

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

MARCH 2022

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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

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



On Wednesday March 2nd, we observe Ash Wednesday as the start of a 40-day season of Lent. This is forty days of preparation for our Easter celebration. Forty days of somber reflection upon our sinfulness that led Jesus to the cross. During the season of Lent, we remove the word "alleluia", a joyful word of praise, from our Sunday worship. We join in worship for spiritual renewal and some may give something up for Lent to bring to mind - even in some small way - how much Jesus gave up on our behalf. Join us throughout our Lenten journey as we prepare for Jesus' death and resurrection.

"Gods at War" *Sundays in Lent*

There are gods at war within each of us. Behind every sin struggle we have, there is a false god waging war in our lives. Don't give in to the myth that idols (false gods) are only statues that people of other cultures, people long ago worshiped. Pleasure, romance, sex, money, and power are just a few of the gods that vie for our allegiance in today's society. This series and the companion mid-week Bible study will explore these gods and how Jesus has won the victory for us.

- March 5-6 - "Gods at War" (Matthew 4:1-11)
- March 12-13 - "The Battleground of the Gods" (John 3:1-17)
- March 19-20 - "Gods of Pleasure" (John 4:5-26)
- March 26-27 - "Gods of Success" (John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39)
- April 2-3 - "Gods of Love" (John 11:17-27, 38-53)
- April 9-10 Palm Sunday - "God of Me" (Matthew 21:1-9)

Special Services

- March 2 - Ash Wednesday: 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM
- March 23 - West Seneca Community of Churches Service: 7:00 PM
- April 6 - Hymns of Faith Experience: 7:00 PM
- April 14 - Maundy Thursday: 7:00 PM
- April 15 - Good Friday: 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM
- April 16 at 5:00 PM and April 17 at 10:30 AM - Easter Worship



Ash Wednesday Services

March 2nd ~ 11:30 AM & 7:00 PM



Daylight Savings Time begins
Sunday, March 13th at 2:00am.
 Remember to turn your clocks ahead!

“Gods at War” Mid-Week Bible Study Wednesdays in Lent at 10:30 AM

There are gods at war within each of us. They battle for the throne of our hearts, and much is at stake. This is why idolatry is the most discussed problem in the entire Bible. Behind every sin struggle that you and I have is a false god that is winning the war in our lives. Don't give in to the myth that gods are only statues that people of other cultures or long ago worshiped. Join Kyle Idleman in this new study, as he explores these gods. When the Lord God takes His rightful place on the throne of our hearts, we will have victory.

March 9 – Gods at War
 March 16 – God of Pleasure
 March 23 – God of Love
 March 30 – God of Money
 April 6 – God of Power
 April 13 – God of Me



Altar Candles & Flowers

We are in need of families to sign up to donate altar flowers and candles/oil.

Altar Candles: Candle donations are needed for **March**. Candles are \$25 per month.

Flowers: There are still many opening for altar flower donations in 2022. They are \$10 per vase and you get to take them home after the Sunday service! Flowers can also be picked up from the church on Mondays from 8am-3pm. We ask that 2 families sign up for each week.

Payments should be placed in the Church Office's message center or can be mailed to the church. Checks should be made payable to **“Trinity Lutheran Church”** (memo: *Altar Flowers or Altar Candles*).

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

RightNow Media

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Executive Board

The Executive Board meets monthly, typically on the third Monday of the month. Along with regular reports and business, we are working on growing our church's mission and ministry. We are currently working on the following:

- Ministry Clarity Process (Vision)
- Board of Stewardship
- Delegates for the District Convention
- Church Directory

Property & Grounds Meeting

The Property & Grounds Committee will have a meeting on **Saturday, March 19 at 8:30am**. On the agenda will be reviewing the Spring check list of duties and set goals for the coming season; look at the anticipated needs and prioritize those; new boiler management instructions by the installation company rep.

School News



From the Principal ...

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin our Lenten journey together, may the Lord bless you and keep you in his peace every day. Here at school, the second trimester draws to a close, plans are underway for our spaghetti dinner and basket raffle, and believe it or not, plans for end of the year activities are already taking shape. The teachers and students both enjoyed the change of pace during winter break at the end of February, and now it's full steam ahead until Easter.

Re-enrollment is successfully underway and both virtual and in-person open houses are available at any time. The Lord richly blessed us with over 100 students this school year, and we pray that He will continue to bring families to Trinity for their children to learn and grow in faith. We encourage you to recommend Trinity to family and friends, and do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions or for a tour. Each year we strive to improve our program and ways to benefit our students and families, even though it's been quite a challenge through this Covid crisis! We have honed our already formidable technology skills and have learned to be even more flexible and accommodating with change. Your Trinity staff is such a blessing! It is a joy for me to minister with them, and to partner with our pastor and the congregation to keep Trinity School the joyful and effective mission vehicle that it is meant to be.

