

March 2022



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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.

Sunday School

Oct. 19th—May 15th

9-9:45 a.m.

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.

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Trinity "Tidings"



Lent is the 40-day season (excluding Sundays) of penitence and preparation for the Three Days of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) and Easter.

The term "Lent" originally comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten" which means "spring." This is the time, in the Northern Hemisphere, when the days are lengthening. The season began as a period of fasting leading up to the Vigil of Easter. Catechumens, those preparing for baptism at Easter, would fast and spend days in intense preparation. For those that were already baptized, Lent was a period to be renewed in their faith by studying the Bible, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

Although it was originally only a 2-day period of preparation, Lent became a 3-week preparatory period in the middle of the fourth century and then this was further expanded into six-weeks, or forty days. By the end of the fifth century, there was a desire to exclude Sundays from Lent since Sundays are always celebrated as feasts of the Resurrection. Thus Lent begins not on Sunday, but on Ash Wednesday.

The current practice of forty days of Lent recall Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness after his Baptism (Matthew 4:2, Luke 4:1-2) as well as Moses' forty-day fast on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28).

The appointed liturgical **color for Lent is purple** because purple has long been associated with royalty. In this case, Christ reigns from a cross. Currently, the ancient understanding of Lent as both *a time for baptismal preparation* and *baptismal renewal* is being rediscovered in Lutheran rites and practice. (www.elca.org; 3/23/17)



Please join us at Trinity Lutheran for our Lenten Worship:

Wednesday Lent Schedule

March 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6:

Soup & Sandwich: 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Lenten Compline: 6:30 p.m.: Compline is a meditative service of psalms, song, and prayer. This time of quiet meditation and prayer can be an oasis for the mind and body, heart and soul, in the wilderness of life as we journey from the dust of our creation to the waters of our new birth.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 10th: 10 a.m. Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 14th: 7 p.m. First/Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 15th: 7 p.m. Tenebrae (darkening) service

Easter Sunday, April 17th: 10 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion



Did you make a New Year's resolution this year? Were you able to keep it for more than a few days or weeks? I've never been big on New Year's resolutions. Maybe it's that the renewing and cleansing waters of baptism give me (and all of us) a new start each week in worship and each day as I/we rise filled with the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ.

I am thankful that this has nothing to do with how I (or we) feel. If it did, I'd be in serious trouble. I can't say that I rise every morning and greet the new day *feeling* the power of the Spirit driving me to be Christ's presence in the world. Nevertheless, this is the truth for all the baptized, even if *and when* we hit snooze on our alarm clocks.

Lent, like the New Year, offers a time to be intentional about adopting or focusing anew on spiritual practices especially prayer, fasting, and giving. Throughout these forty days we wade through the renewing waters of faith to the ever-flowing waters of new life in Jesus' death and resurrection—the paschal mystery that liberates us from everything that holds us captive.

Lent is the church's preparation for the new year that dawns with Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is the opportunity to prepare for following Christ out from the captivity of the tomb into the world.

The spiritual practices of prayer, fasting, and giving put us deeply in touch with our neighbors near and far. Our prayers become our mission. Our fast connects us to those who hunger and thirst, for food and drink and for justice and peace. Our giving fosters gratitude and generosity that overcomes the entrenched mindset of selfishness and scarcity. Together these practices orientate our lives according the liberating good news of Jesus Christ.

This liberating faith is not merely for us, but also includes a public dimension as we are sent to work for justice and peace in all the earth.

Jim Wallis says, "Don't go right. Don't go left. Go deeper." The season of Lent is the call to go deeper—deeper into the wellspring of baptismal waters, deeper into the practices of our faith, deeper into discipleship and the call to follow the crucified and risen one, for the sake of the world God loves that our faith practices take on a public dimension as we go deeper into the pressing issues of the day.

Going deeper requires growth. Like a seed planted in the ground that dies to what it was and becomes what it is meant to be.

Lent is springtime in the church year when we move from winter's frost to springtime blossoms. The word Lent, in fact, comes from the German word for spring. It is appropriate for this season in the church year is a time of renewal, a time we like the flowers and trees of the earth we are renewed by cleansing waters, and nurtured by the spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and giving. God brings about new growth, new life in us as we prepare for the Great Three Days and the flowing waters of Easter.

