

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Trinity Tidings



**2018**

### February Calendar

- 4 ~ Sunday School 9 am; Worship 10 am
- 11 ~ Sunday School 9 am; Worship 10 am
- 14 ~ Ash Wednesday 7pm
- 18 ~ Sunday School 9 am; Worship 10 am
- 20 ~ Church Council 6:30 pm
- 21 ~ Soup Supper 5:30-6:45, Weekly Lenten Service 7 pm
- 23 ~ Ladies' Night Out, 6 pm
- 25 ~ Sunday School 9 am; Worship 10 am
- 28 ~ Soup Supper 5:30-6:45, Weekly Lenten Service 7 pm

## **WHO WILL WIN THE SUPER BOWL???**

Do you have a favorite team for the Super Bowl? Starting Jan 21st bring in a non-perishable item and place it in the bin marked with the team you want to win the Super Bowl. Whichever team has the most food will be our Super Bowl Champs. But who will really win?? That would be our church food pantry and our members for sharing with those in need.

## **Lenten Service Schedule**

### **Weekly Lenten Soup Suppers and Service**

Mid Week Lenten Services each Wednesday during lent -  
5:30-6:45 pm Soup Supper, Service @ 7 pm Be sure to join us for Barb's wonderful soup!!!



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - 7 PM, Feb 14th**

**Ladies' Night Out! Save the date!**  
**February 23rd starting around 6:00 p.m. and going until it's done. Potluck supper followed by devotions, games, and fellowship. Bring a friend!**

### **WE NEED YOUR TALENTS!**

Sign up in the church entrance to help with readings, communion, ushering and with Ministry groups (i.e. property, music, youth, etc)

## February Worship Assistants

Date	Lay Reader	Acolyte	
FEB 4	Karen Winkler	Brent Jeske	
FEB 11	Al Raatz	Keenan Kilty	
FEB 18	Lori Duginski	Derek Jeske	
FEB 25	Pat Klimmer	Andrew Jeske	
Date	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Money Counters
FEB 4			Janice Shelley, Patti Bainer
FEB 11			Sara Uhlig, Dana Phillips
FEB 18			Leanne Leonhard, Susan Karsten
FEB 25			Naomi Carey, Cindy Hardrath

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 1-Lionel Schweiger
- 3- Annie Mae Krueger, Kinsley Pieper
- 4- Keenan Kilty
- 5- Derek, Brent, & Andrew Jeske
- 8- Sara Uhlig, Tom Much
- 11- Steven Justman
- 12- Jerome Meacham, Chad Suckow
- 15- Kayleigh Mertens
- 20- Karen Winkler
- 24 - Jamis Suckow
- 27-Gerald Suckow

## Memorial Donations

♥ In loving memory of Pastor Al Houts by his daughter Rachel Drew and family.

## Guest preacher on February 11

On February 11, Rev. Laurie Skow Anderson, our synod's Director for Evangelical Mission, will preach at worship services at Our Saviour's and at Trinity. Her topic will be Asking Better Questions: a modern parable that invites the congregation to look outside its walls and engage in the community, based on Luke 10:25-37. Please welcome Pastor Laurie to our parish.

### 2018 Lenten Theme is Living Our Baptism: Five Gifts of Discipleship

Scripture: The letter of Paul to the Philippians

Our Lenten observance begins Wednesday, February 14. Yes, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day this year, which seems particularly appropriate when we consider John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Mid-week Lenten worship (7 pm) will focus on the promises made in baptism and what they mean for us now. See the pastor's article in this newsletter for a more complete description. Services will be held at 7 pm on Wednesdays in the fellowship hall downstairs (Ash Wednesday worship will be held in the sanctuary.) Please join together as a community during these times of reflection and self-examination.

**Week 1** - Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes

**Week 2** - February 21, 2018

Live among God's faithful people

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11

Lent always begins with the reading of Jesus being tempted in the desert. He is able to resist and choose God's way. Sometimes we are not as strong, choosing paths which are not healthy or of God. It is not easy. But God gives the gift of community to teach us, accompany us, and encourage us. In the beginning of Paul's letter to the Philippians, the Apostle Paul reflects his love for Christian community.

Discussion question: What does it mean for you to live among God's faithful people?

