

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



LENT?

Last week I was asked a great question. The question was stated as such, "Just wondering if giving up something for Lent is a good idea and if so, what are some things that should be given up?" Which got me to thinking that maybe, perhaps just a little bit, you are pondering Lent in a similar way?

The truth is there is no right or wrong answer on "sacrificing" something or "giving something up" for Lent. To go down the path of giving something up or not this Lenten season is a matter of Christian freedom and up to you and God alone.

As I understand Lent, from the Bible and our Lutheran confessions, Lent is more a "freedom in the truth" of our mortality season (a simple existence season) to get closer to God, rather than a "depressing" season. Lent itself in Greek is Τεσσαρακοστή, meaning "fortieth," or if you prefer Old English, en(c)ten, which meant "spring." The point is that the last word is not our mortality, but the promise of life eternal, and that's incredibly freeing for you and me. And there are many ways for each of us to get closer to God this Lenten season.

From the perspective of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America itself, "giving something up for Lent" is entirely a matter of Christian freedom. It would be wrong for the church to make some sort of "law" requiring its members to "give something up for Lent," since the Scriptures themselves do not require this.

Yet if a person wants to give something up for Lent as a way of remembering the great sacrifice that Christ made on the cross for our sins, then they are certainly free to do so. As long as, and this is where it gets tricky and wavers into idolatry, he or she does not "judge" or "look down on" other people who do not choose to give something up.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Parents Night Out

Friday, March 2 at 7:00 PM

First Communion Workshop

Saturday, March 3 at 9:00 AM

West County Interfaith

Discussion Group

Sunday, March 4 at 2:00 PM

Midweek Lenten Activities

Wednesdays

Soup Supper at 6:00 PM

Worship Service at 7:00 PM

The Gathering

Sunday, March 18

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25

Maunder Thursday Service and First Communion

Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service

Friday, March 30 at 7:00 PM

Easter Services & Brunch

Sunday, April 1

Worship at 9:00 and 11:15 AM

Brunch from 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Trinitell Monthly Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles for the April Trinitell is March 15. Email articles or information to news@tlc-stl.org or mail to Trinity.

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So rather than sacrificing something for Lent. . . especially something as easy and spiritually insignificant as chocolate, or People magazine, etc. I suggest finding new ways to indulge in God's presence. Surely you can do this by having extra devotions or attending Lenten worship services. And it would be a blessing to see you there, but here are some other ideas:

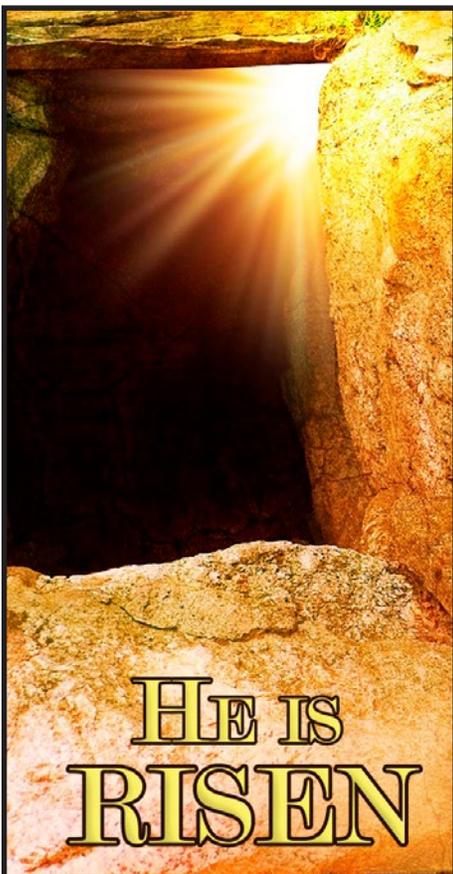
- Spend time outdoors, sensing God's magnificence.
- Spend time with others, extending generosity and compassion. Remember Jesus' promise that when you care for others, you care for him (*Matthew 25:31-46*).
- Pray for the "little things," coming before God in childlike trust and feeling peace.
- Watch attentively for God's answers to prayer, and receive them as reminders of his presence.
- Thank God for the angels/helpers who have been and are with you.
- Turn anxiety into prayer. As you frame concerns as prayers and entrust them to God, you "sacrifice" the tendency to wallow in worry.

I am looking forward to you letting me know which path you embarked on this Lenten season.

Serving Christ Together,

Christopher M. Naig, Pastor

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES INFORMATION



Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 25
9:00 and 11:15 AM
in the Worship Center

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, March 29
7:00 PM
in the Worship Center
including First Communion
and Holy Communion

Good Friday Service
Friday, March 30
7:00 PM
in the Worship Center

Easter Sunday Services
Sunday, April 1
9:00 and 11:15 AM
in the Worship Center

Easter Brunch
Sunday, April 1
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
in the Gym
(we will be serving ham,
scrambled eggs, pastries,
juice and more)
All are invited!