Pr. Robert Franek

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

Marleen Pytlik, Kate Lehr (Pat Beil's grand-niece);
Others in need/tragedies; our Synod/Bishop Tessa
Moon-Leseth; our ELCA/Presiding Bishop Rev. Eliza-
beth Eaton; our missionaries; military men/women;
Our Synod Partners: Central African Republic; *PEACE*
(Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan,)



Daylight Savings Time begins
March 13th
Set your clocks *ahead 1 hour!*

"God's Work. Our Hands."

January 2022 Financial

Beg. Balance (1/01/22): \$35,274.76
Income: \$13,499.36
Expenses: \$16,039.33
End Balance (1/31/22): \$32,734.79

February 2022 Worship Attendance:

Feb. 6: **37** Feb. 20: **50**
Feb. 13: **40** Feb. 27: **57**



"Thanks!" to Margie Eggert &
family for her gift to TLC for the
beautiful purple Lent banners
(displayed above organ & clavi-
nova), given in memory of her
late husband Gale "Buzz" Eggert.



February 2022 Memorials

GENERAL FUND

In memory of **Mick Pytlik**
Given by Bruce & Amy Anderson

PEW CUSHIONS

In memory of **James Sanden**
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

In memory of **Mick Pytlik**
Given by John & Sandra Froelich, Michael &
LuAnn Siekas

In memory of **Kathleen Winter**
Given by Dianne Graff



February 2022 Council minutes were
unavailable at time of print.
Please look for those in April newsletter.



Marleen Pytlik's retirement celebration that
was to take place on Sunday, Feb. 27th follow-
ing Worship, was postponed due to her hav-
ing some health issues. When a new date has
been determined, we will announce via email
and Sunday bulletin. We keep Marleen in our thoughts &
prayers as she recovers from her medical procedure.



TLC WELCA will be providing and serving
the soup & sandwich meals during the
Wednesdays of Lent. If you would like to
help/provide, please contact Patty Beil:
840-0115; pjbail@msn.com. Thanks!



Easter Plants

If you plan to give a donation towards an Easter plant for our Easter service (4/17), please fill out below
info and return to the church **no later than April 4th**. You may either give money towards a plant OR
order the plant yourself and bring it to the church by April 14th.



_____ We plan to buy a plant and deliver to the church by April 14th.
(Please return this info sheet by April 4th)

_____ We are enclosing \$_____ to go towards the Easter plant fund.
Church office will order a predetermined amount of plants to adorn our sanctuary.
(Please give whatever amount you can afford.)

Name of person(s) giving: _____

Name of person(s) it is given in memory/honor of (please circle memory or honor):





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

This year is winding down and we will be meeting only 9 more times. Please help us finish the year strong in attendance. If your child will be absent please notify us so we can plan accordingly.

Finally, please add **May 15th** to your calendar. This is our **last Sunday** together and the **TLC Sunday school students will be helping in worship that morning.**

Important Dates:

March 6, 13, & 27 - Sunday school meets

March 20 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

March 23 - Christian Education Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.



Sunday school students (PreK-gr. 6) are invited to a **swim party on March 27 at the Wellness Center from 3-5 p.m.** We look forward to a splashing good time!



RED WILLOW BIBLE CAMP

Red Willow Bible Camp/RWBC is now accepting registration for summer youth camps. To register your child/children (Kndg.-gr. 12), go to:

www.redwillowbiblecamp.com/summercamps.

Camp scholarships are provided to TLC families through the generosity of TLC Endowment Fund. Call or email the TLC office to get the scholarship code, and attend camp for FREE!!

Summer employment opportunities are also available to youth ages 18 years & older (camp counselors, kitchen assistant, maintenance assistant). Go to their website to check out a detailed description of summer employment opportunities or stop in the TLC office for employment descriptions. One of our very own TLC'ers, Lexi Triebold, worked last summer as a camp counselor and loved her work experience there!

Confirmation Corner — March 2022

Confirmation class continues to meet the Wednesdays in March (2, 9, 16, 23, 30), 3:30-5:30 p.m./basement Fellowship Room

On **Wednesday, March 16th**, Confirmation students are to meet in the TLC kitchen from 3:30-6:30 p.m., to complete a service project. They will be helping with a Lenten meal.

March Acolyte schedule:

March 6th: **Sean Buck**

March 13th: **Carson Johnson**

March 20th: **Anna Mae Triebold**

March 27th: **Sean Buck**



March Coffee "Fellowship" hosts:

March 6th: **Sean Buck**

March 13th: **Sadie Olson**

March 20th: **Chloee Wieser**

March 27th: **Mara Crowe**



On Feb. 2nd, some of our Confirmation students participated in an Escape Room activity... and they won! Thank you to Diane Kracht for organizing & creating this fun activity for our TLC Youth!!!



