

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

MARCH 2019

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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm - Devotional
Sunday @ 8:00 am - Traditional
Sunday @ 10:30 am - Contemporary

Our Mission: To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ

“ M A R C H ”

Time sure is ‘marching’ on! As we begin the third month of 2019, we move into the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday on March 6th. Some years we might even celebrate Easter in March as we did in 2016, and will again in 2024. Certainly March is still considered to be a rather wintry month for us in Western New York, but the winter of 2018-2019 is almost behind us. Spring officially begins on the 20th, but mother nature doesn’t always follow the calendar. Interestingly, the month is so named after the Roman god of war, “Mars.” It marked the season of warfare when armies got marching, so to speak, and could resume fighting that was put on hold through the winter. Modern armies and warfare no longer need to take a winter hiatus from marching. Come to think of it, why do they still drill and march at all? Other than for parades it seems like it’s unnecessary and has little to do with fighting and warfare.

I ran across a somewhat recent study that explored this very question. Is there really any value today for armies to drill and march? The conclusions drawn suggested that it was still quite valid and useful, even beyond parades and military displays. First, it benefitted the soldiers as they marched in step with one another to function as a coordinated team. Secondly, there was greater confidence and strength in numbers, so to speak, as they marched together. Thirdly, there was a psychological lift in the camaraderie of the unit. Marching together seems to yield much more than walking to some destination in an organized and orderly fashion! (Air Force study, “Walk In Unison, 2014). As I considered this, it struck me that perhaps the church, likened to being army engaged in spiritual warfare, can learn from this.

In the old hymn, “*Onward Christian Soldiers*” the church is said to be “marching as to war!” The church of God is to move like a “mighty army.” Undoubtedly, like the Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Ephesians, the church is in a spiritual war against the powerful and evil forces of this dark world. We need to put on the full armor of God and stand firm in the faith! (Ephesians 6:10-20). We need to march together as a coordinated and gifted team in step with our Lord. We must stand firm in the truth of the Word and the faith we have been called into with boldness and confidence as we contend together against sin and evil. And by the camaraderie of the Spirit of God, the saints who have gone before us and one another, we must hold up the banner of truth and march against the enemy.

This March as we march to the cross and the empty tomb on the Lenten road, let us move in step together as the army of God! Let us drill together in Bible study, worship, and participation of the Sacraments. Let us serve the Lord as we serve others – with one another. Let us celebrate that in the living Lord we too move from the winter of death into the spring of resurrection and new life! Let us be intentional, organized and mission-minded. Let us MARCH!

~ Pastor Dennis Krueger



Ash Wednesday Services

March 6, 2019
11:30am & 7:00pm

Lenten Adult Bible Classes

Sundays 9:15am-10:15am
"The Miracles of Lent"

Mid-Week Bible Classes
Tuesdays 7pm & Wednesdays 10am
"Words of Life From the Cross"

Mid-Week Lenten

Worship Series at Trinity

Wednesdays at 11:15am and 7:00pm
March 6th Ash Wednesday thru April 3rd
"A Lent to Remember"

April 10th at 7:00pm (No Morning Service)
"Hymns of Faith"



Vendor / Craft Sale

Saturday, May 18, 2019
11:00am - 3:00pm

In the Trinity School Gym

Vendors and crafters are needed! If you are interested in vendor space, please contact Kevin or Colleen Kot at knckot@verizon.net or 674-7526 by May 3, 2019. Vendor space will be limited, so please submit your application ASAP. Applications are in the church narthex and school office. Proceeds from this sale will go to support future local and domestic mission events.

Youth Lead Worship

March 3, 2019 at 10:30am

Since November, youth and teens (grades 5-12) have been planning and practicing for the music they will lead in worship at the 10:30 a.m. service on March 3rd. Led and organized by Grace Willert, Trinity's first youth only worship team will encompass guitars, keyboard, drums and 6 singers. Please plan to attend this service!



Men's Cards & Games

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Attention All Men: Do you enjoy playing cards or board games? If so, please plan to join us on Saturday, March 9 in the church narthex immediately following the Men in Ministry Meeting (at approximately 10:30am) for a social time to enjoy this pastime! Bring your own cards / games ... and a friend if you'd like. All men are welcome!

Men's Small Group

Some guys have expressed interest in getting together around discussion and topic on a regular basis. Frequency, location and time will be decided at the first gathering (**date TBD** ~ the previously scheduled date of February 16th was cancelled). Please let Mark Willert know (608-8907) if you are interested in attending this group.

Property & Grounds

Meeting and Workday

Saturday, March 16 at 9:00am

The Property & Grounds Committee will have a meeting on Saturday, March 16 at 9:00am. A work day will immediately follow the meeting.



Men's Retreat 2019

Save the Date!