LENT NEWS

WE THE JURY. . . THE PEOPLE vs. JESUS OF NAZARETH

Lenten Midweek Worship

Drama Sermon Series

Wednesday Evenings at Trinity

March 7, 14 and 21

7:00 PM in the Worship Center

This year's Wednesday evening Lenten Worship series is titled, **"WE THE JURY" – The People vs. Jesus of Nazareth**. Each Wednesday's sermon includes a drama staging a courtroom scene which will imagine Jesus of Nazareth on trial. Prosecuting and defending attorneys will cross-examine a witness each week. The witnesses are: John Zebedee, Mary Magdalene, James, Herod, and Mary, portrayed by members of Trinity. They will be called to the stand and share their knowledge and beliefs about the Man, Jesus from Nazareth, who is on trial. He is accused of blasphemy, treason and fraud. On the basis of the testimony of the witnesses, the prosecuting attorney will show why she thinks Jesus should die as an enemy of the state and the people. The Defense Attorney will show that Jesus has spoken only the truth about who He is. The congregation will serve as the jury. The dramas gain emotion as we are to imagine that the life of Jesus hangs in the balance.

How will you cast your vote as a member of the jury? His life is in your hands. Join us each Wednesday in Lent for **"WE THE JURY"—The People vs. Jesus of Nazareth**.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Join us before the Lenten Midweek Service for a Soup Supper

Wednesday Evenings at Trinity

March 7, 14 and 21

6:00 PM in Room 123

We already have volunteers scheduled to provide the Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers. Now we just need **YOU!** Please plan to join us each Wednesday in Lent for fellowship, supper and stay for our Midweek Lenten Worship!

Bring your family & friends and join us for

Easter Brunch

10:00 am - 11:30 am

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: February 18, 2018

Attendees: Ron Jones, Christie Tietjen, Steve Paquette, Pastor Paul Bauermeister, Nancy Buffum, Becky Luethy, Claudia Pico, Andrew Sobey, Kim Stewart, Elisa Thelen, Pastor Chris Naig, Amy Jones

Ron called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM following the Gathering. He presented the agenda and list of staff and team reports. The meeting began with an opening devotion (*John 10:1-3*) and prayer by Pastor Chris. He distributed a pamphlet of devotions for Lent, "You are the Way."

Members' Comments:

Many positive comments from members have been received regarding the selection of Brian Parrish as Director of Music Ministry effective February 1. Also, many members have commented on Steve Paquette's moving rendition of the Lord's Prayer at the funeral service for Buddy Cason.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Chris recently completed the boundaries training, which is required every three years. Lenten services are underway with the "We the Jury...The People vs. Jesus of Nazareth" beginning February 21. Interfaith group discussions are continuing. Pastor Chris met with Stephen Ministers, and meetings with staff and volunteers are ongoing. He was proud that two women who visited Trinity on Feb. 18 mentioned to Pastor Chris how welcomed they felt during their visit to Trinity. The Care Ministry is a focus for improved reporting and accountability.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve reported the financial results for January, which had a surplus to budget of just over \$11,000 due primarily to strong preschool revenue.

Discussion of reports received from Staff and Teams:

Worship & Music: Interviews are in process for the open organist position. It is anticipated that an offer will be extended within the next week or so. The organ will be repaired to correct an intermittent humming sound.

Missional Service: Informational session at the Adult Forum on Feb. 11 discussed the various ministries supported by the Mission team. Roughly 75% of the \$36,300 Mission budget has been committed to identified ministries. A request will be made during Lent for members to donate to ELCA World Hunger. A Meals Do Matter prep session was held on January 28. Plans are underway for God's Work, Our Hands session on Sunday Sept 9.

Children's Ministries: Preschool enrollment for the 2018-19 school year is off to a strong start, similar to last year. The Trinity electronic sign on Clayton Road apparently is drawing attention to let the community know the Preschool is at Trinity. Carol Bentley plans to attend the March 18 Council meeting to share how Preschool parents are excited to find a preschool program that integrates a Christian program throughout the school year. Pastor Chris and Amy Jones had a special dedication and blessing for the 3-year olds who received a Bible donated by Trinity's Mission team. Pastor Chris mentioned that Trinity Preschool will be celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. We will consider an appropriate way to celebrate the occasion. Amy will be teaching the Preschool Sunday School class for the remainder of the Sunday School session. The

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Pancake breakfast to support Lantern Hill on February 11 was a success, raising roughly \$800 for the upcoming trip.

