

TRINITY TRIANGLE

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Latrobe, PA
'Grounded in Faith...Reaching Out in Love'
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The Season of Lent

A time to reflect, connect, and be renewed in faith, hope and love.

Connected and Renewed ... in WORSHIP



ASH WEDNESDAY, February 10

Worship at 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

The **sign of ashes** will again remind us of our human frailty *and* God's love!
Invite others to join with you as you prepare for a Holy Lent!

Mid-Week MORNING COMMUNION

beginning Wednesday February 17, 2016 + 11:30 am – Noon

Each Wednesday in Lent we will join together

for this service of confession and forgiveness, Word, and Holy Communion.

The meditations will focus on – prayer, healing, forgiveness, and believing - from Luke's Gospel.

Mid-Week EVENING PRAYER

beginning Wednesday February 17, 2016 + 6:30 pm

Each week during this Evening Prayer Service we will focus on a portion of the baptismal covenant from the order of Affirmation of Baptism.

We will hear personal interviews reflecting on the question – *What does it look like in your life ...*



February 17 – *to live among God's faithful people*

February 24 – *to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper*

March 2 – *to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed*

March 9 – *to serve all people following the example of Jesus*

March 16 – *to strive for justice and peace in all the earth*

Connected and Renewed ... in Daily PRAYER and DEVOTIONS

Daily Lent and prayer devotion books for all ages are available in the narthexes.

Connected and Renewed ... in FELLOWSHIP and SERVICE

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be February 9 (see page 4).

As you read through this newsletter, what opportunities are available for you to *reflect, connect, and be renewed in faith, hope and love* this Lent?

Worship Service Volunteers for February, 2016

Church Service	Acolytes	Communion Guild	Gift Presenters	Monthly volunteers
February 6, 7				Greeters
6:30	Keegan Shannon Kelly Stanko John Elder	Jim & Carol Fannie	Byron & Christine Stahl	6:30 Jackie Mars 8:15 Charlie & Lugene Amond 10:45 Ken & Patty Howell
8:15	Maddie Amond Gail Hugo Becky Burica	Carol McIntyre Connie Fyalkowski	Ushers	
10:45	Jessica Ziance Nate Clair Drew Clair	Gayle Metz Jean Gallagher	Ushers	Tellers(* Head Teller)
Ash Wednesday, February 10th	Acolytes Needed	Kelly Stanko Sandra Gaul Ron Deglau		February 7, 14 8:15 *Sandy Kisick Candace Bungard Tiffany Shrum (Help Needed) 10:45 *Linda McDowell Christina Andrae Sandy Redinger Darlene Schultz
February 13, 14				
6:30	Bryce Pletcher Marisa Yockey	Ashley & Sue Varner	Linda Taylor Gloria Ciccone	
8:15	Nathan Hugo Josh Voytilla	Laverne Guinther Peg & Tim Stump Emily Patterson	John & Gail Hugo family	February 21, 28 8:15 *Herb Harris Jay Elder Linda Foster Jason Sheppard
10:45	Jared Rivard Matt Macey	Eleanor Fagan Gerri Daughenbaugh	George & Eleanor Fagan	10:45 *Eleanor Fagan Debbie Luttner Susan Vargo David Colaianne
February 20, 21				
6:30	Kelly Stanko Brianna Jordan	Bill & Cheryl Morgan Marisa Yockey	Jill Clark Donna Showalter	
8:15	John Clark Evan Stemler	Gary & Johanna Sheppard	Paul & Kim Henry family	Deacons
10:45	Grant Hudson Matthew Davis	Karen Vogle Kathy Bell	Betty Brasille Bernice Rulli	6:30 Linda McDowell 8:15 Gladys Maloy 8:15 Carol McIntyre Rose McLain 10:45 Paul Houck Sandy Redinger
February 27, 28				
6:30	Kelly Stanko	Jim & Jacki Stiffler McKenzie Bonar	Greg & Kelly Stanko	Lectors
8:15	Maddie Amond Josh Voytilla	Charley & Lugene Amond	Jim & Robin Stemler family	6:30 Linda McDowell 8:15 Rick & Margaret Conrad 10:45 Mary Keim
10:45	Nate Clair Drew Clair Jessica Ziance	Betty Brasile Bernice Rulli	Gayle Metz	

Some Events You Won't Want to Miss!!