I'm sure you noticed the huge sign-up board in the narthex for our upcoming fundraiser. We look forward to seeing many of you either in the drive-through or in the hallways to help support this fun and important event. It's so great to be able to see more faces again! May the Lord continue to bless us as we strive to do his will here in this place, through His Grace.

~ Kathleen Fretthold
Principal, Trinity Christian School



Take-Out Spaghetti Dinner & In-Person Basket Raffle

Saturday, March 26, 2022

11:00am-2:00pm

**Basket Winners Announced
Via Facebook Live at 3:00pm**

Dinner Tickets: \$10 pre-sale / \$12 at door

Although the dinner is take-out only, take a minute to stop into the school to participate in our basket raffle. Thank you for your on-going support of our school!



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Trinity Brothers and Sisters in Christ ...

YOU can Play an Important Role in Our Stephen Ministry

. . . Because you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister.

What Do Stephen Ministers Do?

Stephen Ministers are members of Trinity who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are facing a crisis or simply going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister meets with his or her care receiver once a week for around an hour to listen, care, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers.

Christ Caring for People Through People

That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

If someone you know is facing a crisis - large or small - and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Don Meissner (479-4862), Kevin Kot (445-5923) or Colleen Kot (445-5922).

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

YOUTH SCOOP

Youth Gym Night

March 16th from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM



Firewood Available

Dead ash tree wood from the property has been cut into 16-18 inch pieces, split and stacked next to the school and playground. It is for sale for \$90 / cord or \$3 for a bundle of 8 pieces. Please place cash or check in an envelope marked "Firewood" in the offering plate.



Easter Plants

Trinity will once again be ordering plants to be placed in the church for Easter Sunday. Plants can be taken home following the 10:30am Easter Sunday service or can be picked up from the church the following week Monday-Thursday from 8am-3pm. Order forms can be found in the bulletins for the next several weeks. Order deadline will be Sunday, March 13. Forms, along with payment, should be placed in the church office mailbox in the coatroom (cash or checks made to "Trinity Lutheran Church"). Thank you for helping to beautify our church for Easter!

Cemetery News

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.



Pioneer on the Lake

God is good! After a long wait, we are happy to announce that we will be officially welcoming campers to POTL for Family Camp Summer 2022!

We are having 6 full weeks of Family Camp:

- July 3rd - July 8th General Family Camp Week
- July 10th - July 15th Eastern District Week
- July 17th - July 22nd Ohio Week
- July 24th - July 29th General Family Camp Week
- July 31st - August 5th Music Week
- August 7th - August 12th General Family Camp Week

**REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2022 IS LIVE ON OUR NEW WEBSITE:
pioneeronthelake.com**

Please register for Family Camp through our new website (listed above). Rental cabins outside of the 6 weeks of family camp are also available! More details are available on the website. Everyone is welcome to join any of the weeks offered! We are excited to welcome Agape and youth camps in subsequent years as we get further established.

For all of our progress, we give thanks to God. Come out to Pioneer this summer, it has been too long!

West Seneca Community of Churches ~ Lenten Journey 2022

Join us each week either in person or on-line at selected area churches listed below for Lenten Worship and guest preaching.
 All services begin at 7:00 PM.

March 9: New Hope Covenant UMS (2846 Seneca St.) / On-line at: TinyURL.com/NewHopeLiveStream

March 16: St. John's Lutheran (3512 Clinton St.) / On-line at: [Worship Livestreams | St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church](http://WorshipLivestreams|St.John'sEvangelicalLutheranChurch)

March 23: Trinity Lutheran (146 Reserve Rd.) / On-line at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVfzDnBkiGnAg9hqmfJJAog>

March 30: Ebenezer UCC (630 Main St.) / On-line at: [Ebenezer United Church of Christ | Facebook](http://EbenezerUnitedChurchofChrist|Facebook)

April 6: Queen of Heaven (4220 Seneca St.) / On-line at: [LiveStream | Welcome to Queen of Heaven Parish \(gofhchurch.org\)](http://LiveStream|WelcomeToQueenOfHeavenParish(gofhchurch.org))



Makey's Advent Christmas 2021 at LCVH

The Makey Messenger

Winter 2021/22

Winter Vicarage Update

Blessings from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! It is hard to believe that as I write this newsletter it's already the end of January. My vicarage has been going so quickly and has kept me very busy, (which is why this is the first newsletter I am actually getting to send out). Sarah and I have been incredibly blessed to be here in Alabama at the Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills (LCVH). I would like to take a moment to thank you and update you on how we have been doing.