Operation Services Committee (OSC): Mike Sharitz has offered to lead OSC. Recruitment of members of the subcommittees is expected to be completed in the next two weeks. The church van, which was inoperable and no longer in use, was sold for \$150 to a salvage yard. Various facility repairs are in process of being made or evaluated. OSC over the next several weeks will be preparing a prioritized list of facility needs and a plan to address those needs. OSC also will address an opportunity to upgrade some furniture and potentially sell other furniture offered by a local bank. More details to come as this opportunity is analyzed.

Other written staff and committee reports were reviewed with no additional discussion.

Old Business:

Council Retreat: The Council Retreat was held February 9 and 10 at Mercy Conference Center. The focus of the retreat was relationship and team building. Council reviewed and discussed the book, “Switch: How to Change Things When Change is Hard.” The Council decided its near-term focus will be to re-establish the framework for the Operations Service Committee and related committees. Rather than a single goal, this focus is intended to address the breadth of Council’s responsibilities as specified in the bylaws, including relationship building, enhancing communication and engaging members in worship, learning, witness, service and support. The Council also decided that a retreat should be held in February 2019 for next year’s Council.

New Business:

Council will evaluate over the next two months whether any changes to the format of the Gathering may be appropriate.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.



CHECK OUT THE VALENTINE'S DAY VIDEO IN THE ATRIUM

In February, Trinity preschoolers made Valentine's Day cards for adults living in Lutheran Senior Services' Affordable Housing units. The Mission Team stuffed the cards with Mission of the Month Walmart gift cards donated by Trinity families in January. The Endowment Team donated an additional \$1,500 in Walmart gift cards. 157 affordable housing residents received our Valentine's Day cards and messages of love on February 14. Thank you for supporting our Trinity Missions!

ADULT FORUM

MARCH ADULT FORUM

March 4: The State of Homelessness in St. Louis

Speaker: Cassandra Kaufman. As Deputy Director for the St. Louis Mental Health Board (MHB), Cassandra oversees MHB's strategic community investment (grant making) of the Community Mental Health and Community Children's Services Funds, as well as MHB's funding partnerships and initiatives. Prior to her tenure at the Mental Health Board, she served as a Vice President in the Community Investment Division at the United Way of Greater St. Louis where she worked for more than 16 years. Cassandra has 25 years of experience in nonprofit management and leadership in health and human services. She holds a Master of Social Work and Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership from University of Missouri-St. Louis.

This forum will provide an understanding of the scope of homelessness and current community responses to end homelessness in the St. Louis Region. Topics discussed will include causes, challenges and barriers for individuals and families experiencing homelessness and how housing services providers are working to address this dynamic and complex issue. Additionally, the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care approach to end homelessness and its relationship to our community will be explained.

March 11 and 18: "A Week that Transformed the World for Eternity: A Journey from Palm Sunday to Easter"

Speaker: The Rev. John Kotovsky. The Rev. John Kotovsky, President/CEO Lutheran Senior Services, BA Washington University, M.Div. Lutheran School of Theology-Chicago, formerly Pastor of Administration and Christian Education for Community Church of Joy in Phoenix, Arizona.

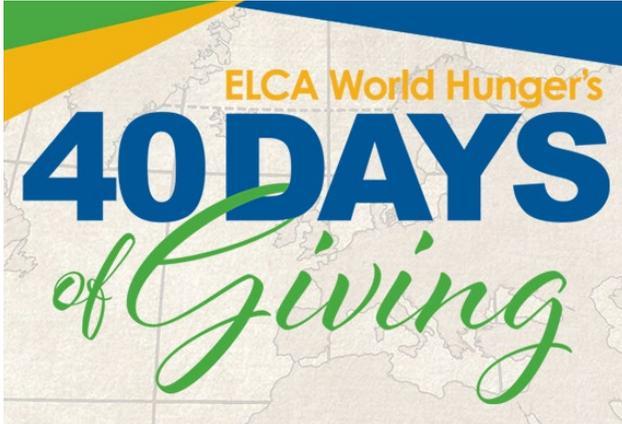
Utilizing all Four Gospels, we will look at the last week that Jesus spent with his disciples from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Cleansing of the Temple, the Anointing of Jesus, the Plot Against Jesus, The Last Supper, the Events of Good Friday, and the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It will be a great way for you to prepare for the end of Lent and the Celebration of Easter.

March 25: Whole Child Parenting

Speaker: Ken McManus, director of Alliance for Healthy Communities. Ken McManus serves as the coalition director of Alliance for Healthy Communities, a grant funded, public health coalition hosted in the Parkway School District. Additionally, he is a licensed professional counselor in the state of Missouri, operating a private clinical practice with a primary emphasis on the needs of children, teens and their families. He is a frequent speaker to community groups about a wide variety of child development and behavioral health topics.