Saturday, March 26

Easter Fest – Following Easter Vigil

Friday, April 15th – Saturday, April 16th

Rummage Sale benefits “Union Mission”

Saturday, April 30th

Mother’s Day Banquet – “Hats off to Mom”

Friday, June 24th

Pirates vs Dodgers (Free T-Shirt Nite)

Sunday, June 19th

Annual Men’s Communion Breakfast

Sunday, July 17th

Annual Outside Worship Service

Congregational Picnic

**Pastoral Acts
Funeral**

1/11/16 +Clifford R. Felton

Men's Group

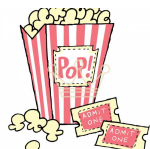
Coffee Bean Rt. 30 Latrobe

Saturday, February 13, 8am

Come and join the discussion and great fellowship!



The Men's Group is sponsoring a



**Dinner and Movie Night on
Friday, February 19 at 6:00 pm**

Everyone is welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall for pizza, salad, and wings ... and the classic *Star Wars: A New Hope*. Sign up on the side-narthex bulletin board.



**Noon Day Luncheon and Devotions
For Men & Women
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Cost: \$5.00**

Menu: Home-made chicken noodle soup, sandwich and dessert. Preacher: Rev. Cindy Parker, Christ United Church of Christ, Latrobe.

Please make reservations by February 1st at 724-537-4450, or email: office@trinitylatrobe.com.

Mission Trip Opportunity

There is a meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 6 at 10 am in the Lounge for anyone interested in going on a Mission Trip. Topics of discussion will include location, type of service, length of trip, requirements and funding. To prepare for the meeting, take some time to visit one of the many websites that offer guidance and opportunities for both domestic and international trips. Some websites to check out are:

Youthworks.com

NextStepMinistries.com

PrayingPelicanMissions.org.

During this meeting, we would also like to see if there is any interest in doing local service projects. Please bring along your thoughts, ideas and any suggestions you may have. If you cannot attend the meeting but are interested, please contact Mary Ann Coulston at 724-423-8671.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Annual Congregation Meeting will be Sunday,
February 7, 2016.

Lunch following 10:45 service;

Meeting to begin at 12:45 pm.

COUNCIL summary – Tuesday, January 19

Communications – Thank you notes for Christmas gifts from Debbie Morley, Jenny Obstarczyk, Denise Hegemann, Carol McIntyre, Kathe Houck and Jack McElhoes. A thank you note from Union Mission for \$500 gift; a thank you note from Gettysburg Seminary for \$500 gift.

Ministry Report – There was an increase in Christmas Eve/Day attendance from last year (870/850). Discussed ways to work to increase weekly worship attendance by at least 10% in 2016. There is a good group going to Youth Quake the weekend of January 29-31. Synod Assembly will be held at California University June 17 and 18.

Call Committee - Assistant to the Bishop stated there was nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, February 7, 2016; lunch following 10:45am; meeting at 12:45pm.

Council/Leader Retreat – Saturday, January 30, 2016, 8:30am-Noon at the Wingate hotel – David Fenoglietto from Lutheran Senior Life will be guest speaker.

New Business

2016 Vision & Goals – discussed need to find creative ways to reach out to the congregation and community to develop relationships including a brochure to be distributed at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Attention Trinity Gardeners

We hope you have noticed the Biblical Garden that is near the Parish House entrance. As we get closer to spring, the gardeners would like you to keep an eye open for the new spring flowers to start blooming. We will continue to add more plants to the Garden. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

We will be visiting the Rodef Shalom Temple's Biblical Botanical Garden in Pittsburgh after it opens this spring. We will have information available if you would like join us. The plan is to get more ideas for our Garden from the visit.

It is also time to start planning for summer flowers. Watch for further information. If you have an interest in gardening please contact Karen Mowry at karenmowry@hotmail.com or 724-537-8468.

Christian Education

Kids' Day Out

“Journey to Jerusalem with Jesus”

is the theme for our next session starting February 16 and ending March 15. We welcome you to accompany us as Jesus journeys to Jerusalem this Lenten Season.



This past fall, the children and staff learned and shared ways to be a “Superhero for Jesus”. Our dinners, songs, lessons, crafts, games and prayers focused on key traits of a “Superhero for Jesus.” The children created beautiful Christmas cards and chocolate lollipops for the home-bound members, which were distributed by the Simeanna Visitors. We collected \$200 and can goods as a special offering used for the Christmas Baskets.

