

Blessings

Trinity Lutheran Church



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

March
2017

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Worship Times

Sunday Morning

10:30 am—Traditional

*Communion offered on the 1st & 3rd
Sundays of the month

Education

Wednesday Morning

9:45 am—Bible Study

Youth Sunday School

Mar. 12th—After Service

Includes a fellowship lunch.

*Middle School thru High School

Holy Listening

On March 1st begin our Lenten Journey with our Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Lent is a 40-day shared journey with Christ that will take to the cross of Golgotha.

Lent is a time of preparation and discipline. One of the most often practiced disciplines of lent is fasting. That is, giving up something for lent.

Giving something up for Lent is a burden. It is, I would say, Law: the bur-

den on us. Gospel is what God does for us and Law is what we do for God. And make no bones about, giving something up for Lent is Law. It is a burden for us.

But why do we do it? Do we take on this burden just to introduce a hardship into our lives? Or do we take on this burden to prove that we can exercise a little discipline? No. In a very classic sense, we under-



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take this burden in hopes that in the process God's presence will be felt anew. In our quest to live out the Law, we place ourselves in the position to receive the God's grace. Our discipline becomes an occasion for grace, not a means to it.

Tricky, isn't it? I mean with a little massaging we could collude with God for our own salvation but that is not what I am saying. By taking on a burden, we allow ourselves the opportunity to realized God's love anew. We deliberately make ourselves available to God for God's guidance and love.

To do this, we not only give something up for Lent, but more--we deliberately add something. The classic understanding of fasting (giving something up) is that in the process we free up time to focus on God, to engage prayer, to make one's self available for a good dosing of the Spirit. That is the

Good News contained in and made manifest by the discipline of fasting. The benefit is not in the "give-up" but in the "adding". We add something and God meets there. It is as simple as that.

So, this year I am going to give up something, I do every year. But more I am also going to add a little more prayer time to my day, a time that isn't so much a time of talking to God, but is more a time of listening to what God has to say to me. I look forward to my new Lenten discipline -- a little Holy Listening. Welcome to Lent. See you at the cross.

Peace, Pastor Jim

Lenten Soup Suppers

All are invited to join us as we break bread and worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Soup Suppers—6:00 pm

Worship—7:00 pm

Schedule

Wednesday, March 8—Trinity Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 15—St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Wednesday, March 22—St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Wednesday, March 29—St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Whitestown

Wednesday, April 8—Otterbein United Methodist Church



DON'T PAY

FREE TAX PREPARATION

If your household earned less than \$64,000

Free Federal & State Tax Filing

YOU WILL RECEIVE 100% OF YOUR REFUND* WITH NO FEES OR INTEREST CHARGED.

Schedule a free tax preparation appointment call 2-1-1 or the Boone County United Way office at 765-483-0165.

Prepare your own taxes for free at myfreetaxes.com.

Celebrations

Aniniversaries

- 3/03 Charles & Jody Fisher
- 3/21 James & Marilyn Small

Birthdays

- 3/03 Phyllis Mezger
- 3/07 Sherry Mauch
- 3/09 Nathan Lorenzen
- 3/12 Marilyn Small
- 3/13 Cheri Thomas
- 3/15 Sheri Riegel
- 3/28 Lorrie Brehmer
- 3/29 Susan Hancock

Toy Donations

The back classroom is being transformed into a family room for young children during service. We are looking for gently used toys that are plastic or wooden without small parts to fill out the room. Also small child dress up items such as hats, vests or aprons. If you have any questions please contact Laura Wiberg.

Altar Flowers

Thank you to all of you who donate flowers for the altar in celebration of life events and for the glory of God.

- 3/5 Fisher's Anniversary
- 3/12 In Memory of Marilyn Small
- 3/19 In Memory of MaryLou Jensen
- 3/26 In Memory of Shirley Ihnen

March

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Soup & Chili Cook Off Winners

Another successful Soup & Chili Cook Off in the books! Charlie's Ole Possum Beer Cheese Soup took home the coveted trophy.