This session will expand upon the content of the February 18th session, with an emphasis on adolescent development and relevant family management strategies. Ideas about adolescent needs, brain development, setting boundaries and establishing and maintaining accountabilities (trust) will be discussed. Content will include ideas about setting expectations for your child and yourself.

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ELCA 40 DAYS OF GIVING

Join the journey! ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving is a special opportunity for us to come together to lift up the church's hunger and poverty ministry during Lent. As we embark on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, what better time to reflect on the power of God's self-giving love that transforms and challenges each of us? During the season of Lent, we will make connections between faith, worship and justice—central teachings of Martin Luther. His concern for the poor and his sharp rebuke of economic injustice laid the foundation for us today to see the many ways our faith calls us to strive for justice in our world. Today, 1 in 9 people face

hunger and 1 in 7 live in extreme poverty. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. Making sure someone has enough food for the day is not enough. Together, we must look toward the future of this church and boldly respond to the needs of the world. We cannot lose ground. Through ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving, we invite you to pray, act and hope that through economic life and justice there truly will be sufficient, sustainable livelihood for all.



FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 3

9:00 am to 11:00 AM in the Worship Center

Pastor Chris and Amy will lead a First Communion workshop for those children who understand and would like to take part in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This workshop will be held Saturday, March 3 at 9:00 am. The children will make their First Communion during the Maundy Thursday Worship Service on March 29 at 7:00 pm.

At least one parent OR Godparent OR Aunt OR Uncle OR Grandparent is encouraged to attend the workshop with the student. Please contact either Pastor Chris, pastor@tlc-stl.org or Amy Jones, ibamywinter@gmail.com, if you have questions or are interested in having your child(ren) in this workshop.



TRINITY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE NOW ON THE TRINITY WEBSITE

Trinity Sunday Worship services are now on the Trinity website. Simply click on the Podcast symbol at the bottom of the home page or click on the Worship tab to access the Podcast page.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Amy Jones
ibamywinter@gmail.com

SOME DINNER QUESTIONS WITH THE FAMILY DURING LENT . . .

Q: Why do they call it “Good Friday” if that is the day Jesus dies?

A: The day Jesus dies is called “Good Friday” because it was a good day for us—Jesus died for us, in our place. That day was both a happy day and a sad day. It was sad because Jesus suffered and died. But it was happy because Jesus paid the penalty for our sins. At the time, the day was not seen as Good Friday. But by Easter morning, after Jesus had been raised from the dead, everybody knew it was good. (*John 19: 28-30*)

Q: If Jesus died on the cross, how can he be alive today?

A: Jesus lived as a real human being. Jesus’ death was a real death, too (he really died on the cross). When Jesus was killed, all of his followers were very sad. Jesus’ body was put into a grave. But, three days later, God brought Jesus back to life. Jesus showed his wounds to his disciples. Jesus lives in his special “glorified” body in heaven today.

Q: Does God put down a ladder to bring us to heaven? How long does it take to get to heaven?

A: God takes us to heaven as soon as we die—immediately. God doesn’t need a ladder or an airplane or anything else; we will just be there with him. This all happens through our faith in God. (*2 Corinthians 5:1*). It happens in an instant. It’s like opening your eyes—you’re suddenly there. That’s because heaven isn’t a faraway place, but is the place where God is. (*1 Corinthians 15:52*)

Q: Why did Jesus go up to heaven instead of staying here on earth?

A: Jesus is the son of God and his home is heaven. Jesus left his Father (and his home) to become a human being and live on the earth. So it’s quite natural that Jesus would leave the earth and go back home.

Q: Why can’t we go to heaven and just see it and then come back?

A: This question is like asking, “Can I become a teenager and then come back to my age right now?” It’s impossible because you have to grow into your teens; you can’t simply jump there and back. In the same way, heaven is more than a place you can visit. It’s a time at the end of life and only God can make us ready to go there. (*1 Corinthians 13:12*)

Have more questions . . . need more answers . . . want some conversation . . . Let Pastor Chris or me know. . .

Amy Jones
Children, Youth and Family Director

TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Carol Bentley
cbentley@tlc-stl.org



PRESCHOOL NEWS

As the school year unfolds, it is amazing to observe the changes in our preschoolers as they grow and learn about the world. They are hearing about God's love each day and learning to show His love to others. During March, our

Gospel Light curriculum continues with the stories of Jesus entering Jerusalem and the stories of the Easter season. Chapel takes place on the first Wednesday and Thursday of the month.

Each child received a bible at last month's chapel. What a special moment! We had Valentine parties last month that were a blast. The children were also vision screened by Delta Gamma. This is a great way to catch vision issues early. It is a free program that comes to our school. March will be a short month due to our week of Spring Break.

