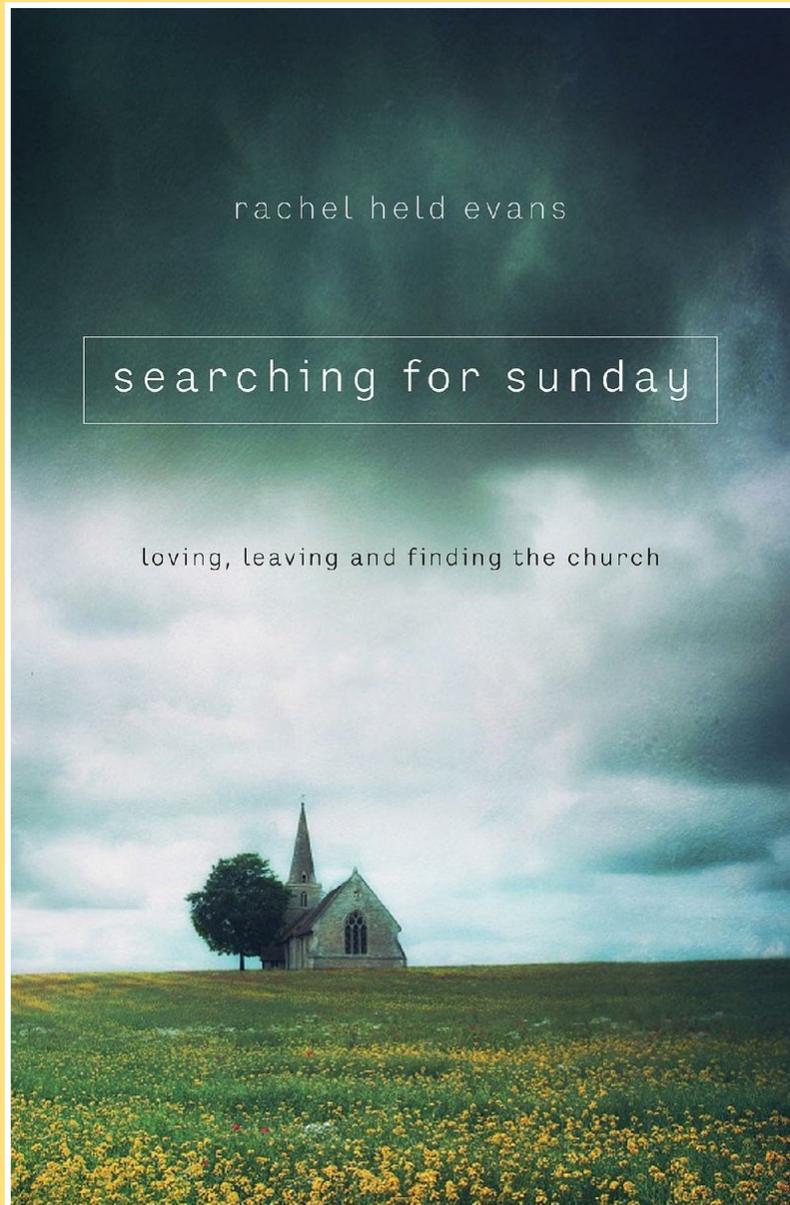
HIGHLIGHTS

THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE *of* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 2020



*Members of the TTTs
prepare a meal for DLM.*



Women's Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 21st

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

Leaders: Rachel Nunez, Director of Formation & Vicar Debbie Pinnegar

Exploring the Sacraments: Baptism - Confession - Communion with video excerpts & readings from "Searching for Sunday" by Rachel Held Evans.

The questions explored during our time together will prompt participants to engage with their own experiences of both life and sacrament to see how they intersect.

We will also have time of morning prayer, meditation, and closing Eucharist.

Cost: \$10 per person. You may register beginning Sunday, March 1 in the office lobby.

come
serve
with us



Our next hosting week is ...

**Sunday, March 1st through
Sunday, March 8th**

Please consider helping families in need by being a grocery shopper, evening host, cook, launderer, or van driver, please sign up on our bulletin board in the office hallway. It only takes a few hours, and volunteering makes a huge difference by helping these families get through hard times, and also lets us truly show God that we love him.

If you have any questions about Family Promise, the new Copley Road facility, being a volunteer, or how Trinity helps homeless families, please see Gregg Loesch. †



**Special House Dedication
for Melissa & her family!**

Sunday, March 1, 4:30 p.m.
801 Valdez Avenue, Akron

Melissa shared her Habitat journey with us on February 16 as part of LIFT Sunday. Let us join her as her house is dedicated and she receives the keys to her first home!