TLC Youth participating were: Teagan Zaun, Tessa Kinney, Kellen Westman, Carson Johnson, and Georgia Zaun. Even Pr. Robert got in on a little of the fun!

W.E. Erickson Scholarship applications may now be picked up in the church office for college students. Eligibility requirements are:

- Active member of Trinity Lutheran Church (student and/or parents).
- Good academic standing (GPA minimum of 2.5).
- Enrolled in University or Technical College.
- Preference given to enrolled Christian Ministry students.
- Students must have completed one academic year to be eligible.
- Undergraduates may renew the scholarship one time, with preference given to first time applicants.
- 10 hours of church/community service (within 12 mos) which has been verified by a supervisor through phone call or email/letter.



Completed applications should be dropped off in TLC office by May 1, 2021.

Lent Word Find

C X H U L L A E O J Q D K P L H G F D C Z J T H
P Q H Y N X Z W P D N W N R Y H H Q I F F U Z V
Z X E K O O R I A A C B T A L J F O N U P I M Z
U Z C D E S E R T J W J L Y K K Y K W N V H H K
C U Q K C P D T Q L Q E Y A R N G Y G G U L E E
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O E W B M I W S L Z V E G G Y B F R P U O G U A
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M U I J Z K U R E K R H B M J A Z A D A O D W M
K U J N T P F I I D J H A G Y R D U P U W Q L J
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L E Y X C V G I U R G V Q L E H L A S H E S E S
E B V E X A E C T E S X P R E P A R E W X P Z H
Y F M L R E M E M B E R Q H H O L K C Z N K D E
D Q Y C D X U J G U M D W H C R U S U L N W Q D
C T N X V I B E Z C T V M N Y N J Q M E V W F Q
H S P D C I I J Z P Z H P N D D R E B N K X F Q
T Z I B H I P S X R N J A W P Q O C L T F R K J
E J K C J M V B I R G O C N S A Y E Y E H I I Y
K X W C B T D F J E S U S F V N X R V K R B W D
L B F L R E Y B N S B Y C T R F F V R Z G U B L
U A O I V N N V I V R Q S F R K K W S L W E Y L
A Y F M C G B U S A O M X T U R A V M E B B Z

Lent-themed Word Scramble

PBTIASM: _____ REAPRY: _____
DOGO YRIFAD: _____ AELTSPSO: _____
ALPSM YAUSDN: _____ ARLOGI: _____
FANIGST: _____ XURIFCIC: _____

40 DAYS

OF LENT



Read a devo-
tional everyday
as a family.

Collect money
for a favorite
charity.

Tend to the
needs of
others.

1st Sunday
of Lent



Pray for
our world
leaders.

Tell a friend
about Jesus
today!

Follow
Jesus!

Pray for those
who don't know
Jesus.

Make a card for
someone
having difficulty

Thank God for
His beautiful
creations!

2nd Sunday
of Lent

God, I'm sorry for...



Thank a
teacher!

Jesus gave up
his life for you.
What can you
do for him?

Share what you
are grateful for
at dinner!

Pray & ask for
God's for-
giveness.

Donate gently-
used items to a
charity.

Take a walk
with your
family.

3rd Sunday
of Lent



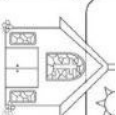
Pray for
World peace.

Invite a friend
to church.

Remember that
God is always
with you.

Ask Jesus to
help you be a
good friend.

Pray for the
homeless.



4th Sunday
of Lent

Read Mark
12:30-31.

Smile at
someone
today.

Make a card for
a friend or
relative.

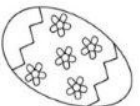
Thank God for
the person you
made a card for

Compliment
someone
today.

What can you
do to become a
better person?

Thank you for...

5th Sunday
of Lent



Color
Easter
Eggs!

What can you
do to help feed
the hungry?

Tell a loved
one how spe-
cial they are.

Read Matthew
4:1-11.

God Always
Listens!

Eat a healthy
snack today.

Holy Week
Palm Sunday

What signs of
life do you see
in nature?

Read John
3:16.



Maundy
Thursday

Good
Friday

Holy
Saturday

He is Risen