Consider joining us at the Men's Retreat at Camp Pioneer this year from May 3-5. The retreat, which will run from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, is packed with group sessions, worship, fellowship and some delicious meals. A brochure with additional information, including sign-up and cost, will be available soon. Contact Chris Kopra (email: koprachris@gmail.com / phone: 207-3008) if you are interested in attending.

2018 Giving Statements

Statements are now available. Check your church mailbox or the table in the narthex for your statement.



Offering Envelopes

The counting teams ask that you **please** mark the amount enclosed on the outside of your offering envelope in the area provided. Many are blank and the counters have to fill it in for recording purposes. If you forgot your envelope, please use the pew envelopes.

School News



From the Principal ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

These next several weeks before Easter are some of the most intense academic weeks of the school year. Winter break ends, and it's non-stop until Easter. Teachers know their days are numbered in regards to completing the curriculum, and the students are determined to reach that level of mastery that may award them a roll status on their next report card. Mrs. Anderson begins practicing for the spring musical, and families are signing up and selling tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction on March 23. In the office, we're busy organizing that same event, helping to pull details for the Annual Fund mailing together, making plans to update technology and textbooks, procuring state and federal grants, and all of the other details that keep our school running efficiently, positively and to His glory. It is challenging and fulfilling to work toward such a lofty goal. It may not seem world-changing to some people, but to those students and families whose lives are touched daily by God's Word, it may be life-changing, by His grace!

Our Board of Christian Education has not yet decided on how the Annual Fund will be used this year, but we are in the wonderful position of needing more desks and chairs in the upper grades and more advanced STEM tools for the upper graders, too. It may finally be time to replace our stage - it has certainly served its time and is at the point of being a safety hazard! We continue to improve the safety features of the school, as well. Safety glass in the classroom doors, fire escape windows in the east classrooms and an improved locking system on the front door are all in the works. The 3rd and 4th grade homeroom got its new floor during the February break, thanks to the Annual Fund. Two classroom floors done, one more to go.

The Spaghetti Dinner, which supports tuition, scholarship and budget; and the Annual Fund, which supports facilities improvement and growth, as well as scholarship, are both so important to our school and church. I hope that you will prayerfully consider your participation in both of these opportunities to further the strength of our ministry here at Trinity. Your stewardship, of both time and finances, are what allow the school to thrive and to prepare so many young people for lives of service to Christ. Any support you feel led to provide is truly needed and appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to your mission vehicle here at Trinity. Praise God that we can serve Him and others in this way, and may He continually bless our efforts in His name!

~ Kathleen Fretthold
Principal, Trinity Christian School

The mission of Trinity Christian School is to guide our children in faith, learning, character and leadership by nurturing their relationship with Jesus Christ and educating them for a lifetime of service to God and man.



Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Auction

Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Trinity School

Dinner 2:30pm-5:00pm / Basket Raffle Drawing at 5:30pm

Tickets: \$10 pre-sale

Come out for a great food, great fun, and try your luck at winning some baskets! Food items, theme baskets, gift cards and monetary donations are needed .(see the poster in the narthex). Thank you for your continued support!

High School Honor Roll

Congratulations to Trinity School alumni and Trinity Church member Micah Anderson for achieving 2nd honors at Saint Francis High School for the second quarter of the 2018-19 school year!



Soup Cook-Off Success

Thank you to the fourteen cooks who served up a delicious variety of soup last month. Thank you also to those who helped with the set-up and clean-up. There were about 65 people in attendance enjoying hot soup on a cold day. The Soup Cook-off was a success because of everyone involved! The winners were as follows: 1st place - Nancy Stevens for her cheeseburger soup; 2nd place - Kevin Kot for his zoupa tuscano soup; and 3rd place - Kathy Stephan for her broccoli soup. The Inclusion Committee would also like to extend appreciation from the food pantry at Bread of Life Outreach Center for the donation of canned goods. And finally, thank you to Thrivent Financial for the action grant which funded this event.

On-Line Giving

Trinity is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit our church website at: www.trinitywestseneca.com
2. Click on the "Give Now" button.
3. Click on the Create Profile button.
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 14, 2019

12:30pm - 2:00pm

At Trinity Christian School



A FREE event ~ ALL families are invited!

Egg Hunt ages 10 & under

Scavenger Hunt ages 11 and up

Save the date for this fun event! More information to come ~ refer to future weekly Life at Trinity announcement sheets and the April Trinity Tidings newsletter.

Wine & Food Pairing Event

At Camp Pioneer's Hickman Hall

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

6:00pm - 9:00pm



3 curated wines and 3 select courses. Tickets can be purchased online at "shorelinecatering.com". Proceeds to benefit programming for military families, developmentally disabled community, inner city youth and local families.

