

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lent, a Season of Reflection, Repentance and Return to the Lord



On Wednesday, February 10 we will observe Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. We will do so with worship at noon and 7 PM, including both Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. But this year most especially, we will use the extended order for corporate confession and individual absolution. This order will begin for us the season of confession and repentance and renewal.

I've chosen to use the order for individual absolution as part of our Ash Wednesday service as a reminder that we each need forgiveness and God is willing to forgive us for all of our sins. In the midst of our congregational circumstances, the capacity to seek and offer forgiveness, is essential. Even more important is the capacity to receive and believe in forgiveness. We will find many ways to accept these opportunities during the season of Lent. It is my hope that you will not only make vigorous use of the ritual opportunities for confession and forgiveness, but that you will also speak honestly, compassionately and in Christian love to one another. It is my hope that this season of confession will give each of you, who chooses to use it, the opportunity not only for corporate and public confession but also for private individual confession. I will speak more about that in a moment.

In addition to the Ash Wednesday service for Lent, we will have midweek Lenten services at noon and 7 PM each Wednesday of the season of lent until holy week. These services will be simple with much use of silence, prayer and reflection. We will use an order created at Holden Village called prayers around the cross. We will encourage people to come forward for ample time for individual prayer.

We will also have an opportunity for study with our sisters and brothers from the Roman Catholic community. We will look at our bilateral dialogs over the last 50 years and begin to eagerly anticipate the progress we can make as we move toward the 500th anniversary

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ash Wednesday Service

February 10
Noon and 7 PM

Lenten midweek Services

February 17, 24
and March 2, 9, 16
Noon and 7 PM

Lenten Class on Lutheran-Roman Catholic Reconciliation

February 17, 24,
March 2, 9, 16
7:30 PM in room 123

Individual Personal Confessions

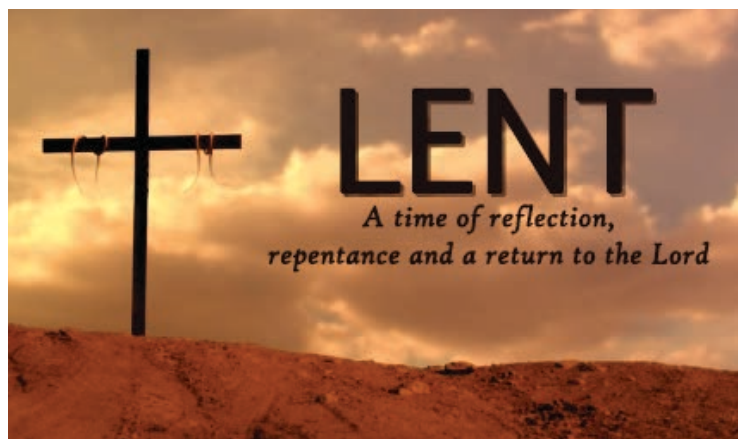
February 17, 24,
March 2, 9, 16
5:30 PM in
Pastor Mann's Office

Easter Services

Sunday, March 27
7:30 AM (Easter Sunrise)
9:00 AM (Traditional)
11:00 AM (Contemporary)

Trinitell Monthly Newsletter will resume in March

The deadline for submitting articles for the March Trinitell is February 15. Email articles or information to news@trinitychesterfield.org or mail to Trinity.



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of the Lutheran reformation. Our sisters and brothers in the Roman Catholic community have taken the initiative of choosing ways in which they can celebrate this with us. The same study is happening on the national and international levels between the Vatican and the Lutheran World Federation. I encourage you to stay after worship Wednesday evenings for these conversations together. And if you can't make Wednesday evening, our sisters and brothers at Saint Anselm will be having a similar study at 10 AM on Thursday mornings. You're more than welcome to join them.

Each of these Wednesday evenings in which our ritual begins at 7 PM, we will have a soup supper which will begin at 6 PM. We hope you will feel welcome to come and join us for a very simple Lenten fare: soup and bread prior to our time of worship. This will give us more opportunity for mutual conversation and rebuilding a sense of community. I hope many of you can join us.

Before our soup suppers together, I will make available in my pastoral office opportunities for individual personal confession for anyone who would like to take advantage of it. I will do this each Wednesday beginning at 5:30 PM. If some of you cannot make that time and want to schedule another time for individual confession, please let me know. I am more than happy to work out a mutually convenient time. I truly want this Lenten season to be a time when we can review our sin, request forgiveness, repent of the wrong in our ways and renew relationships in our community. There will be other opportunities to do these important things, but these will be the initial efforts with which we begin the Lenten season. I hope you will join me.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor John Mann

CONFESSION TIMES

Individual Personal

Confessions

February 17, 24,
March 2, 9, 16

5:30 PM in Pastor Mann's Office

Pastor Mann will be available for individual personal confession in his office for anyone who wishes to take advantage of it. Please contact Pastor Mann if you want to schedule a different time for individual confession.

