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From our Pastor

You are from dust, and to dust you shall return.

These are the words spoken to us when an ashen cross is placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, a reminder that while we are living and breathing now, life is not permanent, that we all face the same end, when life and breathe leave our bodies.

You are from dust, and to dust you shall return.

These words can sting, for they remind us that all that we cling to here on our earthly pilgrimage will be one day left behind.

You are from dust, and to dust you shall return.

The sting is especially harsh when these words are said to a child who is just beginning life, who has many minutes and hours and days and years ahead.

You are from dust, and to dust you shall return.

Yet in these words, we also know that good news follows. That Jesus did not stay dead and instead broke free from the bondage of death once and for all and rose, and that because Jesus rose, so, too, will we rise.

That's why we hear, on almost every Sunday, different words that we proclaim together: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Even though we are entering a different season, the season of Lent, the good news is still the same, that Christ is risen. Lent contains the same good news, but with an emphasis on a different syllable.

A grieving mom once spoke of how she tried to go to church at Christmas but couldn't bear the overwhelming imagery of baby-related joy, backed up by cheerful music and decorations everywhere. When she returned to church in Lent, "the church looked how I felt: bruised." She decided she was ready to return to church. In Lent she could hear, see, and sing the incarnation and resurrection hope in a way that also acknowledged the reality of loss and death.

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Lent is a time when everything we do in worship — readings, music, colors, liturgical arts — can remind us simultaneously of the reality of death, the reality of resurrection life, and Jesus' experience of life, death, and resurrection life with us.

As the Rev. Guy Erwin, bishop of the Southwest California Synod, said, "Our faith is death-defying: it takes death seriously, and faces it unflinchingly."

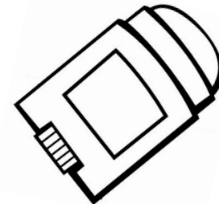
Blessings to you as we enter this holy season that ends with death, then resurrection.

Pastor Brenda

Sunday Church School Lenten Project

The Parish Education Committee is requesting participation from the congregation in our SCS Lenten Project. We would like to help two different organizations this year; we invite you to consider either type of donation according to your wishes.

The Good Shepherd Center currently has a need for bar soap, deodorant, and toothpaste. Donations of these items can be brought in, starting on Ash Wednesday (March 6), and placed on tables which will be set up as usual at two spots - in the narthex, and in the administrative hall near the back alley door.



We will also be collecting donations in the form of gift cards in any amount, from either Walmart or Staples, to be given to the ROAR Center (Removing Obstacles to Assist Recovery) in Sharon. This is a new drop-in center for people in recovery, where opportunities for support, socialization, and education are provided. The center has identified a need for computer printer ink, and gift cards from either of the above retailers would be very helpful. If you choose to donate a gift card during Lent, **please mark it with the amount on the gift card, and indicate that it is designated for the ROAR Center**, before placing it into the offering plate during worship services. Please do not leave any gift card donations with the GSC items on the tables.

Thank you so much in advance for any help you can provide with our Lenten Project!

Kris Abraham, Parish Education Committee Chair

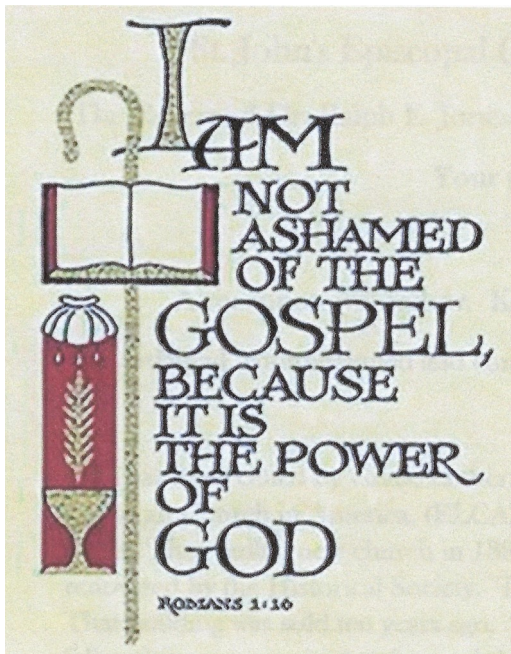


Murphy's Oil Soap Day!!! Or BYOB (Bring your own bucket!)

Saturday, March 30, 8:30 am to noon.

Your help is needed to help clean the church pews for the upcoming Easter and summer season. Bring your favorite bucket and scrub rag and spend a morning with your Church family in scrubbing your favorite pew. Murphy's Oil soap will be provided.

As a light lunch will be provided, please call the church or see a property committee member, Ed Pitcher, Chuck Lanning, Ken Black, Tyler Martin-Call, or Linda Armstrong to let them know you can help. This will help us in dividing the tasks and in lunch preparations. Thank you



You are Invited to the Ordination of Judy Lamb

Sunday, March 31, at 3:00 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church
1145 Buffalo Street, Franklin, PA

**The Rev. Dr. Ralph E. Jones, Bishop of the
NW PA Synod, officiating.**

A reception will follow.

Kindly R.S.V.P. to grace.fkl@verizon.com by March 17.

All ordained, commissioned, and consecrated ministers are welcome to join in the procession (red stoles).