Some of you also may know Melissa for she is the school secretary at Robinson CLC! Hope to see you there! †



Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19, 7-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

DLM Food and Resources is such a blessing for so many families ... and it can be for you as well! It takes many hands to provide this ministry ... consider volunteering just a few hours of your time. You will witness firsthand God's work in action! See DLM Coordinator Darlene Anderson for more information. †

Spring Training



Pastor David

“... Lent is a time of focused training, of intense discipleship, of doing the things we are called to do all the time ...”

Like a lot of folks this time of year, I’m looking forward to baseball season. Bring back the pitchers’ duels and the towering home runs, speed on the bases and athleticism in the field. Two outs, bottom of the ninth, bases loaded, full count, and the wind and the pitch. Who knows? Maybe this will finally be the Indians year. Yep. Let’s do this.

But before the games begin in earnest, there’s spring training. A chance to hone some skills, to get used to roster changes, to determine who is ready to go or who needs a bit more seasoning and experience in Columbus or Akron. Spring training, despite the complaints that it takes too long, is still a necessary part of the process of getting the team truly ready for the long season that lies ahead.

From my friend and colleague Pr. Matt Musteric: *I’ve always liked the image of Lent as a time of “spring training” for Christians. The point is not to give something up (or take something on) for 40 days and then go back to life as usual. Instead, Lent is a time of focused training, of intense discipleship, of doing the things we are called to do all the time...in a focused, disciplined way.*

Since February 26, we have been in the purple days of Lent...a time on the road to cross and resurrection. I remember a time when Lent seemed all about making oneself feel bad (or at least guilty) because Jesus died on the cross. Thankfully, our focus has shifted over the years, recovering a focus on baptism that comes to us from the earliest days of the church. Lent is a time of intentional preparation and renewal, marked by a devotion to prayer, learning, and acts of charity. It is indeed a spring training for the soul that readies us for Easter’s joy and the life of discipleship that follows Jesus from an empty tomb into a waiting world.

An encouragement: If you haven’t already done so, take time this week to write out your Lenten discipline. If you need some help figuring out what that might look like, keep reading in these pages. There are plenty of opportunities for prayer and study and service to neighbor that happen regularly in the life of this congregation. All you need to do is decide it’s important enough to make time for.

The result we’re hoping to achieve, of course, is a team better prepared to take up Jesus’ mission in this world...a team that is more confident in its relationship with God and its commitment to one another...a team that is excited about the privilege of being and bearing God’s good news to the neighbors God has given us...a team that knows and celebrates the joy of new life which is ours already in Christ Jesus.

Welcome to spring training. Let’s get ready to play ball. +



Sunday LIFT – March 2020
10 a.m. in Room 202

We begin the Season of Lent on Sunday, March 1. During this time, we will focus on *Jesus’ Life and Ministry*. The stories we will be looking at explore Jesus’ life as an adult prior to Holy Week and Easter. These sessions allow us to see Jesus answer his call and work in many different ways in the lives of those he encountered while on earth. †

March 1

The Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness
(Matthew 4: 1-11)

March 8

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus *(John 3: 1-17)*

March 15

Jesus Talks with a Samaritan Woman at the Well *(John 4: 5-42)*

March 22

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind *(John 9: 1-41)*

March 29

The Death of Lazarus *(John 11: 1-45)*

The Season of Lent

Mid-Week Class

Wednesday @ 11 a.m. in Chapel Lounge and 6:00 p.m. in Room 202

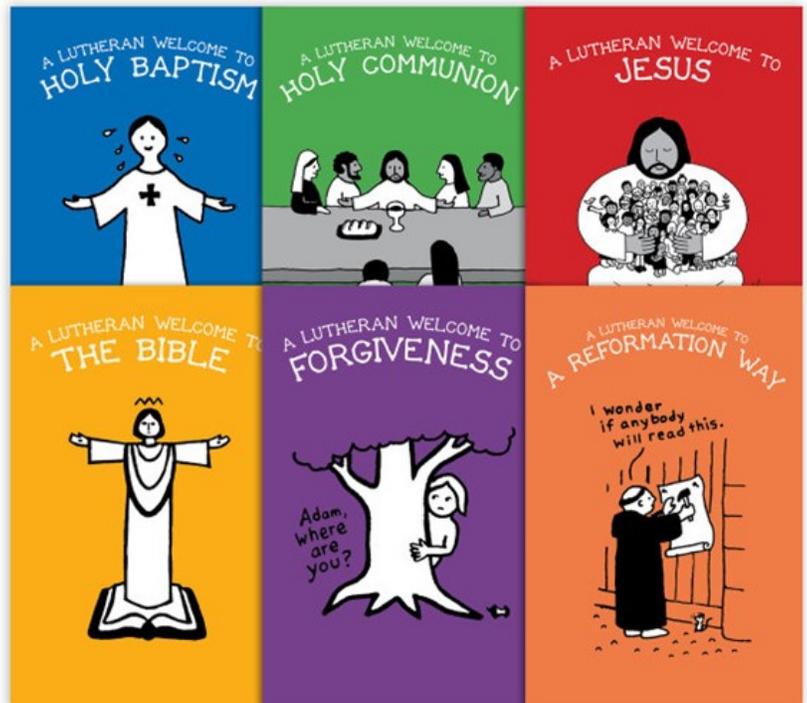
(a light meal will be served on Wednesday evening)