SERVICE TIMES

Ash Wednesday Services

February 10
Noon and 7 PM

Lenten Midweek Services

February 17, 24
and March 2, 9, 16
Noon and 7 PM

**Join us at 6 PM in room 123
before the Lenten Midweek
service for a Soup Supper.**

STUDY TIMES

Lenten Class on

Lutheran-Roman Catholic

Reconciliation

February 17, 24,
March 2, 9, 16
7:30 PM in room 123

We will look at our bilateral dialogs over the last 50 years and discuss the progress we can make as we move toward the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran reformation.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND UPDATES

New Member Small Group

New member small groups will be starting soon. Please contact the office for more information.

Baptisms

Gary Cooper Taber
Bennett Laurence Espelien
Molly Lynn Schwartze
Lennon Alice Johnson
Olivia Hope Maupin
Olive Mae Donaldson
Sloane Rynne Maguire
Noah Cooper Reno

Deaths

Nell Pinckert
Ann Jones
Shirley Hemman
Virginia Passer
Jerry Withers

NEW TRINITY INFORMATION, SUGGESTIONS & DATA PAGE ADDED TO WEBSITE!

Rather than sending out bits and pieces of information to the congregation all year long, the Trinity web pages have been modified to include a private page for information important to the Trinity community. Please check these pages often for all the latest Trinity information, opinions, and data. The most recent information will always be on top of the list.

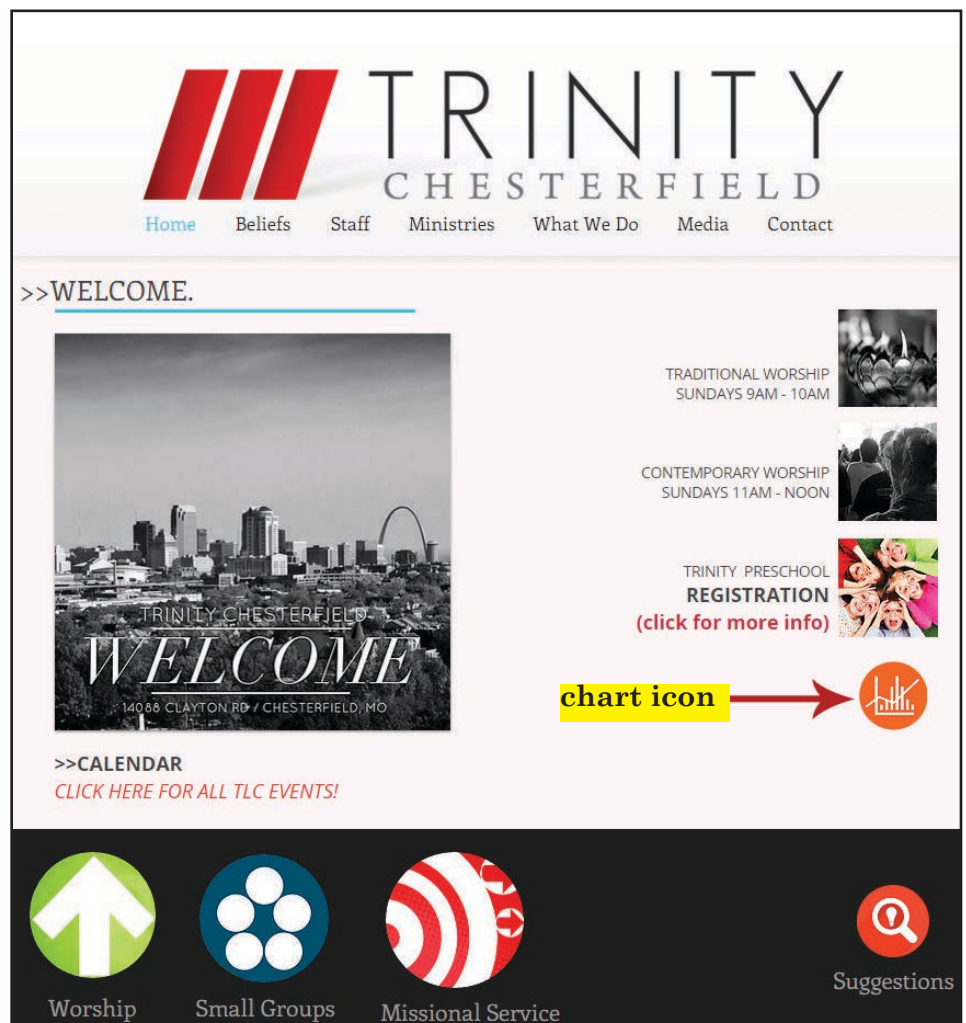
Simply go to our website:
www.YouMatterToGod.org
and you will see the chart icon in the lower right hand corner.
(See image to the right)

When you click on the icon, it will ask you for a password.

The password is:
tlc2016 (all lower case)

The icon takes you to a TLC data page that includes important links such as the following:

- ELCA Trend Report for TLC
- Annual Meeting Information
- Survey results for the service times
- Future council and meeting notes, etc.



In addition to the information, there is a link for direct communication with the council.

Please give us your suggestions and comments as you think of them.

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