Recycle Your E-Waste

Brand name, used electronics can be put in the purple tote box in the narthex. They will be sent to a recycler to raise funds for the LWML. Any data remaining on phones, tablets, laptops, cameras, etc. will be wiped clean or destroyed if they are unable to be cleaned to protect privacy. Empty brand name ink cartridges (no toner or generic ink cartridges), digital cameras, GPS devices, radar detectors, tablets and more can be recycled; no land line phones or TV remotes. See the poster on the purple tote.

LWML MITES

Mites will be collected through the month of March. Checks can be made out to the Buffalo Zone LWML. Coins/cash should be put in Linda Meissner's church mailbox. Please label as mites or use a mite box.



Stephen Ministry Logo – What does it mean

We're starting the season of Lent looking forward to our Lord's resurrection. This can be a difficult time for some of our family and friends. As you look at the Stephen Ministry logo, it can be curious. It can also be a good reminder of how we can help. The cross in the middle reminds us of the Lord's love for us, so much that he died for us. The broken person on the left behind the cross is the person who could use someone who they can trust to be confidential and non-judgmental. The whole person on the right shows us that through Jesus and his life, death on the cross and resurrection, broken people are made whole. The circle shows God's eternal and never-ending love for us. If you know someone who may need a Stephen Minister to just talk with but they may not feel comfortable talking to someone who they know well, contact Don Meissner 652-1901, Pastor Krueger 674-9188, or any Stephen Minister: Sue Brehm, Pat Hartman, Erin Kotowski, Josh Makey, Darlene Miller, Judy Schmidt.

Cemetery News - IMPORTANT

ANY burials or spreading of ashes in Trinity's Cemetery are prohibited without pre-approval from the Cemetery Board. Both state and cemetery regulations need to be adhered to. Contact the church office, Mark Blajszczak or Roger Meissner for information on procedures and permission.

YOUTH SCOOP YOUTH SCOOP

Jr. High Night:

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, March 21 at 6:30pm-8:00pm!** Come to the school gym for fun, games and a meaningful devotion time!

Teen Girls Bible Study:

Refer to upcoming “Life at Trinity” weekly announcements sheets for March meeting dates.

W N Y C B L

If you have driven by the church and school on a Saturday morning/afternoon from December through February, you might have wondered what was going on with all of the cars in the parking lot. For the past several years, Trinity’s school gym has been the site of the WNY Christian Basketball League. Every Saturday (outside of a two-week stretch for a Christmas/New Year’s break) for three months, 16 teams (over 150 players), coaches and parents come to Trinity for basketball. The league is made up of teams from various churches, Christian and public organizations. This year, the teams were broken up into two divisions – by age group – middle school thru 9th grade and 9th – 12th grade.

For the third year in a row, Trinity Church and School has sponsored a team for the younger division, made up of players from the school’s boys’ varsity team, Jr. High members from Trinity Lutheran Church and some friends from outside of the church. We also had two members from St. John’s Orchard Park join our team this year (their team from previous years disbanded).

The league, organized by Mark Jentsch, has a theme of “One Team, One Priority: Impact Lives.” The four main goals of the league are to:

- Witness and introduce people to Jesus and the Christian life,
- Promote fellowship and fun between players,
- Practice and demonstrate Christlikeness in leaders
- Play healthy, fun, competitive basketball.

One of the ways the league accomplishes its goal of Christian outreach is through a half-time devotional between every game. The coaches from each team get assigned a week to write and deliver the message to all of the teams and the fans in the stands. This half-time talk, along with a prayer before every game, has been a great opportunity for both players, parents and other coaches to hear and reflect on God’s Word. Each message is then reinforced and talked about during team practices throughout the week.

After finishing the 2018 season winning the C-League Championship, this year’s 2018-2019 Trinity team’s season ended in the playoff semi-finals – losing to the eventual champion, West Seneca Christian. We are all already looking forward to next season, as most of our players will be returning to the team. There is even a good chance we might be able to support a team in the older division next year. If you would like to help support the league or potentially help coach a team, please contact Chris Kopra or Brad McKernan.



Missing: Coach Brad & Landon

Welcome to Trinity!

A warm welcome to the Haas Family! In December, Bill, Bryana, Levi (8), Hannah (6), and Aliza (6) transferred from St. John Lutheran, Angola to Trinity. Bill is Vice President of Sure Winner Foods, and after eight years of being a stay-at-home mom, Bryana is now a faculty member here at Trinity, where she once was a student. They love spending time as a family, playing games, outdoor sports, movies, and traveling. Bill qualified for Team USA in long distant triathlons which took their family to Denmark, Germany, and France this past summer. Bill and Bryana are expecting their fourth child in June and we look forward to meeting our new member in Christ. Bryana also mentioned that her dad is a retired LCMS pastor of 40+ years. Please add their contact information to your directory:

1137 Backus Road, Derby, NY 14047 / 868-8337



“Lifetime Journey”

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning

Each person’s sojourn has a story line with continuous questions, challenges breakthroughs and struggles. The avenues we traverse can be lined with ribbons of joy and sorrow that help us navigate the corridors of celebration and pain to offer wisdom.