Facilitated by Pastor David Nevergall & Vicar Debbie Pinnegar

A Lutheran Welcome by Daniel Erlander

Daniel Erlander has written and illustrated books that have resonated with Lutherans for decades. Their visual appeal, theological content, and inviting tone welcome each reader into moments of delight, discover, and the underlying assurance of God’s deep and everlasting love for us. †

- ◆ March 4 [A Lutheran Welcome to Holy Baptism](#)
- ◆ March 11 [A Lutheran Welcome to Holy Communion](#)
- ◆ March 18 [A Lutheran Welcome to Jesus](#)
- ◆ March 25 [A Lutheran Welcome to the Bible](#)
- ◆ April 1 [A Lutheran Welcome to Forgiveness](#)



Vicar's Vision



Lint. When I was little I was confused about what this time of the year was between when we got ashes on our heads and when we celebrated that Jesus was alive. I thought it was called “lint”. I wondered why anyone would want to name a whole season of the year after the nasty furry stuff that my mom took out of the trap in our dryer.

In time I learned that the season was not called lint, but Lent. I still felt like there was a

connection between the two words, but I was not sure what it was. Then I met Jen. Jen was my roommate my first year in college. She was an art major. We had very different perspectives on life. I remember very clearly one Friday night when she came to the laundry room as I was starting a load of laundry and asked me to save my lint for her. She was going to make art with it. I was puzzled. This was trash. It was gross and meant to be thrown away. How could it be art? But over the next few weeks she collected the stuff that was caught in the lint trap and began to stick it to a canvas. Reds, grays, blues... whatever the color of the lint, she emptied the lint trap and brought it into our room and applied it to the canvas to make “art.”

In the very fabric of our being, humanity, we are susceptible to sin and its effects. We are washed and yet the effects keep returning. From the time we are washed in the waters of baptism, we are saints and sinners. The sin keeps coming back, and as we learned in the catechism we should everyday let go of our sin and give our lives to Jesus.

Paul says that Jesus took all that sin on himself on the cross. He took the sin and sins’ effects away and made something beautiful with it. While preparing my sermon for Transfiguration Sunday which immediately precedes Lent in the church calendar, I read an article that talked about the beauty that is revealed in the incarnation of Christ. The light of the glory of God shines in and through Jesus. That is what makes it beautiful. I started to think about how that beauty is at its fullest when Jesus suffers and dies on the cross for you and me. In that moment with all the gross sinfulness of the world applied to Christ, we see the fullness of God’s greatest masterpiece. This is God’s art.

The sin remained sin. It was not transformed but in that moment it highlighted the grace and the love of God. And what was meant for the garbage received a new purpose. It revealed God’s glory.

This Lent I encourage you to examine your life and see what Jesus has taken to the cross for you in order to reveal God’s glory. Let this season be a time to realistically look at our own sinfulness and the healing made possible through the cross of Christ. As we prepare to remember Christ’s sacrifice on our behalf, let us not look on what God has done with disgust. But let us gratefully see it as God’s creative power bringing art out of trash and life out of death. †



Les Délices

Arts at Holy Trinity welcomes its artists-in-residence **Les Délices**, Cleveland’s premier early music ensemble, for its second concert series in Akron. Known for their creative, original programming, Les Délices (pronounced *Lay day-lease*) is recognized as “an early music group with an avant-garde appetite,” whose “concerts and recordings are journeys of discovery.” (*New York Times*)

Friday, March 6, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Torchsongs Transformed—Innovative Baroque-Jazz fusion featuring soprano Hélène Brunet.

Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.*

Into the Labyrinth—Baroque music, live puppetry, and gorgeous visuals animate Aesop’s Fables and the Countess D’Aulnoy’s 17th-century feminist fairy tale *The White Cat*.

**Performance at the Akron Art Museum.*

Ticket prices from \$5—\$40 available at www.lesdelices.org. For more information, email info@lesdelices.org or call (216) 302-8404. †

Les Délices also presents a series of community engagement performances in partnership with Holy Trinity at Haven of Rest and at Robinson Community Learning Center.

ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY



presents

Prism Percussion

*featuring award-winning musician Nicholas Pavkovic
and joined by Soprano Emily Hall*

Sunday, March 29, 4 p.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

50 N. Prospect Street, Akron

Prism Percussion, joined by guest artists Emily Hall and Nicholas Pavkovic, present an evening of diverse music for percussion duo, voice, and piano. The recital will showcase the wide palette of sounds attainable with the use of battery, keyboard, and found instruments. The duo's presence on stage is "both musically and visually stunning," affirms Jessica Balik of San Francisco Classical Voice.