We are continuing our registration for the Fall 2018 school year. Please share the value of Trinity Preschool with your friends and neighbors who may be looking for a quality Christian program for their preschoolers.

Please call the preschool office, 636.227.5720, if you would like more information or to schedule a tour.

Carol Bentley
Trinity Preschool Director



TRINITY PRESCHOOL SUPPORTS RARE DISEASE DAY

Gabrielle Macari (sister of one of our preschoolers) was born with a rare genetic syndrome called Neo Natal Progeroid Syndrome, a syndrome only reported in about 40 other cases worldwide. In order to raise awareness of this disease and other rare diseases, Trinity Preschool teachers and students supported Rare Disease Day on February 28 by wearing special pins.

To learn more about Gabrielle and other children with rare diseases, visit the St Louis Children's Hospital Children's Discovery Institute (CDI) at http://support.stlouischildrens.org/site/TR/DIY/General?px=1030503&pg=personal&fr_id=1121#.Wn3VfW_2j1s.email.



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GATEWAY ACTION TEAM NEWS

Be the Hands and Feet of Christ

Volunteer at Gateway 180—No Experience Necessary

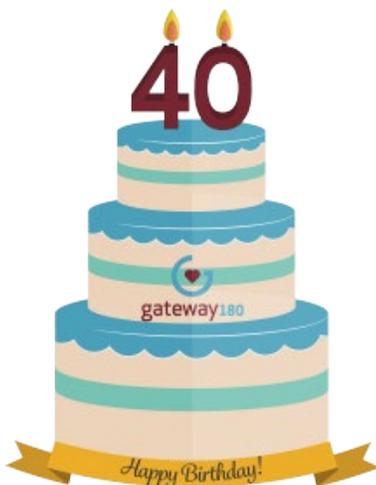
We are in need of volunteers to assist with the monthly dinners and activities for the residents at Gateway 180. Gateway 180 is a valuable resource for women, children and families experiencing homelessness. They provide safe, nurturing emergency shelter and offer supportive housing programs that empower adults and families to become independent and permanently housed.

Our next 3 dinners are scheduled for:

- Saturday, March 17
- Saturday, April 21
- Saturday, May 19

It's easy to volunteer! Volunteers typically meet at Trinity at 3:00 PM to prepare a simple meal. We then carpool to Gateway and serve the meal by 5:00 PM (exact meeting times will be communicated in a follow-up email once the menu is finalized). Following dinner, we participate in a short activity with the residents (playtime/crafts with the children and bingo with the adults). We are usually back at Trinity by 7:30 PM. **No experience is necessary!** Our team will provide all the assistance you will need to contribute and feel comfortable.

If you can give a few hours of your time to this worthwhile mission, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Missions Room next to the atrium area, or better yet, contact Ken Hardebeck at lhardebeck@aol.com or 636.391.7130 for more information. If you sign up, more details will be forthcoming via email. Dinners at Gateway are typically scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month.



2018 OPEN YOUR HEART FOR THE HOMELESS GALA—CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF GATEWAY 180

Help Gateway 180 Celebrate 40 years of guiding families home!

The grand celebration will take place at the World's Fair Pavilion in Forest Park on Friday April 6th starting at 6:00 PM.

Visit <https://gateway180.salsalabs.org/gateway1802018gala/index.html> to buy tickets or to become a sponsor.

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*The West County
Interfaith Discussion Group
invites you to an afternoon of*

FAITH, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Additional canned
good donations for
Circle of Concern will
be added to those
collected throughout
February at our faith
communities.

March 4, 2018

2-4 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

14088 Clayton Rd.

Chesterfield, MO 63017

*Join us for
food, games,
and conversation!*

Area Ministry Palooza!

Sunday March 11

3:00 - 6:00 Pm

St Thomas/ Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

At the ELCA Central States Synod's 2018 Area 10
Ministry Palooza:

- We will journey together toward a stronger sense of our call to practice discipleship and how our congregations can teach and encourage Christian disciples.
- We will explore Finley's three-fold process of emptying ourselves, serving others, and seeking God's will.
- Together, we will create a discipleship plan for ourselves and our congregations.
- Oh, and we will have some fun. It is, after all, a Palooza.

Let's all grow in HOPE! In order to facilitate planning, we are asking each individual attending to register online at <http://css-elca.org/area-ministry-gatherings>.

Sing with Us!



JOIN THE TRINITY CHOIR

Join the Trinity Choir! We are a fun group who loves to sing together. We are eager to grow in numbers and volume. Anyone who loves to sing is welcome in the choir. No special skills are required.

The choir practices on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 PM (during Lent we practice at 7:30 PM), and we sing at the 9:00 AM service.