Sarah and I have been very busy these past couple of months. Sarah continues to work full-time at a local Christian daycare with 1- to 3-year-olds and 4-5-year-olds if needed. She has found herself extra busy in recent weeks due to staffing issues because of COVID-19. I have been busy working at LCVH during the week, with Friday being my day off. During Advent, as I may have mentioned in a previous letter, I was preaching at least once every week. I also preached the day before Christmas and Sunday the 26th following Christmas. Additionally, I made a number of member visits during the month of December. Needless to say, it has kept me quite busy. Thankfully, Sarah and I were able to get a short break earlier this month. We were able to fly up to visit my parents for a long weekend in Buffalo, New York. God allowed us to make it there and back with no weather or flight problems! (Almost unheard of in recent weeks.) Sarah and I flew out of Atlanta; and we were even able to visit some friends the evening we flew back in before returning home to Vestavia Hills. God is Good!!

As I continue to look forward to all God has in store for Sarah and me this coming year, I pray God's blessing on you and yours as you begin 2022 in Him. Sarah and I would like to thank you so much for your support of the seminary! Because of your support, I am able to continue my preparation for the Holy Ministry in service to Our LORD and His Church. Thanks again!

God's Blessings,

Joshua Makey (Vicar Josh)

Things that keep Josh busy during vicarage:

- Leading worship liturgy
- Preparing and preaching sermons
- Leading confirmation class
- Leading youth Bible class
- Visiting shut-ins
- Attending church meetings
- Assisting Pastor with weddings and funerals
- Participating in Adult Choir
- Leading chapel for Mothers-Day-Out children once a week

Q & A about Vicarage

What is biggest thing that surprised you about the area your vicarage congregation is in?
Vestavia Hills is a community that is just south of the city of Birmingham, Alabama. The biggest thing that surprised me is how hilly this area is. Having never been to Birmingham before, I had never realized it was this mountainous. I have since learned it is the end of the Appalachian range and much more scenic than I would have imaged.

What is something you like about your vicarage congregation?

Josh: LCVH is a wonderful vicarage congregation. The People are what I think make it such a special place. There are a variety of ages, backgrounds, and levels of education that make up the church, but they are all very friendly and welcoming. It such a blessing to be serving a place that is so hospitable toward members and guests alike.

Sarah: I like the layout of the sanctuary, especially the large glass windows behind the alter. I also enjoy the numerous children that are part of the Sunday school each week.

The Makey Messenger (Continued from page 6)**For Fun**

Even though Sarah and I have been busy, we have had time to do some fun things together and explore the local area of Birmingham. One place where able to visit nearby is a large iron statue known as Vulcan. It is the largest cast iron stature in the United States. It was built in 1904 and has sat atop of its pedestal, over a hundred feet in the air, above the mountain overlooking the city of Birmingham ever since. Sarah and I have also been able to sample of few local restaurants in the area as well as visit the Birmingham Botanical Gardens (we are looking forward to seeing them again in the spring and early summer). We are both looking forward to continuing to explore the area surrounding Vestavia Hills.



Josh & Sarah at Vulcan Park

Bible Study and Book Review

Even though we have been quickly moving into 2022, I have just finished teaching the first session of a Bible class based on the book *Redeeming Technology: A Christian Approach to Healthy Digital Habits* by A. Trevor Sutton and Brian Smith, MD. It is actually a book that was just published by Concordia Publishing House in 2021. I certainly would recommend it for anyone looking to get a better understanding of the use of technology and how it effects our lives. I would definitely recommend the book for teenagers, youth and their parents who are constantly bombarded with all kinds of digital technology. The Bible study I am teaching is geared toward the senior high youth at LCVH and their parents but is open to anyone. Our first session began by discussing the definition of technology and how it can begin to take the place of God in our lives if we are not careful. Future Bible study sessions will unpack how, especially forms of digital technology, have come to shape not only our lives but our thinking. Reading the book and planning the study have helped me begin to look at technology in different ways.



One of Joshua's Favorite Bible Verses

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (ESV)

One of Sarah's Favorite Bible Verses

I can do all things through him (Christ) who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13 (ESV)

Happy Birthday

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

Happy Anniversary

3/29 Robert & Helen Boldt

3/30 Robert & Mary Ann Moeller



Portals of Prayer Booklets

Portals of Prayer (April-June 2022) devotion booklets will soon be available. They can be picked up in the church narthex or at any time from the clear plastic box located outside the church doors. Please take one and use it for home devotions.

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**World Day of Prayer
March 4, 2022**

New Hope / Covenant UMC (2846 Seneca St., West Seneca) will be hosting an Ecumenical world day of prayer service on March 4th at 2pm. The 2022 service is written by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland ... all are welcome to attend!



The Red Food Pantry Wagon

For the month of March, we will be collecting pasta, noodles, and rice. Items will be donated to the food pantry at Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden. Thank you!

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

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