The concert is free; a free-will offering will be received. Join our mailing list at the event to enter a drawing during the reception for a \$25 gift certificate to Panera Bread.

A ticketed (\$25) Meet-the-Artist Meal is served at 6 p.m. following the concert. For further details, visit artsholytrinity.org or call the church at (330) 376-5154.



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acapella

Sunday returns March 1

Our first *A capella Sunday* experience in 2019 made such a big impact on worshipers that we decided to offer it again. On the first Sunday of Lent (March 1), we will join with churches in many states and countries - of different denominations - to sing our liturgies *a capella*.

The history and current practice of *a cappella* (unaccompanied) singing in the church is wonderfully rich. Many churches have never experienced singing *a cappella* together. Holy Trinity does this on occasion, and does it well. *Why...?*

It connects us to the history of the church. For thousands of years, *a cappella* singing was the mainstay of the church's song. By recognizing this and exploring this way of music-making, we acknowledge and honor the saints of the past.

It connects us to many Christian denominations, traditions, and regions of the world that continue to use *a capella* music as their primary mode of music-making in corporate worship. Those include many Mennonite denominations, the Church of Christ, many Orthodox traditions, the Church of God in Christ, and South African Methodists.

It offers to God something that is, for many congregations in the United States and Canada, a gift that is different from our usual music-making. Psalm 96:1 tells us to "Sing a new song to the Lord," which can be achieved for some of us by singing *a cappella*.

It encourages the congregation's song by building up confidence in their own voices. Many in our congregations believe that they can't sing, or can't sing well. Singing *a capella* presents those people with the best opportunity to hear themselves and others singing, giving them a fresh perspective on their assumptions of their own abilities and the ability of the congregation's combined voice.

It emphasizes the unique ability of instruments to enhance the congregation's song. By showing the congregation that they can sing without instrumental accompaniment, instrumental accompaniment can then begin to enhance and empower the congregation's voice rather than acting primarily as a crutch.

It allows the instrumentalists to spend a Sunday listening carefully to the congregation to assess where their voice needs support. Often times it is hard to listen carefully to the congregation while focusing on playing an instrument accurately and musically. This gives the instrumentalists permission to step away for a Sunday to hear the assembly clearly.

Finally, singing *a capella* is fun! By removing our typical means of accompanying song, our minds are often challenged to come up with new and creative ways to sing together that maintains energy and vitality. It can bring out the best in not only the congregation, but in the musician's leadership.

May we revel in the glory of the voices God made for us to unite and enjoy together in prayer and praise. †



Stewardship

a way of life

What is Stewardship?

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word “stewardship”? Budgets and spreadsheets? Money? Pledge cards? A grateful response to God? What about love?

For many folks, stewardship means “the church asking for money” or it means nothing at all. If it draws to mind anything, it is the annual financial response that happens every fall to ensure there is enough money to fund the budget for the next year. While the annual financial response may be wrapped up in religious language, at the end of the day it is about the need of the congregation to receive rather than the need of the giver to give.

And yet, true stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is a way of life. It calls for integration between our faith and the way that we live our lives — we are a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life. Stewardship is a mindset, a culture and a discipline that can never be contained in an annual three-week financial response. According to Clarence Stoughton, former president of Wittenberg University, stewardship is everything we do after we say “I believe.” It is the way in which we use all of the resources that God has entrusted to our care so that we can love God and our neighbor. Stewardship is about love.

We’ll be spending time each month in these pages exploring what stewardship means for us here at Holy Trinity, and how our lives can reflect our gratitude to God for all that we are and all we have been given. In the meantime, consider your call to the ministry we share in this place. How is your thanksgiving to God demonstrated in your participation in the work we share? †

MALES: Gather ‘round

March 19 is the day set aside to honor St. Joseph, the guardian/step-father of Jesus. To mark this occasion, we invite men and boys to offer a simple call to worship the following Sunday, March 22. We gather in the choir room at 10:30 a.m. to prepare a simple anthem. We encourage interested singers to sign up at the Welcome Center located in the office lobby or contact Deacon Ruth by March 15 to indicate their interest in participating. †



DLM

FOOD AND RESOURCES



ABOVE: Members of Faith Lutheran Church have a word of prayer before DLM opens on February 22.



LEFT: Fully stocked carts are set-up in the choir room ready for shoppers.



BELOW: The new Children's Closet room stocked with racks and bins of clothing.

It's pretty clear that DLM is an outreach ministry that is having a tremendous impact in our community. And for the individuals and families who visit each month, it's helping to ensure they have enough food and clothing along with vital information about community resources. For the month of February ...