For more information or to let us know you're coming, contact Brian Parrish, Director of Music Ministries at bparrish0503@gmail.com.

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NEW TRINITY DIRECTORY AVAILABLE ONLINE

Here are the steps to access the New Online Trinity Directory:

- Go to www.YouMatterToGod.org
- Click on the **Contact** tab (top right of home page)
- Scroll down to the bottom of the Contact page, and click on "**Click Here for the Trinity Directory**"
- This will take you to a new page.
- Enter the Password **tlc2018** (case sensitive). Note: This is the same password you use to access the TLC Data page.
- Click on "**Click Here for Directory**"
- Simply scroll through the document. The photo section is first, followed by the directory portion.

Is your photo an old one? Don't see your photo? Simply send in a digital photo to the office at joinus@tlc-stl.org, and we will include it!

See an error or you have changed your phone, email, etc.? Just send us the correct information, and we will fix it! Thank you!

TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Monday, March 26 at 11:30 AM

**Martin Luther:
Renegade and Prophet
by Lyndal Roper**

On October 31, 1517, a monk named Martin Luther nailed a paper to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. The ideas in these Ninety-five Theses spread like wildfire. Within two months, they were known all over Germany. Luther's ideas inspired upheavals whose consequences we live with today. But who was the man behind the Theses? Lyndal Roper's new biography goes beyond Luther's theology to investigate the inner life of the religious reformer who has been called "the last medieval man and the first modern one."

All are invited to bring their lunch and join our discussion.

Reading ahead:

**Before We Were Yours
by Lisa Wingate
April 23 at 11:30 AM**

Questions? Call Karen Johnson at 314.275.9905.



NURSES FOR NEWBORNS



During the month of March, we will be collecting diapers, wipes and formula for Nurses for Newborns.

Donations may be placed in the Mission of the Month bin in the Missions Room.

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ANNUAL TRINITY GARAGE SALE

START SAVING YOUR TREASURES

Please start setting aside your treasures for the Trinity Garage Sale. Drop off will begin Memorial Day weekend. If you'd like to help with the garage sale, please contact the church office or Susan Meyland-Smith, susanmeylandsmith@gmail.com. Thank you!



MEALS DO MATTER

Our Freezers are full

Take a meal to someone in need!

Thank you!

Thanks to a great team of volunteers and additional funding from Thrivent, new meals have been added to the freezer and are waiting to be delivered to people in need.

Take a meal to someone in need!

Do you know someone who is struggling and needs to know they are cared about? Let them know they matter to you and they matter to God.

Join the Meals Do Matter Team

Are you interested in joining the MDM Team? We are seeking Volunteers with several passions as follows (Contact Christie.Tietjen@Experitec.com if you can help out):

- Someone who would be able to plan the cook session. Basically it's a simple, but detailed process. You use the website (www.mealsdomatter.org) to combine all required items (food, packaging, labels, kitchen supplies, volunteers, etc.) into one planning document. We have a very detailed written up process for this that can be followed. In the end, you have a document that contains all we will need for the cook session, including a grocery list. Then you (or another volunteer) price shop and separate the list into the best stores to shop. Sam's Club is almost always used because you can put everything into a virtual cart and then just go and pick it up at a scheduled time.
- Would you be willing to shop or pick up the grocery and supplies?
- We always need help with prepping food ahead of time, cooking meats, cutting, dicing, grating, etc.
- Thrivent continues to help us with our funding. If you are a Thrivent member and would be willing to apply for a gift card, let us know!

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NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

New Items in the Meals Do Matter Freezer

Did you know that Starbucks at Town & Country Crossing, through an organization called Food Donation Connection (www.foodtodonate.com), is generously providing Trinity with their unpurchased perishable food items 3 days per week?

Items that can be frozen that have been picked up thus far have included sandwiches, stuffed croissants, bagels and pastries. The items are being stored in the door of our Meals Do Matter freezers in the atrium. Please include some of these in your meal deliveries to those in need. We have provided plastic grocery bags in a bin above the freezers to assist you in delivering these smaller items. Meals Do Matter is excited about this expansion of smaller meals to our ministry.

These food items from Starbucks are not just for the Meals Do Matter ministry. Sometimes we pick up items that cannot be frozen and must be eaten sooner, like salads.

If your ministry could use these items as well, please contact Elisa Thelen, 636.368.5403, or pamperedlady0676@gmail.com, to make arrangements. Thank you!

TRINITY YOUTH OUTING TO CITY MUSEUM

On Saturday, February 24, twenty-one Youth and their friends headed downtown for an evening of fun at the St. Louis City Museum. A great time was had by all!



