

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

MARCH 2024

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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am



“Jellybean Poem”

This is the time of year I affectionately call “jellybean season”. Jellybeans are perhaps my favorite candy and it is one of the things I have always instantly associated with spring and the celebration of Easter. Perhaps part of the reason I love jellybeans and associate them with this time of the year is that at an early age someone shared with me the “Jellybean poem”.

If you take a look at the colors behind each of the jellybeans, they can be a fun way to share the gospel message.

*Red is for the blood Jesus shed,
Green is for new life ahead.
Yellow is for God's Light so bright,
Orange is for the edge of night.
Black is for the sins we've made,

White is for the grace he gave.
Purple is for his hour of sorrow,
Pink is for our new tomorrow.
A jar of jelly beans, colorful and sweet,
Is a prayer, a promise, a special treat.*

(Charlene Dickensen)

Simple words in the poem but an exciting way to share the easter story, especially with children. But people of all ages need to be reminded from time to time of the sweetness of the gospel in our lives and the joy that it brings. So go ahead and get yourself some jellybeans today and remember what God has done for you!

God's Blessings,
Pastor Nyck Greig



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Services

March 23 at 5:00pm
March 24 at 10:30am

Maundy Thursday Service

(w/ Holy Communion)
March 28 at 7:00pm

Good Friday Service

March 29 at 12:00pm & 7:00pm

Easter Services

(w/ Holy Communion)
Saturday, March 30 at 5:00pm
Sunday, March 31 at 8:00am & 10:30am

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 3, 2024

There will be a congregational meeting following the 10:30am service on Sunday, March 3. The following items will be presented:

- Calling (hiring) a Director of Youth and Family Life Ministry
- Paying off the Church Mortgage using the ERC funds

Please pray for God's guidance for our congregation as we look to meet the goals of our Ministry Plan.



Daylight Savings Time begins
Sunday, March 10th at 2:00am.

Remember to turn your clocks ahead!



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. **Order deadline will be Sunday, March 3.** 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!



Easter Egg Hunt Help Needed

Outreach will be hosting the annual Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday March 24! If you would like to help out with the event by filling eggs, setting up the hay/eggs, passing out snacks on the day of the event, clean up, or anything else, please let a member of Outreach know (Joan Kopra, Jan Bullock, Chris Kopra, Rachel Eising, Lynnae Kwilas). Thank you!

Trinity School's Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Raffle

Saturday, March 16, 2024

11:00am-2:00pm

Dinner Tickets: \$13 pre-sale / \$15 at door



Trinity Christian School's Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle is coming up! Tickets can be purchased from any Trinity student, staff member, or the school office (716-674-5353). Proceeds to benefit the school's tuition assistance program. Your continued support of this event is greatly appreciated!

Donations Needed: A list of items needed for this event is on the posted board in the church narthex. Please consider donating items. Monetary donations and gift cards / baskets for the raffle would also be appreciated. Any donations - food or raffle items - may be dropped off at the school office.

Trinity Christian School News

Successful Winter Carnival / Open House

I am thrilled to share the tremendous success of our recent Winter Carnival / Open House event, where our school community came together to celebrate and showcase the warmth and spirit of Trinity. It was a joyous occasion filled with laughter, games, and fellowship. I am delighted to report that we provided 23 tours to prospective families, who were welcomed with open arms and showed the heart of our school. Enrollment season is surely upon us, and our classes are filling up with eager learners. This trend reflects the growing interest in Christ-centered education. Indeed, we are grateful for God's blessings upon our school and look forward to the continued journey of nurturing hearts and minds in His love. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success, especially Outreach and all of the volunteers. And the biggest thanks of all to God for sending us families to minister to here at Trinity. "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!" Philippians 4:4.



Basketball Season

Our basketball season is coming to a close. There is one more boys and girls JV home game, March 8. The boys play at 4:00pm and the girls at 5:00pm. Please come on over to the school and cheer them on! The boys' varsity team plays at the Hub at Revive Wesleyan on Saturdays. They have a playoff game on March 2 at 9am or 10am. Noel Anderson has more details. They'd love some more Trinity fans. Congrats to all of our teams on a fantastic season. Next up - volleyball!!!!



Our Bonus Congregation

It was wonderful to have the school students in church on 2/4 to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week. The whole student body sang, "King of Glory", and the Alleluia Choir sang, "Christ is with Me". Thank you Mrs. Anderson for leading them in our worship time. Everyone at the school appreciates the dedication and support of the Trinity Lutheran congregation as we work together to spread the Gospel.

RaiseRight Gift Card Sale

Our school is once again selling gift cards through RaiseRight. The deadline to place an order is **March 3rd**. Please give your order, along with payment (payable to Trinity Christian School), to Jane Sirgey or place it in her mail slot. Order forms are on the middle table in the narthex. It is a great time to order gift cards for Easter or for a donation to the Trinity basket raffle. There is a great selection of stores and restaurants for just every day shopping and eating. Thank you for supporting our school!

Trinity's Lenten Journey Service Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30pm

Trinity is hosting a West Seneca Community of Churches Lenten Journey service again this year on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30pm. Please join us!

We will serve coffee, tea, water, and cookies afterward for the fellowship time. **Will you consider baking or buying 1 or 2 dozen cookies to donate to this event?** If you're willing, please let Nancy Hope know at 716-674-8544 / TEXT at 716-426-9342 / email at nandr.hope@verizon.net. Thank you in advance!

West Seneca Community of Churches Lenten Journey "Walk In Love"

This Lent walk the Way of the Cross with Christ, step by step. Join your neighbors on Wednesday evenings this season for prayer and guest preachers from the West Seneca Community of Churches. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit Crop Walk and Plymouth Crossroads Transitional Housing.