675

Total # individuals served.



281

Total # children served.



340

Total # hot meals served.



239/140

Total # who received clothing.
(adult clothing/children clothing)



The First Koinonia Dinner was Held

What a great response!! More than 40 people signed up to participate in Koinonia Dinners to be held throughout 2020. Christian fellowship is an important part of our faith, and one way to foster that is to get together for a meal, and the first Koinonia Dinner was held January 31.

The 40+ people were divided into five groups (pictured on this page) where they shared a meal and a little about each other. The small groups are encouraged to gather as often as they like for a shared meal, service project or whatever they decide to do. The next Koinonia Dinner with all groups is in May. †

Pictured top left (l to r): Pat McRowe, Diane Chambers, LJ and Rick Kimble, Sandy DeLuca and Don Parsisson. Not pictured from this group are John and Ruth Stefanik.

Pictured top right (l to r): Jacinto Nunez, Jacquie Wert, Rachel Nunez and Stephanie Hilton. Not pictured from this group are Elizabeth Liska and Brian and Debbie Pinnegar.

Pictured top middle (l to r): JD Sanders, Ruth Anderson, Marshall Thomas, Tom and Alice Bouton, and Donna and Fletcher Carroll.

Pictured bottom middle (l to r): Bob and Sylvia Leddon, Velma Pomrenke, Karen and Pastor David Nevergall, Connie Archbold and Amanda Archbold.

Pictured bottom (l to r): Joan Derrig, Susan and Dan Detwiler, Gloria Woodford, and Tom Baumgardner. Not pictured from this group are Dan and Carol Seiberling.





Melissa Carrington and her sons shared their journey with Habitat for Humanity of Summit County on February 16.



Valentine's Caroling on February 16 at Ohio Living Rockynol Rehab Unit.



Gregg Loesch making a Valentine's card.

A Busy February for Sunday LIFT Activities!

Each Sunday throughout the month was devoted to learning more about Holy Trinity's various partner organizations ... OPEN M, the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity of Summit County and DLM Food and Resources. Agency representatives spoke during the middle hour and shared information about their respective programs. Additionally, a family shared their personal journey with Habitat for Humanity. These are such wonderful organizations, and it's a privilege that we get to support the great work they do! †



Gina Campbell and Jo Dangel from the Food Bank spoke on February 9.



Wanda Clark (l) with Dick and Yvonne Sebastian make Valentine's cards on February 2.



More than 50 Valentine's Day cards were donated to OPEN M.



DLM Coordinator Darlene Anderson was the guest speaker at Sunday LIFT on February 23 where she gave an update on DLM Food and Resources.



DLM Grows and Expands!

There have been lots of changes made with DLM Food and Resources:

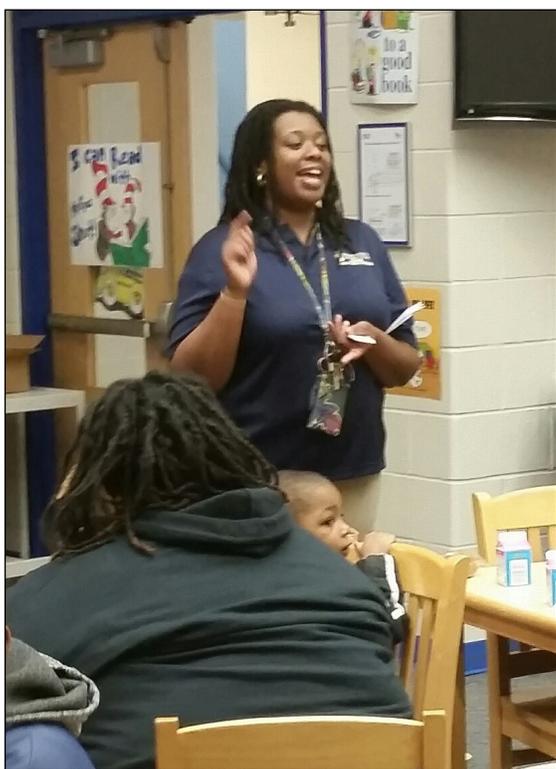
- ◆ Clothing distribution has expanded to include adult, teen and children's areas.
- ◆ Rolling carts are now set-up in the Choir Room.
- ◆ Two freezers offer more meat.
- ◆ Offer Spanish interpreters.

Ernie Liska Memorial Scholarship

After several months of planning, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has established The Ernie Liska Memorial Scholarship in order to provide financial assistance to students who plan to earn a college degree, university degree, or become certified in a vocational/building trade, and aspire to utilize their education to serve their community. The \$1,000 scholarship, designed to assist deserving students attending Akron Public Schools, will be awarded following a review of applications by a select committee. This annual scholarship is a one-time award and is not renewable.