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CURRENT SMALL GROUPS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>7 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting</p> <p>Location varies 1x per month</p> <p>Betty Forde 314.809.2477 bforde9696@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>8:30 AM Gateway Brown Bag Group</p> <p>Gym Kitchen 2nd Monday of the Month</p> <p>Kathy Gaal 314.540.2690 kgaal@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study led by Pastor Chris Room 123 Weekly</p> <p>Pastor Chris 636.227.5432</p>	<p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>Room 123 Weekly</p> <p>Gene Kerr 636.265.2776 GKerr@aol.com</p>	<p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>Room 123 Weekly Oct. to May</p> <p>Larry Lemke 314.307.4363 lalemke@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>9:00 AM MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)</p> <p>2x per month Dates Vary</p> <p>Kristen Kraus 314.323.3833 krauskm27@gmail.com</p>		
	<p>11:30 AM Book Group</p> <p>Room 123 4th Monday of the Month</p> <p>Karen Johnson 314.275.9905 mrsDRJx5@gmail.com</p>		<p>10:00 AM Women's Small Group</p> <p>Upper Room 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month</p> <p>Kim Stewart 636.391.8807 JGalens@aol.com</p>	<p>1:00 PM Christ Care Group</p> <p>Room 123 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month</p> <p>Lynn Sapp 314.540.2634 jksapp@charter.net</p>		<p>3:00 PM Gateway 180</p> <p>Meal & Activity 3rd Saturday of the Month</p> <p>Ken Hardebeck @ 636.391.7130 lhardebeck@aol.com</p>	
	<p>7:00 PM Itch to Stitch</p> <p>Upper Room 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month</p> <p>Sandi Thorp 314.322.6009 skipsandi@sbcglobal.net</p>		<p>7:00 PM Parish Choir</p> <p>Room 261 Weekly Sept. to May</p> <p>Brian Parrish 314.707.1043 bparrish0503@gmail.com</p>	<p>6:45 PM Thursday Night Small Group</p> <p>Room 123 every other Week</p> <p>Sandi Thorp 314.322.6009 skipsandi@sbcglobal.net</p>			
			<p>1:00 PM 3rd Wednesday Irmscher Small Group</p> <p>Pat Irmscher 636.230.5937 patcatless@aol.com</p>	<p>If you are interested in joining a small group, please call or email the contact person listed above or Sandi Thorp at 314.322.6009 or skipsandi@sbcglobal.net</p>			

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Dear Members of Trinity,

On behalf of our Affordable Housing residents, thank you for the beautiful Valentine's Day cards made with love and the Walmart gift cards. They have touched the lives of seniors!!

Blessings to all of you!

Kristy Bull
Lutheran Senior Services

Sisters and Brothers at Trinity,

Finally I am able to get back to my desk and begin with an expression of my gratitude to all those who through their prayers and cards were a part of the miracle of my healing. I am in your debt.

Thank you,

Pastor John Mann



FANFARE OF QUILTS 2018

Our very own Polly Sievert (aka Polly King) will be one of the exhibitors

Queeny Park—550 Weidman Road—Ballwin
Saturday, March 17: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, March 18: 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Admission: \$7.00—Good for both days

350+ Quilts, Popular Vendors, Demonstrations, Charity Ticket Raffle (to benefit Missouri Veterans Endeavor), Antique Bed Turning, Special Exhibits, Stunning Raffle Quilt, Sewing Machine Raffle and more!



Thank you so much for supporting All Among Us with your donation of \$2,500. You are helping the homeless when the temperatures are below freezing. You are helping us advocate for our brothers and sisters who have few resources and limited access. You are helping open the doors for the first Women's Care Center in Ferguson. We really appreciate you!

Cathryn Shaw, Executive Director

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THANK YOU!

- Ken and Lisa Hardebeck and EVERYONE else who set up, made yummys, served and cleaned up for the funeral lunches!
- EVERYONE who contributed to the Lantern Hill Pancake Breakfast—a HUGE Thank You!
- A HUGE thank you to everyone who enjoyed yummy pancakes in support of the mission trip this summer to Lantern Hill!
- Ron Jones for EVERYTHING!
- Dave Thelen for checking out the refrigerator and working some magic to get it COLD again!



A HUGE Thank you to the Lantern Hill Mission Trip Group and Trinity Youth who made Soup, bread and desserts on February 21 and 28 for our Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers!

Trinity “Girls” had loads of fun at Girls Night Out on February 16. Look at the art they created at Painting with a Twist!