Please register for KDO by completing this form and returning it to the church office by February 7.

Name _____

Age _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

Place of Worship _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Health Info _____

Food Allergies _____

Emergency Info _____

If you would like to stay and help with KDO, please complete the following:

Name _____

Phone _____

For more information, call the church office at 724-537-4450.

LENTEN Devotional



Lenten Devotional Materials will once again be available for members to take and use or share with a friend. Starting the weekend of February 6/7 they will be in the front narthex and the table by the stairs leading to the Fellowship Hall and Weis Room. New this year will be a few copies of a LARGE PRINT Lenten devotion for Seniors.

Good Friday Day Camp

will be held again this year on Friday, March 25 starting with worship at 10 am and ending this year at 2 pm. The Camp is open to children in Kindergarten through Grade 6. Younger children may attend if they are accompanied by an adult. Watch for more details and registration form in the next Triangle.



Children Youth & family Ministry

Souper Bowl of Caring will be celebrated at Trinity the weekend of Feb. 6/7. If you can donate a can of soup (or other nonperishable food items) and \$1 (or more), you can help end hunger. All food items will go to the Westmoreland Food Bank which last year provided food to 7,200 households each month. Money collected will be divided between the Food Bank and ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response to help with the Middle East and European Refugee Crisis. Look for Trinity confirmation students that weekend with their soup kettles and support their efforts to end hunger locally and globally.



Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper



Support Youth Ministry at

Trinity and attend their pancake supper on Tuesday, February 9 with pancakes and sausage being served from 5—6 pm. There is no charge for the meal, but free will donations will be collected and go to help fund youth events at Trinity. Youth will be setting up, serving and cleaning up. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the side bulletin board so we can be sure to have enough food for everyone.

Families, youth, and friends are invited to go snow tubing at Seven Springs on **Friday, February 12 from 6 to 8 pm.** We have a bus rented for those who don't want to worry about driving. It will leave from the church at 4:30 pm. With the group rate and Trinity helping to cover cost, the price for those 12 and older will be \$20 and for those 11 and under will be \$15. For adults going but not tubing, there is no charge. Food is available at Seven Springs (pizza, snacks, beverages). Please sign up on the bulletin board and turn your money and waiver forms into the church office by Monday, February 8. It is especially important that you do so if you plan to ride the bus. If the bus is not filled by then, we will open it up to people from other churches in the area who may also be joining us that night.



Trinity Youth are invited by the SWPA Youth Committee to a night of roller skating at LATROBE SKATING CENTER on Sunday, February 28 from 5:30 -8 pm. Skate rental is \$6 or \$8.50 if you want inline ones. Come join other Lutheran youth from the area for a night of fun and fellowship.



Save the Date – Saturday, March 19 at 11am



Trinity's annual egg hunt will take place for children age 10 and younger. Watch for more details in the next Triangle.

Car Hop—There will be a Car Hop Meeting on Sunday, March 13th at noon in room 102 to begin planning for this year's Car Hop on June 5th. All are welcome to join in the planning.



THANK YOU

To Pastor Schock and Members of Trinity, I would like to express my appreciation for the calls, visit and prayers from Kathe Houck, Pr Schock and the congregation during my husband's recent hospitalization. Love in Christ, Judy Evans

Dear Trinity, Thank you for the finals care package. Hope everyone had a fantastic holiday. Best, Michael Leonescu

To My Trinity Family, Thank you so much for my box full of goodies each semester! It's something I really look forward to! Looking forward to being home for Christmas and to seeing you all soon. Haley Shiver

Dear Trinity, Thank you so much for the college care package. It came in perfect time for me to take finals. Thanks for thinking of me. God Bless, Mickayla Selembo

Dear Trinity, I greatly appreciate the care packages! They truly brighten and make my day. I am so blessed to have you all thinking of me. I appreciate the care. It truly is warming, especially through finals! Thank you so much! And Merry Christmas to everyone! I can not express my gratitude, Erin Fircetz

To my Trinity Church Family, Thank you for the love you shared through your prayers, visits, phone calls and care packages of food during my illness. Then, again, when my son, Wayne went to be with the Lord. My caring church family once more rose to the occasion. And to Pr. Schock who visited and brought communion and prayed with me. Thanks be to God for such love. In Christian Love, Corinne Bollinger

Social Ministry



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

ELCA World Hunger Offerings: \$805
Offerings collected are used where help in the world is needed the most.