Please consider making a donation to this very important scholarship program and support deserving students as they launch their careers. Contributions may be made to the Ernie Liska Memorial Scholarship fund at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

For more information, please contact John Stefanik at (330) 666-3579 or by email at jrstef@roadrunner.com. †



Natasha Ervin from The Parent Project was the guest speaker at the Pastries for Parents event.



Pictured (from left): Sandy DeLuca, Gregg Loesch, Pastor David and David Siemon.

Pastries for Parents Event Held at Robinson CLC

Throughout the 2019-2020 school year, Holy Trinity has been hosting quarterly parent engagement activities, and 'Pastries for Parents' was the second quarter event held February 5. Approximately 30 parents and children attended. The guest speaker was Natasha Ervin with The Parent Project housed at Summit County Juvenile Court. These quarterly events provide us with an opportunity to further our relationships with the Robinson students and families. What a joy! †

PRAYER REQUEST

At the upcoming Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly (June 11-13), we will be electing a new bishop to lead the synod. We ask that you pray ...

O God, we ask for your guidance this month as we assemble to lift names of those who may be called to serve as our next bishop. Help us to listen to your word revealed in Christ. Protect us from our need to know the end of the election story, for all we need to know is that in your abundant mercy you are walking with us. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen. †



A room with a view ... pictured from the south transept is Pastor David preaching from the pulpit along with the music books of the Trinity bell choir. †



Workers from Frost Building Maintenance, Inc. remove the damaged wall in the hallway stairwell near the Welcome Center.



Water damage in the room above Deacon Ruth Anderson's office.



A completed finished section of the archives room on the 3rd floor.



Water damage in one of the rooms on the 3rd floor.

What is all the raucous on the 3rd floor?

All the noise and dust is from work being done by Frost Building Maintenance, Inc. to repair water damage in several of the rooms on the 3rd floor, in hallway stairwell and in the church office area. Workers are removing the damaged, chipped and cracked portions of the walls and replacing them with new plaster and finishing with a fresh coat of paint.

In 2019, Frost completed repair work to the outside of the building, and this year repair work is being completed on the inside. Funding for the work comes from the Extraordinary Building Fund. †



Men on a Mission

Saturday, March 14 & 28, 8:30 a.m. | Chapel Lounge

If you're a guy, you are welcome to join us. We're reading the book of Daniel, eating donuts, drinking coffee and praying together ... generally figuring out what it means to be a man of faith. This is good stuff ... come and be a part of it! †



Trinity Stampers

Friday, March 20, 10:30 a.m. | Scharf Library

If you are a stamper, a scrapbooker, or someone who enjoys doing crafts ... please join us!! The Trinity Stampers gather each month (*September through May*) to hand-make greeting cards for those members who are home bound. Come be a part of the fun and fellowship! †



Men's Lutheran Loafers

Friday, March 20, 11:30 a.m. | Akron Family Restaurant

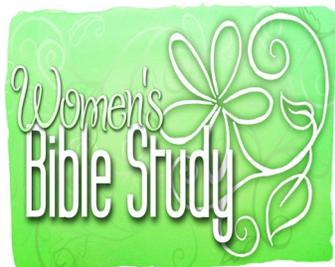
Calling all men ... or anyone who wants to join the group! No experience necessary, you just must enjoy meeting with other members of our Holy Trinity family. If you would like any further information just call Fletcher Carroll @ (330) 923-6310 or e-mail preegee@neo.rr.com. †



Holy Trinity Book Club

Sunday, March 22, following the 11 a.m. service | Scharf Library

We will meet in the Scharf Library to discuss *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth* by Sarah Smarsh. *Heartland* was a National Book Award Finalist in 2018. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us for the discussion. Contact Amy Indorf or Diane Chambers for more information. †



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will join the Women's Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 21 in the Chapel Lounge at Holy Trinity. Regular meetings will resume in April. †



Altar Guild

There is no Altar Guild meeting in March. The group will be attending the Women's Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 21. For information on the Women's Lenten Retreat, please see page 2. †

Environmental Tip

Are you still collecting and using plastic bags? Consider getting cloth bags. Some communities are doing away with plastic bags, so this is the time to plan ahead. It takes 500 plus years for plastic to biodegrade. Did you know about the ACBC program --(Aluminum Cans for Burned Children) that has been running for years? Ace Hardware is collecting them, or check with your local fire department. The proceeds from this program are being used to pay for educational and support programs as well as non-medical items or services not covered by insurance. †

Blood Pressures

will be taken on Sunday,
March 1, 10-10:45 a.m.
in Room 201.

There is also resource
information available. †

Prayer of the Month

Please pray for those families that have been touched by the virus that is present worldwide and that it may soon be brought under control. †

This Communion Bread Recipe Is Gluten-Free!