February 21 at 7:00 pm ~ Queen of Heaven Church

February 28 ~ NO SERVICE

March 6 at 6:30 pm ~ Agape United Methodist

March 13 at 6:30 pm ~ Trinity Lutheran Church

The concluding event for the series will be held after Easter at Agape United Methodist Church "Walk With Me" a community all-ages musical and theatrical event on April 5 and 6.

Trinity's 175th Anniversary

Trinity will be celebrating it's 175th Anniversary this year! A number of special events are being planned ... and your help is needed.

- All are invited to attend our next planning meeting on **Thursday, February 29 at 2:00pm** at church.
- We are collecting old pictures of the church (copies are fine). If you have any, you can place them in Noell McKernan's mailbox in the church coatroom or you can contact her at (716) 480-7288.
- An Oktoberfest celebration is being planned for this Fall. If you would like to be on the planning committee for this event, please contact Mike McKernan (716) 432-8542 / (716) 675-8240.

Prayers For Haiti

Please pray each week in March for protection from evil for the people of Haiti and according to this schedule.

- **Week of March 3:** Pray for Pastors and community leaders, that the Lord would guide them to be honest and faithful to the people they serve and for their protection from harm.
- **Week of March 10:** Pray for nutritious food for hungry children.
- **Week of March 17:** Pray for safety and hope for families and children.
- **Week of March 24:** Pray for good education for children and adults in training and for mothers to know the value of education and encourage their children's efforts.

DOMESTIC MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Participate in a mission trip right here in the States

**Trinity has partnered with Christian Appalachian Project (CAP)
to serve the people of Appalachia**

When: Sunday, August 25, 2024 through Friday, August 30, 2024

Where: Eastern Kentucky

Age: Anyone 14 years of age or older

Service: Making homes safe, warm, dry and accessible / home repairs / yard work

Cost: \$325 includes room, board and travel expenses

If interest in participating, add your contact info to the sign-up sheet in the church narthex.

We will be scheduling a meeting soon after the 10:30am service for anyone interested in going to discuss details of the trip and registration information.

Any questions? Please contact Kevin Kot (716-445-5923),
Colleen Kot (716-445-5922), or Mark Willert (716-601-8570)

YOU ARE INVITED TO A **FREE**....

Easter Egg Hunt

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church & School
146 Reserve Rd. West Seneca NY 14224

When: Sunday March 24th 2024

Time: 12 pm

Ages: 0-10

Dress for the weather as this is an outdoor event

Bring your own bag or basket to collect eggs



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YOUTH SCOOP YOUTH SCOOP

Youth Gym Night

Our youth nights for the next few months are **March 13, April 17, and May 8 from 6:30pm-8:00pm**. Attendees can expect fun games, lots of friends, a devotion and a snack. As weather permits we will have time outside and even a campfire with s'mores - always a fave!

Our June end of school youth night party will be held at the Webster's house on the evening of **June 26**, which will include swimming, games and snacks!

Youth Retreat at Pioneer May 17-19, 2024

Be sure to plan on attending the Jr/Sr High retreat at Pioneer May 17-19! Lots of fun, games, making new friends, Bible studies, camp fires, devotions, t-shirt making, singing, everyone's favorite "Romans and Christians", some service time to help out Pioneer, and so much more!



Property & Grounds News

Property & Grounds Meeting March 16, 2024 8:30am - 10:00am

We will discuss the damage from the winter and how to proceed. We will be planning springtime annual duties. Anyone who can work full or part-time on the committee or can offer special talents is welcome to attend. For more info and to **RSVP to Linda Meissner** (Lam.ambit@yahoo.com or 716-648-1281).

2024-2025 Snow Removal

Trinity is looking for a reliable snow removal contractor who will be responsible for snow greater than 2 inches in depth, who can clear the parking lot before and after school hours and on the weekends for church services. Please contact Linda Meissner at 716-648-1281 or Lam.ambit@yahoo.com. The contractor would have to be able to deal with extreme snow events as we have experienced this season.

WANTED: Manager for Property & Grounds Committee

The person will need to refer problems and issues to appropriate persons on the committee or to a contractor; arrange for maintenance of the property and work with executive committee; call meetings quarterly or as needed to address seasonal maintenance and issues as they arise. There is a manual in the church office. This is a voluntary position. If interested, contact Brian Makey.

Hope Willert's Missionary Work

Hope Willert graduates from college in May, and will be heading back to Zambia for at least 5 months, most likely longer. She feels God's call on her life to be a global missionary, and she will be continuing her missionary work and training with the organization, Poetice. She needs to raise financial support for her work and training. There are sheets in the narthex with more details and donation information. Donations can also be given to Mark or Katie Willert. Above all else she asks for your prayers and thanks you for your continued support on this journey.

LADD Store

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING: Clothing, footwear of any type, books, or holiday decorations. Please **do not** leave any of these items in the collection bin at church.

You may still donate dishes, glassware, cooking pans, small appliances, bedding, and lamps.

Any questions, see or call Lin Rowsell (716) 652-1314.

Happy Birthday

3/1 Carolyn Habedank Beverly Weiss Abigail Lafferty	3/7 Micah Anderson	3/15 Roger Meissner John McCoy	3/26 Bill Haas Travis Rodgers
3/2 Nevin Hope	3/9 Carolyn Minko Michael Monahan Mary Harris	3/16 Gigi LoGalbo 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 Elliana Colson	3/12 Brady Manzo Gavin Gabel	3/24 Peter Colson Marian Post Debra Wrobel	3/31 Dan Sullivan
3/5 Erin Kotowski	3/14 Judeen Babcock Rhonda Carlone PJ Colson	3/25 Lars Osberg	
3/7 Hillary Ferrara Amanda English			

Happy Anniversary

3/30 Robert & Mary Ann Moeller



**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!

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School		
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