ELCA Disaster Response: \$ 35
Offerings received will help those suffering from natural disasters.

ELCA Missionary Support: \$100.25
YOU can make a difference in spreading the gospel around the world through you offerings to help support our missionaries.

Please use the special envelopes that are in the pew rack for these offerings.

Treasurer's Report

The final 2015 Treasurer's Report is included in the Annual Report of the Congregation which is available in the church narthexes or on our website www.trinitylatrobe.com Under 'About Us' then 'Mission & Vision'.

Growing in Faith ... Reaching out in Love

Listed below are opportunities to reach out in love -

- ◆ **Shepherd Shop**—help is needed on Tuesdays to: sort clothes 7:30-10am; help prepare and serve a meal served after devotions at 10 am; volunteer to make a dessert. Help is also needed with the used furniture ministry (pick up, deliver, storage). Contact Mary Ann Coulston— 724-396-6109.
- ◆ **Purls of Prayer**—meets at 5:30 pm on Thursdays for all who enjoy making prayer shawls for members & others including hospice. Donations and/or coupons for yarn are always welcome. Contact Jane Lawson.

Trinity Latrobe Counseling Center

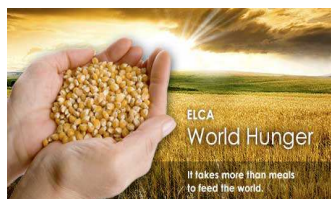
(Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute)

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For individual, family, marriage, depression and grief counseling.

To make an appointment with a professional counselor call toll free: 1-877-661-9623.

Next month we will introduce our new therapist!



As we end the Malaria Campaign this year, we are looking forward to our next adventure in helping to end World Hunger.

This year, we will help to raise donations through the ELCA Good Gifts Program. Our goal is to reach \$15,000 - \$20,000 by December 31st...Stay tuned in and see where our adventure will take you next!

Our first adventure will kick off February 13-14: "Hogs & Kisses" for Valentine's Day!

This campaign will run through March 31st. Pick up a "Piggy Bank" in the narthex and see how much you can save to help us purchase 100 pigs –

we need to **raise \$3,000**. Monetary donations can be put into a World Hunger envelope payable to Trinity and mark in the Memo: "World Hunger Campaign". Please return your **Piggy Bank** on April 2 / 3. Watch for a visit from "Penny the Peli" too!!



Stewardship

Special Lenten Envelope—A special Lenten Offering envelope included in this Triangle is for a single gift, which will be used to support special benevolence in 2016.

Worship & Music

Service of the Word for Healing & Wholeness

Sunday, February 21, following the 10:45 am service.



Baptism Sessions for Parents Preparing for their child's baptism for the Easter season (beginning March 26) will be March 7 and 14, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Lounge. Please contact the office if you plan to attend (724-537-4450).



First Communion Classes

Sat. March 5, 12 at 10 am, and March 19 at 9:30 am

These classes are offered for children and parents/guardians. Generally children are in elementary school when they begin receiving Holy Communion. The day of First Communion for this class will be on Maundy Thursday, March 24, 2016. Please call the church office (724-537-4450) to register your child.



Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ **Latrobe Sr. High Choral Concert**
Sunday, March 13 at 2 pm.

Trinity will be hosting this annual concert. This is always an inspiring concert. We hope you mark your calendar.

- ◆ **Yom HaShoah Service**
Wednesday, May 4 at 7 pm




Trinity will be the host site for this annual interfaith service of remembrance of the holocaust, sponsored by the Greater Latrobe and Greensburg Ministeriums and Seton Hill University.



New Council Officers (L-R) Linda Reed, Vice-President; Susan Vargo, Secretary; Kathy Ferlin, President; Ashley Varner, Treasurer