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PRAYERS FROM FEBRUARY 2018

Please pray for... Umesh, Aru & Arjun Mapari, Barb Brown, Dara Marie Gibson, Breckyn, Olivia Maupin, Robert Gerst, Jessica Tietjen, Ameenah & family, Bob Banas, Stella Sturm, Tom Herrmann, Mary Jo & Steve Hippo, Camie, Jon & Maeve Park, John Szott, Melissa Morlang, Molly & Max, Ron Johnson, Cam, Sean Lappin, Shickoh Jadali, Doug, Marian, Maura, Brian J, Emma W, Jadon & Anias, Charlie, Denny Fesler, Jeff H, Lila Shepley, Mathis family, Michelle, Papi, Tim, Christie Tietjen, Laurie Belleville, Bob Bergman, Elena Ubben, Jackie W, Karen Range, Hood family, Thelen family, Tyler, Kathy E, Larry & Mary, Lexi, Marcie, Cobin, Marie, reflecting during Lenten season, our lawmakers, government and world leaders, safe travel for family in Europe, safety in schools, stop senseless killings, victims of gun violence, Puerto Rico families, the victims at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

Those who are hospitalized / undergoing surgery... Christine Nelson, Chuck Jones

Those in need of healing... Clarence Seckel, Dick Johnson, Lou Ann Ditchfield, Pastor John Mann, Margie Belleville, Ruth Sprague, Kris Lohman, Dick Eissfeldt, Morris Larson, Jerry Spector, Lucille Niklason, Mike Long, Robin Andrews, Rose Aiello, Judy Hardebeck, Billie Drysdale, Kris K, Paula Minogue, Barb P, Diane Blackwell

Those undergoing treatment... Drew Aufderheide, Steve Hild, Barbara MacPeek, Mary Alice (aunt of Peggy Miller), Gerry, Hamid, Irene, James Wilhite, Leann, Ali, Chrissy M

Those in hospice care... Hazel Partney (mother of Glenda Partlow), Trudy Mueller (mother of Jim Mueller), Steve R (family friend of Dorothy Norland), brother of Peggy Hohl (co-worker of Phyllis Baker)

For the family and friends of...

- Sally Clark, dear friend and colleague of Arlene Spector, who passed away on January 29
- Brandon Main, who passed away on February 5
- Elizabeth “Buddy” Cason, beloved mother of Tammy Elizabeth Cason, who passed away on February 11
- Florence Artaserse, beloved mother of Paula Mortenson, who passed away on February 11
- Lee McFarland, who passed away on February 18 (family friend of the Henselmeiers)
- Jeanne Johnson, beloved mother of Kevin Johnson, who passed away February 22

Those serving our country... Eric Mueller, Eric Oberg, Collier Gorman, Mike Antel

Thanksgiving and praise for...

- The baptism of Elaine Constance Bear on February 25 (newborn daughter of Lauren Banis Bear & Bud Bear)!
- Em Lind is recovering at Delmar Gardens from her fractured femur and strokes (great-grandmother of Cindy Gesme’s grandchildren)!
- Blessings on the birthday celebration for Pat Irmischer’s sister!
- Good test results for Earl Lindenberg!

To make a prayer request...

- Call the church office—636.227.5432
- Email news@tlc-stl.org or bpecher@tlc-stl.org
- Enter prayer requests on our website: www.YouMattertoGod.org
- Prayers remain on the list for two weeks and may be renewed by request.

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SYMPATHY

Elizabeth “Buddy” Cason
mother of Tammy Elizabeth
Cason

Florence Artaserse
mother of Paula Mortenson

Jeanne Johnson
mother of Kevin Johnson

BAPTISMS

Elaine Constance Bear
daughter of Bud Bear & Lauren
Banis Bear
February 25

NEW PHONE

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314.606.6905

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If your email address or cell phone number has changed, or if we don't have your information, please let the church office know, JoinUs@tlc-stl.org or 636.227.5432.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

David McDonald 3/1
Faith Halter 3/2
Arlene Spector 3/2
Sandi Thorp 3/2
Alexis Henderson 3/3
Dale Henselmeier 3/6
Zachary Blakeley 3/7
Richard Resek 3/7
Brianna Chollet 3/8
Blake Larson 3/9
Todd Anstine 3/10
Rebecca Henderson 3/10

Kaitlyn Maloy 3/10
Kathy Oughton 3/11
Ashley Parrish 3/14
Reese Hobgood 3/16
Monica Naig 3/16
Jason Devine 3/17
Audrey Melton 3/18
Jack Thomas 3/18
Mark Wachter 3/20
Earl Crenshaw 3/21
Leslie Steinmeyer 3/21
Elena Janicik 3/22

Mike Rice 3/22
Cort Roseman 3/23
Glenn Schnarr 3/24
Ervin Anderson 3/26
Jacob Bierschenk 3/26
Gertrude Wynn 3/26
Nick Herrmann 3/27
Robert Rourke 3/27
Wyatt Tietjen 3/27
Benjamin Klug 3/29
Laura Schnarr 3/30
Laura Bell 3/31

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Keith & Kari Frank 3/5/2005

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