Some find romance in the relational furrows of time often steeped in fulfillment’s wonder. Others drown in loneliness, where the noise of dark spaces subdue feelings. Human heart’s feelings and our brain’s thoughts share common themes while enduring uniquely singular circumstances.

Many children grow embraced by parents who nurture each life stage of development. Sadly, many children live alone too early to connect. While life’s journey progresses, most humans travel with encouragement and/or discouragement. Most lifetime journeys mature on a path seeking the balance between resistance and reward. Sadly, some don’t find the balance.

Life’s journey can be empty. Comfort is given in a Spirit sent as a messenger to remind us we are not alone. Our journey’s companion bears our sorrows and carries our pain. Even our celebrations are anticipated by angelic forces, who long for our homecoming.

Life’s journey swirls forward with updrafts and downdrafts. Those who, by grace, have not rebuffed the Spirit’s gift of faith, navigate their lifetime journey as on the Emmaus Road. The Christian’s journey comes with a promise:

We do not walk alone. Our end is planned for us by the One who formed us. Our journey enjoys the protection of salvation on a path that leads back to the Garden. God not only gave us the inheritance of eternal life, He sealed it with his own lifeblood. He sent His Holy Spirit to comfort us along the way.

If our lifetime journey were to last 150 years, wouldn’t now be a good time for us to start our own planning? Our plans encourage others to share in the temporal and spiritual blessings of a lifetime journey not walked alone.

For more information, contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner @ robert.wirth@lfnd.org or 716-863-4427 to learn how to structure your estate and financial gift plans to direct your passion to give.

TRINITY’S ENDOWMENT FUND

Contributions to the Trinity Lutheran Church and School Endowment Fund can be made at anytime for praise and thanksgiving, or in memorial.

Happy Birthday

3/1 Carolyn Habedank Beverly Weiss	3/8 Juliet Paz	3/15 Roger Meissner John McCoy	3/26 Bill Haas Travis Rodgers
3/2 Nevin Hope David Broderdorf	3/9 Carolyn Minko Michael Monahan	3/16 Patricia Peterson	3/27 Maryanne Ringle
3/3 Ryan Hamann	3/11 Don Weiss	3/17 Emma Tripi	3/29 Lynn Metzler Karen Tedesco
3/4 Brian Makey	3/12 Brady Manzo Gavin Gabel	3/21 Andrew Caldarella- Flumerfeldt	3/30 Brenda Lipinoga
3/5 Erin Kotowski	3/14 Judeen Babcock Rhonda Carlone PJ Colson	3/24 Peter Colson Marian Post Debra Wrobel	3/31 Dan Sullivan Clara Bookhagen
3/7 Hillary Ferrara Amanda Kosicki Micah Anderson		3/25 Lars Osberg	

Happy Anniversary

3/29 Robert & Helen Boldt (60 th Anniversary)	3/30 Robert & Mary Ann Moeller (60 th Anniversary)
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2019 ALTAR FLOWERS & CANDLES

The 2019 charts are posted in the church coatroom.

Flowers: \$10 per vase and you get to take them home after the 10:30am service. We are asking that 2 families sign up for each week. Payments should be placed in the **Church Office's mailbox** in the coatroom. Make checks payable to **"Trinity Lutheran Church" (memo: Altar Flowers)**.

Altar Candles: \$25 per month (per family). Two families should sign-up each month to cover the total cost of the candles. Checks payable to: **"Trinity Altar Guild"** and placed in Lois Rodgers' mailbox.

Please make sure to include your name and special intentions on the sign-up sheets.

Shut-In Members

If you know if a member of Trinity who should be on our **shut-in member list**, please let Pastor Krueger and the church office know! We want to care for all!!!

**Taste of Pioneer
Sunday, March 10 at 1:30pm**

Come and taste some of Camp Pioneer's most loved dishes! You can also bring your favorite dish to be entered into the fun and friendly competition. You're not the cooking type? Come anyway to taste all the delicious dishes and vote on your favorite. All ages are welcome! Tickets for tasting will be available at the door (10 tickets for \$5).

Portals of Prayer Booklets

Portals of Prayer (April-June 2019) devotion booklets will soon be available. They can be found in the church entryway, on the Welcome Center in the narthex, and in the coatroom. Please take one!

Emergency Contacts

If a family member is **hospitalized** or there is an **emergency need**, please inform and phone Pastor Krueger (997-5666), the church office (674-9188), or one of the Deacons.

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