Worship Services (Holy Communion)
 Thursdays & Saturdays - 6:30 pm; Sundays - 8:15 & 10:45 am
 Sunday Broadcast, WCNS 1480 AM - 8:15 am
 Sunday Church School - 9:30 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 Headstart 6:30 Fellowship	2 9:00 Headstart 10:00 Shepherd Shop 10:00 Bible Basics 11:00 Pericope 11:00 Prayer Team 6:45 Bells of Praise 7:30 Trinity Ringers	3 9:00 Headstart 9:00 WELCA Proj. Day 12:00 AA Meeting 12:00 Noonday Luncheon 7:00 Trinity Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	4 9:00 Headstart 5:30 Purls of Prayer 6:00 BPW 6:30 Spoken Communion 7:30 AA Meeting	5 9:00 Headstart	6 9:00 Men's Choir 10:00 Mission Trip Meeting 6:30 Holy Communion 
7 Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Luncheon 12:45 Congregational Meeting 	8 9:00 Headstart 9:00 Evangelism 10:30 Sr. Citizens 6:30 Girl Scouts 6:30 Stephen Ministers	9 Shrove Tuesday 9:00 Headstart 10:00 Shepherd Shop 10:00 Bible Basics 11:00 Pericope 11:00 Prayer Team 5:00 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:30 Finance 6:45 Bells of Praise 7:30 Trinity Ringers	10 Ash Wednesday 8:00 Ash Wednesday Service 9:00 Headstart 9:00 WELCA Proj. Day 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 Trinity Choir 6:30 Girl Scout Leaders 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service 8:00 Chancel Choir	11 9:00 Headstart 5:30 Purls of Prayer 6:30 Spoken Communion 7:30 AA Meeting	12 9:00 Headstart 6:00-9:00 Snowtubing @ 7 Springs	13 8:00 Men's Group 6:30 Holy Communion
14 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Children's Choir 12:30 Children's Chimes 	15 9:00 Headstart 2:30 Loyalhanna Service	16 9:00 Headstart 10:00 Shepherd Shop 10:00 Bible Basics 11:00 Pericope 11:00 Prayer Team 4:30 KDO 6:30 Council 6:45 Bells of Praise 7:30 Trinity Ringers	17 9:00 Headstart 9:00 WELCA Proj. Day 11:30 Devotions 12:00 AA Meeting 6:30 Midweek Service 7:00 Trinity Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	18 9:00 Headstart 5:30 Cooking for One 5:30 Purls of Prayer 6:30 Spoken Communion 7:30 AA Meeting	19 9:00 Headstart 1:00 Esther Circle 6:00 Dinner & a Movie	20 9:00 Men's Choir 6:30 Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers to Homebound)
21 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers to Homebound after both services) Healing Service (immediately after 10:45 service) 28 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Children's Choir 12:30 Children's Chimes	22 9:00 Headstart 6:30 Girl Scouts 6:30 Worship & Music 29 9:00 Headstart 6:30 Catechism Meeting	23 9:00 Headstart 10:00 Shepherd Shop 10:00 Bible Basics 11:00 Pericope 11:00 Prayer Team 4:30 KDO 6:45 Bells of Praise 7:00 Property 7:00 Miriam Circle 7:30 Trinity Ringers	24 9:00 Headstart 10:00 WELCA Proj. Day 11:30 Devotions 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 Eucharistic Ministry 6:30 Midweek Service 7:00 Trinity Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	25 9:00 Headstart 5:30 Cooking for One 5:30 Purls of Prayer 6:30 Spoken Communion 6:30 Christian Ed 7:30 AA Meeting	26 9:00 Headstart	27 6:30 Holy Communion

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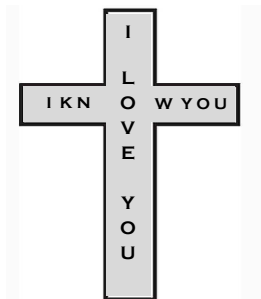


LENT IS A TIME TO REFLECT ON

HOW CHRIST CAME

SO THAT

WE MIGHT BE



**FOR YOUR LENTEN
OBSERVANCE THIS YEAR,
CONSIDER ADDING AT LEAST
ONE DISCIPLINE FROM
EACH CATEGORY BELOW.**



GROUNDING IN FAITH

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- Weekly worship on Thursday, Saturday or Sunday
- Mid-week morning or evening worship
- Attend a Sunday Adult class
- Attend a mid-week study
- Use a daily Lenten devotional
- Pray for Trinity and all people daily at 3:31 (like Trinity's address) am or pm

REACHING OUT IN LOVE

- Encourage someone with a call or card
- Give to World Hunger or Missionary Support
- Invite someone to worship or a church event
- Join a choir
- Help in the Shepherd Shop
- Help on a cooking crew
- Help with KDO, the Easter Egg Hunt, or Good Friday Day Camp