We've been experimenting over the past few months with communion bread that could be shared by all who come to the table. This has been the most popular recipe. We share it here with an invitation to try your hand at providing the bread for our Sunday worship.

Ingredients:

- 1 ¾ cups brown rice flour
- 1 ¾ cups almond flour
- ¼ cup white sugar
- ½ tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 6 Tbs psyllium powder
- ¼ cup vegetable oil + more to brush on the loaves
- ½ tsp apple cider vinegar
- 2 cups water

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350°, and line baking sheets with parchment paper.
- Whisk together all dry ingredients in a large mixing bowl, forming a well in the center for mixing in wet ingredients.
- Mix wet ingredient together (oil, vinegar, water); pour into dry ingredients.
- Stir together by hand until it comes together. It will be a sticky dough.
- Divide the dough into 4 roughly equal portions. Shape into 6-to-7" round loaves, and place onto baking sheet. Score a cross on each (lightly with a knife), and brush lightly with vegetable oil.
- Place in pre-heated oven for 12 minutes.
- Remove from the oven to again brush lightly with oil. Turn the oven up to 400 degrees. Return the loaves to the oven and bake another 12 minutes.
- Remove and place loaves directly on a cooling rack. Cool completely!



Holy Trinity received words of thanks from the following organizations:

A THANK YOU FROM ROBINSON CLC ...

Thank you never seems like enough but please know that we are so thankful and so appreciative of your caring support of our children and families. Truly you will never know the difference you have made at our school and in the lives of our children. Please thank everyone for us and please know how blessed we feel that you are a part of our Robinson CLC Family.

A THANK YOU FROM OPEN M ... With the kindness you have shown to OPEN M through your thoughtful gift of homemade Valentine's Day cards, you are sharing God's love at work in this community which is priceless. Your support is very much valued by everyone connected with OPEN M. The creative Valentine's cards made by your LIFT group will be distributed to our clients in the food bags that provide a 3-day supply of food receive through our pantry.

A THANK YOU FROM THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHEN ... *The organizing body of the Christ's Closet ministry would like to thank you for your financial support of our Free Uniform Program, our fourth year. A total of one hundred sixty (160) children from Barber, Seiberling, Robinson, David Hill and Mason CLCs were helped with a free uniform package. Thank you for your support and the funding to help these students this school year.*



'Happy Birthday' to the following members who are celebrating birthdays this month!!

- March 1 – MacKenzie Kubiak
- March 1 – Anthony Lupo
- March 2 – Lorin Sickafoose
- March 3 – Tanya Rogers
- March 4 – Howard Robison
- March 7 – Arden Cheeseborough
- March 8 – William Woodford
- March 9 – Tommy Ranftl
- March 10 – Lynn Kane
- March 10 – Jen Seltzer
- March 11 – Marsha Asente
- March 14 – Wesley Andrews
- March 15 – Sandy Hamilton
- March 15 – Olivia Sharp
- March 17 – Carolyn McCahan
- March 17 – James Simpson
- March 18 – Parker Andrews
- March 18 – Natalie Giffels
- March 18 – Taylor Harris
- March 19 – David Nevergall
- March 19 – Zachary Spannbauer
- March 21 – Elijah Forbes
- March 21 – Marilyn Niskanen
- March 22 – Alec Feeman
- March 22 – Ben Mormino
- March 24 – Ashley Keller
- March 25 – Nan Riemenschneider
- March 26 – Meleah Woodford
- March 27 – Beth Pfahl
- March 27 – Charlotte Stefanik
- March 28 – Aiden Bennage
- March 29 – Gretchen Birch
- March 29 – Jennifer Dillard
- March 29 – Rebecca Seroke
- March 31 – John Stefanik

*If you want to include your birthday in a future issue of the Highlights, please contact Annmarie Denko at (330) 376-5154.
NOTE: This list only includes known birthdays.*

March Worship Stewards

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
March 1 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sandy DeLuca <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling <u>11 a.m.</u> Jacquie Wert	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Fred Spencer <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon
March 8 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Jennifer Keller <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Alice Bouton <u>11 a.m.</u> Tom Baumgardner	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling <u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Ethington
March 15 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sandy DeLuca <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> TBA <u>11 a.m.</u> Deb Ickes	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon
March 22 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sonya Nagle <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Debbie Pinnegar <u>11 a.m.</u> Frederica Cohen	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Dennis Dick <u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Ethington
March 29 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Jennifer Keller <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Bob Leddon <u>11 a.m.</u> Karen Nevergall	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon

USHERS

8:30 a.m.
Mike Ameling, Bill Bulgrin, Fletcher Carroll, Donna Carroll, Ron Nockengost, Gary Radanof, and Gloria Woodford

11 a.m.
Gregg Loesch, Fred Rieman, Pat McRowe and Rich Williams

Underlined name indicates head ushers.

altar CARE

Candles: Lynn Kane
Flowers: Marsha Asente
Altar Care: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Communion (March):
8:30 a.m. — Donna Carroll & Gloria Woodford
11 a.m. — TO BE ANNOUNCED



Communion Bread

March Bakers

March 1 — TBA
March 8 — TBA
March 15 — Nevergalls
March 22 — TBA
March 29 — TBA

If you love baking, why not bake the Communion Bread to use during Sunday worship? The sign-up sheet and recipe can be found at the Welcome Center.

March Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Family Promise Week						
1 8:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10 a.m. LIFT 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 12:30 p.m. Orff Ensemble 4:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication	2 11 a.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	3 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 5:30 p.m. Renaissance Meeting (SL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus (FH)	4 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Lenten Midweek Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Midweek Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Lenten Midweek Study (CL—light meal served)	5 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	6 7:30 p.m. Les Delices Concert (Sanc.)	7 10 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (CL)
8 8:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10 a.m. LIFT 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 4 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (SL)	9 11 a.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 7 p.m. Cabinet (CL)	10 10 a.m. Property Team Meeting (SL) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6:30 p.m. Music & Worship Team Meeting (SL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus (FH)	11 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Lenten Midweek Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Midweek Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Lenten Midweek Study (Rm. 202—light meal served)	12 3 p.m. LINKS 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	13	14 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open (Rm. 100 & FH)
15 8:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10 a.m. LIFT 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 12:30 p.m. Orff Ensemble	16 11 a.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	17 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Council (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus (FH)	18 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Lenten Midweek Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Midweek Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Lenten Midweek Study (Rm. 202—light meal served)	19 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202) 6 p.m. Quilters (Rm. 202) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7 p.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for Project RISE (Rm. 100 & FH) 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	20 10:30 a.m. Trinity Stampers (SL) 11:30 a.m. Lutheran Loafers (Akron Family Restaurant)	21 9 a.m. Women's Lenten Retreat (CL, Sanc. & Rm. 202)
22 8:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10 a.m. LIFT 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 4 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (SL)	23 11 a.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Direction (CL)	24 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Intern Committee Meeting (SL)	25 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Lenten Midweek Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Midweek Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Lenten Midweek Study (Rm. 202—light meal served)	26 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	27	28 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open (Rm. 100 & FH) 2-6 p.m. Prism Percussion Rehearsal (Sanc.)
29 8:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10 a.m. LIFT 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 4 p.m. Prism Percussion Concert (Sanc.) 6 p.m. Meet-the-Artist Meal (FH)	30 11 a.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	31 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)				



HOLY WEEK

From Death into Life

For Christians, the pinnacle of the church year happens during the eight days from Palm/Passion Sunday through the First Sunday of Easter as we recall the death and resurrection of Jesus. We encourage you to bring friends and family...inviting them to walk these days with Christ as we journey from the saving mystery of Christ's death to the hope and power of new life in Him.

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Weather permitting, we will gather on the front steps outside the narthex to bless the palms, hear the Gospel account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and process in the sanctuary. The readings for the day center around Luke's account of Jesus suffering and death. Holy Communion is celebrated.

NOTE: Mid-day services will be held on Maundy Thursday (April 9) and Good Friday (April 10) at noon.

The Paschal Triduum, the three Great Days of the Christian faith, begins on **Maundy Thursday, April 9**. The three evening services on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday are in fact one liturgy that encompasses the entire saving mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ. We gather for worship on Thursday at **7 p.m.** Holy Communion will be celebrated. The service will also include foot-washing, recalling Jesus' act of self-giving service before his disciples. And the chancel will be stripped of its decoration even as Jesus was humiliated by his captors.

Good Friday, April 10 is the middle of the three Great Days. We gather for worship at **7 p.m.** as our three-day Triduum liturgy continues with a reading of the Passion according to St. John, Solemn Prayers, and the Adoration of the Cross.

Holy Saturday, April 11 concludes the Paschal Triduum with the ancient liturgy of the **Vigil of Easter**. Weather permitting, we will gather outside as the sun is setting at **8 p.m.** on the north lawn around a new fire. The Paschal Candle, extinguished after Thursday's service, is lit and the good news of Easter (the Light of Christ!) is proclaimed. We follow the candle in procession to the Chapel Lounge for a series of readings and responses from the Old Testament. From there, the assembly moves to the lobby to gather around the baptismal font for Affirmation of Baptism. Then we move once again...this time into the Sanctuary where the Easter Gospel is read and the first Eucharist of Easter is celebrated.

The Resurrection of our Lord/Easter Sunday, April 12 is marked by festival worship at **8:30 and 11 a.m.** An Easter potluck breakfast will take place during the Middle hour beginning at about 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

These are indeed holy days. We invite you to participate, and to bring along others who are awaiting the good news of God in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! †

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