**Week 3** - February 28, 2018

Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-11

For centuries, Christians have been encouraged to give up something during the season of Lent, and in doing so, increase an appreciation of the sacrifice of Jesus. The Apostle Paul recognizes

his own personal sacrifices to follow Jesus, but he confesses how much he has gained. The sacrifices pale in comparison to the gain in Christ. More than anything, Paul wants to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. Hear the word of God.

Discussion question: What does it mean for you to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper?

### **WELCA NEWS**

In the last couple of months of 2017 two 'angel tree' participants received gifts from WELCA and 199 shoe boxes were filled and sent around the world to less fortunate children at Christmas time.

WELCA officers met in January to develop the 2018 schedule of meetings, projects, and programs. The calendar of events for the year will appear in the church yearbook.

Upcoming Events:

Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday WELCA Lenten Offering Envelopes available. Donations collected will be applied towards refinishing the stained parts of the altar, the tops of the window sills, and the baptismal font to further 'beautify and enhance' our church.

Feb 21 - We be having soup supper again this lenten season starting at 5:30 pm. Our first soup will be Chicken Dumpling. There will be a sign up sheet for anyone to bring bars or another soup. Other soup supper Wednesdays are: Feb 28th, March 7th, 14th, and 21st.

March 17 - Clean the Church Day, 9am to noon.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR NAMES ON YOUR GIVING ENVELOPES IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR GIVING RECORDED. The new computer system tracks you by name NOT by envelope number.**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Trinity's Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, Jan 21nd following service. Items discussed were electing new council members, and setting our budget for next year at \$72,615 (\$1396 weekly average). Re-elected as council members are: Joe Duginski, Cindy Hardrath, and Janet Gurtner.

## **REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE FOR LUTHER PARK SUMMER CAMP**

Did you know that outdoor ministry can have a significant impact on your child's faith life?

According to the National Study of Youth and Religion (2003-2008),

- those who attended camp as youth were significantly more likely to participate in communal religious practices as young adults, including church attendance
- those who attended camp as youth were over 3 times more likely to remain religious 5 years later than those who did not attend

Research also indicates that

- camp is more than fun and games
- Christian camp experiences lead to greater engagement in congregations and Christian community
- camps are effective because they take Christian community seriously
- camps are effective because they are places to unplug
- camps are effective because they take young people seriously
- camps are effective because they take experience seriously

Luther Park Bible Camp, your Lutheran camp, is pleased to announce that registration for the 2018 summer camp program is now available. Visit [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org) to see all the programs that are available for children and youth in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Register by creating a new account through our registration system and making a secure payment with a credit card. You have the option of printing out a registration form from the website and registering by mail. The 2018 summer camp brochures are available at the church. Check out the new camp programs and activities. To get your first choice of the program offerings, pick up a brochure or go to [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org) today. If you have any questions, please contact the Luther Park office at [info@lutherpark.org](mailto:info@lutherpark.org) or (715) 859-2215

## Lent Begins February 14

Beginning with Ash Wednesday worship, complete with Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes, we will contemplate what it means when we make or affirm our

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baptismal promises to:



**Pastor**

- Live among God's faithful people
- Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper
- Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- Serve all people, following the example of Jesus
- Strive for justice and peace in all the earth

Martin Luther taught we are to daily renew our baptism. Whether we are young or old, this daily renewal of baptism leads to a practicing of faith and deepening of discipleship. Living Our Baptism--our Lenten theme--describes our faith journey as we come from the baptismal waters to live a new life in Christ.

We do not have to discern how to follow Christ alone or without assistance. Instead God sends the Holy Spirit to call, gather, and sustain us in God's grace, connecting us to brothers and sisters in Christ who also are living out their baptism.

How can we renew our baptism each and every day? Try one or all of these possibilities, or invent your own:

- Each morning, rise and say Martin Luther's words, "I am baptized into Christ."
- Each day, pray for the Holy Spirit to be your guide and keep you near Jesus Christ.
- Each night, make the sign of the cross on your forehead with water, and say, "Remember that you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever." Better yet, do this with your family members or a friend each day.

And so begins a daily claiming and re-discovering of the God-given gifts of discipleship: living, hearing, proclaiming, serving, and striving. These gifts overlap and are intertwined as one gift flows into another and into faithful living.