Thanks to all who attended and helped the youth raise \$395 towards this summer's mission trip to North Carolina.

Winners:

2017 TLC Soup Cook Off Trophy—Charlie

Spiciest Soup/Chili—Kylie & Kari

Best Theme—Willow

Most Unique Soup—Andrew



Celebrate the Life of Earl Gannon—Zionsville Band

Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Free

John Wesley Free Methodist Church

5900 West 46th Street

Indianapolis

Featuring George Frederic Handel's "Overture to the Messiah," "God of Our Fathers," "Taps," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and original compositions. Under the direction of John Richardson.

Week Of	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26
Current Expenses	\$3,076.00	\$1,458.00	\$1,655.00	\$1,235.00
Restricted Funds	\$210.00	\$10.00	\$460.00	\$1,089.00
Special Projects	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$70.00
Sunday School	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Deposit	\$3,306.00	\$1,468.00	\$2,155.00	\$2,444.00
Weekly Goal	\$2,474 to meet expenses; \$2,927 to fully fund the budget			

Giving Report

Ask about electronic giving.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

As **Trinity Lutheran Church** moves into 2017, it is important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please

consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, complete a paper authorization form



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and return it to the Joyce Wallace, Financial Secretary. The authorization forms can be found on the hallway bulletin board.

Pastoral Care

Should you need Pastoral care contact a member of the Church Council. They will see that the proper person is contacted to take care of your needs.

Church Council Members

Tom Coulter - President
 Steve Thomas - Vice President
 Tammy Campbell - Secretary
 Frank Jensen - Treasurer
 Joyce Wallace - Financial Secretary
 Jeff Thomas - Member at Large
 Carol Jensen - Member at Large



Serving	3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26	
Greeters	Peters	Campbells	Hammerles	Robin Newman	-
Acolyte	Willow P.	Ian C.	Abby T.	Kobe O.	-
Lector	Tom C.	Bob B.	Valerie C.	Robin N.	-
Communion Assistant	Holi Decker	X	Alyssa Fisher	X	-
Altar Guild	Joyce	Laura	Jan	Holi	-
Music Specialist	John R.	John R.	Charlie F.	Valerie C.	-
Usher Team	Andrew T. Logan W.	Steve T. Dave W.	Tom C. Gary P.	Bob B. Eric W.	-
Counting Team	Valerie C. Eric W.	Julie B. Bob B.	Dorothy C. Rick H.	Steve T. Charlie F.	-

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Shop & Swipe Your Kroger Plus Card in 2017

Be sure to re-enroll your Kroger Plus card in 2017. All participants must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for their chosen organization at www.kroger.com/communityrewards. Once you've successfully enrolled and selected Trinity Lutheran as your organization of choice, we

will earn rewards on all eligible purchases you make using your Kroger Plus Card.

You can earn rewards on almost anything, every time you shop. However, there are specific purchases that cannot be included. Alcohol, tobacco, government-assisted pre-

scription purchase, postage stamps, Kroger gift cards, reloadable gift cards and debit cards, lottery and promotional tickets, fuel and sales tax are excluded from eligible purchases. Eligible Pharmacy purchases include out-of-pocket co-pays for non-government-assisted Pharmacy programs.

Lutheran Summer Camp Information can be found under the mailboxes.

Homebound Members

We are looking for a team of dedicated volunteers to deliver Holy Communion to our homebound members. Each month our homebound members are divided into geographic groups of no more than 2-3 visits. Our visitors call the folks on their list and arrange a visit time. Doesn't this sound like a great way to serve? Sign up today on the mission board.

Homewood Healthcare Center

- Keith Burkholder
- Phyllis Mezger
- Jim Small

Essex Healthcare:

- John Battcher, Jr.

Homebound:

- Eileen Battcher
- Shirley Braaksma
- Phyllis Downey
- Jean Myers
- Sandy Neese

