



HIGHLIGHTS

A Newsletter of

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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February, 2017

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting **February 19, 2017 - Following Worship**

Agenda Items:

- Review and Adopt 2016 Annual Report
- Elect two Nominating Committee Members at large
- Update on Property Safety and Security
- Other Business from the Floor

Celebrate Mardi Gras!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 28 – 6:30 pm.

Our Lutheran Men in Mission Group is sponsoring our pancake supper again this year! Free-will offering to benefit a local benevolence.



Lent Begins on March 1 with **Ash Wednesday Worship**

Noon Service – Chapel & 7:00 pm Service – Sanctuary

Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

WE WILL BRING FOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY



Our February Servers



Area of Service	Feb.5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26
Flowers	B. Wingo	B. Wingo	Clines	D. Huff
Greeter	Campbells	Campbells	Campbells	Campbells
Ushers	Campbells	Campbells	Campbells	Campbells
Acolyte	G. Brockmeyer	G. Brockmeyer	G. Brockmeyer	D. Conner
Crucifer	G. Brockmeyer	G. Brockmeyer	G. Brockmeyer	D. Conner
Reader	A. Brockmeyer	A. Brockmeyer	M. Barnett	M. Barnett
Communion Bread	B. Wingo		B. Wingo	
Communion Setup	B. Wingo		B. Wingo	
Communion Presenter	B. Wingo		K. Castelee	
Communion Assistant	E. Hagar		E. Hagar	
Tellers	B. Wingo	B. Wingo	B. Wingo	B. Wingo

Readings for February Worship



February 5 – Luke 7:1-17

Jesus raises a Centurion's slave and a widow's son

February 12 – Luke 7:18-35

John Asks: Are you the One who is to come?

February 19 – Luke 7:36-50

A Woman anoints Jesus' feet

February 26 – Luke 9:28-45

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain

Watch your email inbox for weekly "Worship Matters" newsletters.

Calendar for February

Week of February 5

Sun	5	9:45 am	Sunday School
		11:00 am	Worship - Holy Communion
Tues	7	7:00pm	Witness Team Meeting
Wed	8	12:30 pm	Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	11	10:00 am	Circle of Ruth at Trinity

Week of February 12

Sun	12	9:45 am	Sunday School
		11:00 am	Worship
		Noon	Youth Group Program
		4:00pm	Von Bora Circle
Tues	14	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Wed	15	12:30 pm	Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Choir Practice

Week of February 19

Sun	19	9:45 am	Sunday School
		11:00 am	Worship – Holy Communion
			Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
Mon	20	10:00 am	Piecemakers’ Quilting Group
Wed	22	12:30 pm	Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Choir Practice

Week of February 26

Sun	26	9:45 am	Sunday School
		11:00 am	Worship
Tues	28	6:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (SPONSORED BY TRINITY MEN IN MISSION)
Wed	1	12:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Noon Service
		7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Evening Service
Fri	3	11:00 am	World Day of Prayer – St. Edward

Meeting Locations:

Bible Study – Library; Circle of Ruth, Youth Group, Quilting, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Fellowship Hall; Adult S.S., Council, Von Bora Circle – Parlor;
Choir – Sanctuary; Ash Wednesday Noon Worship - Chapel

We SERVE, We SHARE



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER OFFERING

On February 28, 6:30pm, we will meet in the Foy Aust Fellowship Hall for our annual pre-Lenten Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Our free-will offering will be given for a local benevolence of your choosing at the supper.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE

The Alice B. Paulson-Amos Family Medical Caregivers Scholarship application is available in the narthex and office. The deadline is April 15. Please mail applications to the church address: 2 Fifth St. NW, Pulaski, VA

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL DURING LENT

Beginning with Ash Wednesday (March 1), we will have World Hunger coin boxes and envelopes for you to take home so that throughout the 40 days of Lent we can gather a gift of compassion and faith in action for the sake of those suffering from hunger in our world. We will receive the offerings on Palm Sunday, April 9.



Dear Friends and Members of Trinity Lutheran Church Women:

The residents and staff at Fairview Home want to thank you for your donation of items including Christmas decorations on December 12, 2016. We appreciate your support through your donation. We are privileged and blessed by your generosity and trust that God will continue to bless you for your gift to our home and residents.

Again, we would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness in enhancing the quality of life for our residents and would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your donation. We hope you all have a happy and healthy 2017!

Sincerely,
Kristy McMahan - Administrator

We WORSHIP

THE SEASON OF LENT

March 1 begins the Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday worship at 12:00 noon (Chapel) and 7:00 pm (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion at both services.



HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

During our 40 days of Lent we come together on Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm for the Holden setting of Evening Prayer. The musical setting is very beautiful, accompanied by Linda Hawks, giving us an ideal time for self-reflection and sharing and blessing. Our evening prayer offerings will be used to care for people in our community in need. Please join us!

WAYS TO KEEP A HOLY LENT

- Worship regularly – Sunday mornings and Sunday Evening Prayer; hear the Gospel which shapes, renews, and leads us into abundant life.
- Use this time for self-reflection on your life with Jesus; take home special devotional materials provided at church, or use your own favorite daily devotion book
- Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving are the traditional spiritual practices for Lent. Fasting and almsgiving are two sides of the same faith coin: fasting helps us empty ourselves to make room for God’s spirit to dwell in us, and almsgiving open us up to share freely from our plenty to bless those in need, allowing God’s spirit to flow through us.
- We will use the 40 days of Lent for congregational giving to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal .

We LEARN

YOUTH GROUP MEETING IN FEBRUARY

On Sunday, February 12, our children and youth will meet after worship for lunch and a program on “Love.” We will hear from 1st Corinthians 13, and we will do a “Love” craft to share with others.



ADULTS: Join us in the Parlor each Sunday at 9:45 for conversations around scripture and faith! We read the scripture for that morning’s worship.

CIRCLE MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY



Circle of Ruth – Saturday, February 11, 10am; Program – Memorial Garden Art Project; Host is Karen Martin

Von Bora Circle – Sunday, February 12, 4pm, for Bible Study and fellowship



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - "Am I Being Unfair to You?"

prepared by our sisters in the Philippines

Friday, March 3 – 11:00 am

With a light luncheon to follow – bring a dish to share!

St. Edward Catholic Church – 8th & N. Washington Avenue

"Informed Prayer & Prayerful Action"



Our Lutheran Men in Mission group will sponsor the "Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Pancake Supper" on Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30pm. All men are welcome to come and help us cook! We'll start in the kitchen around 5:15 pm.

THRIVENT NEWS

Thrivent Members will have a planning meeting after worship on March 5th – pizza and salad lunch is



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provided! We will have an opportunity to meet our new Thrivent Representative, Matthew Zeiger. Mr. Zeiger will acquaint us with the new Thrivent programs available and answer any questions that we might have. In addition, we will review our completed Thrivent Action Team activities and make plans for 2017. We will also review the procedure for directing our Choice Dollars (to be done quarterly). Please come prepared with new ideas for Action Teams.

Jim Castele was team leader for an Action Team project by the Men in Mission at their January meeting. The group assembled personal kits for the Warming Station. These kits, along with under clothes, will be distributed to those seeking shelter on cold nights. The Warming Station provides hot meals and warm beds to the homeless in need.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

IN OUR PRAYERS for healing and safekeeping:

Todd and Brenda Conner and family, Jackie Pratt, Patti Sanders, Jim Stevens, Bill Thompson; **Friends/Relatives:** Joanne Allen, Shirley Bandy, Mary Jane Burris, Betty Carper, Bill Crisp, Vickie Gillespie, Robin Hurst, Jim Kelly, Vicky Sands, Harry Smith; **Our Military/Peace Corps** including Michael Clayton, Seth Elich, Tyler Simpkins, Jack Smith, Justin Smith, Bronson Underwood, 29th Infantry Div. soldiers and families. **Let us continue to pray for peace, wholeness, and God's transformative love.**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Matthew Conner, Barbara Wingo
- 4 Sarah Wall, John Martin
- 7 Calla Benedict
- 9 Ellie Wohlford
- 10 Linda Gill, Catherine Humphrey
- 16 Ryan Brockmeyer, Todd Conner
- 19 Michael Clayton, Jr.
- 25 Trey Clayton, Kathy Olesuk

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Tim & Michelle Goff
- 27 Gary & Mary Jayne Hall

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Frances Haga, Marilou Sanders

SPEAKING OF BIRTHDAYS, WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES, AND BAPTISMAL

ANNIVERSARIES... *If you haven't seen your name in the appropriate place for these remembrances, please let the church office know the date and we'll update our records! OR if we have a date wrong, please help us fix it!*

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Copies of the 2016 Annual Reports will be available by **February 12** for pick up prior to our **annual meeting on February 19**. Thanks to all who made significant contribution to the report!

2017 MEMBER DIRECTORY will be distributed with the 2016 Annual Report.

A Word of Thanks:

I wish to thank each of you sincerely for my Christmas gift again this year. I consider it a pleasure working here at Trinity. Thank you also for all the encouragement throughout the year. You are a wonderful bunch of people to work with and for.

Sincerely,

Karen S. Taylor