Faschnacht at Holy Trinity: March 5

Faschnacht, sometimes spelled Fastnacht, is a fatty doughnut treat served traditionally on Fastnacht Day (Shrove Tuesday), the day before Lent starts. Fastnachts were made as a way to empty the pantry of lard, sugar, fat, and butter, which were traditionally forbidden during Lent.

Bonnie Massing will be hosting a Faschnacht luncheon at Holy Trinity on **Tuesday, March 5** beginning at **12:00 p.m. in Brath Hall**. She will be serving hot soup, bread, and fresh, warm, homemade donuts.

Please call the church office at 724-588-8870 if you are planning to join us.

Have an hour for lunch? Stop in. Bring friends! Everyone is welcome!



Ash Wednesday Services



Holy Trinity's worship schedule for **Ash Wednesday, March 6**, is as follows:

12:10 p.m. Spoken Liturgy of Holy Communion

7:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Please make every effort to begin the solemn season of Lent with your attendance and worship. *A special pocket medallion will be distributed to all worshipers as a seasonal reminder of Lenten discipline.*

Lenten Prayer Retreat

Mark your calendars for a new offering in our life together at Holy Trinity. We will be holding our first Lenten prayer retreat on the first **Saturday of Lent, March 9, from 9 a.m. until noon**. We hope this will become an annual event.

The retreat will give us the opportunity to explore different forms of prayer outside of our regular weekly Eucharist and the daily offices (morning prayer and evening prayer).

We will begin and end the morning with communal prayer. In between, there will be a dozen prayer stations set up throughout the church building where we can count our blessings, learn to pray with scripture by dwelling with one passage or even one word, create something beautiful out of our brokenness, make pocket crosses, experience a healing rite, and more.

The morning will include both time for quiet contemplation and a flurry of creative activity as we begin to observe the season of Lent and contemplate the Passion of our Lord.

Celebrate Lent at Holy Trinity

Lent is the great penitential season of the church. It is a season that focuses on getting our spiritual house in order, spring cleaning it for Easter, the greatest festival of the church year. Holy Trinity offers us so many possibilities for coming together to reflect and pray. Daily Morning Prayer begins at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, and continues every weekday morning, concluding the morning of Maundy Thursday. This twenty minute service fills the choir loft for the traditional morning service of prayer and psalm. We pray for every single member of the congregation **by name**.

On Wednesday evenings, beginning March 13, we gather for vespers, a service of prayer, readings, and song. During Holy Week, we celebrate vespers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, at 6:15 p.m. leading into the solemn services of the Triduum ("three days") of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Saturday. **Stations of the Cross will be offered every Friday at 6:00 p.m. beginning on March 8.** Combined with the services on Saturday and Sunday, every single day from Ash Wednesday, March 6, through Easter Sunday, April 21, there will be prayer and psalm and readings and celebration occurring in Holy Trinity.

Come, be part of this great round of prayer in its many forms as often as you can.

Lenten Morning Prayer

During Lent, **beginning Thursday, March 7 and concluding Maundy Thursday, April 18**, members of the congregation have the opportunity to come together at 8:30 a.m. every weekday morning to join in a brief prayer service.



During Lenten morning prayers, we pray daily for the congregation and its members. Over the course of six weeks, we pray for every member of the congregation by name.

Come once, come often, come daily and observe this Lent by raising your heart and voice to God.

(The church bells will ring at 8:30 a.m. daily as a call to prayer. If you cannot join the worship at the church, please say a brief prayer at that time each weekday.)

Lenten Fellowship Meals

This year during Lent, we will be gathering for a simple supper at 5:30 p.m., each week before vespers begin at 6:15 p.m. To cut down on clean up time so those providing the meal can completely participate in vespers, we're asking the congregation to do what we do for the parish picnic – **bring your own place mats and table setting**. Remember to bring bowls in case soup is on the menu. There will be disposable backups in case you forget. Your presence is more important than your dishes! **Supper will be served every Wednesday beginning February 13.**



Lenten Evening Prayer

At Holy Trinity there is again this year the cherished opportunity to worship God within the peaceful setting of Evening Prayer **every Wednesday during Lent at 6:15 p.m. (March 13, March 20, and March 27, April 3, and April 10, and in Holy Week, 7:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 15, 16, and 17).**

As the large candle is brought into the dimly lighted church, so Christ, “the Light that shatters the darkness,” brings light into the darkness of this world and our lives.

Members are encouraged to come and bring a friend to Evening Prayer.

The Font During Lent

During Lent, the font, full of water, reminds us to be faithful to the new life that we have entered through Holy Baptism. By way of the font we have been born again as children of God and disciples of Jesus. Through the font God has brought us into this community that lives the life of Christ, and gives itself to worship of the Lord and to service in the world. Lent is a time when we repent of our sins. We turn to God by returning to the promises of Baptism, where God meets us and claims us, forgives us, and changes us. To begin Confession at worship each week, we will turn toward the font.

At other times when you pass the font, feel free to touch the water. You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism or trace a small cross on your forehead with water. Remember that you are a beloved child of God, a sister or brother of Jesus.

Lenten Study ~ “O my people, O my church, what more could I have done?”

The Lenten season calls us to a time of self-examination and study. This year we will look at the Reproaches, a part of our Good Friday liturgy, and the scriptural stories that they refer to. The Reproaches are God's heartbroken questioning of people and the church, a reminder of how God saved people over and over again, but how people then built a cross for Jesus.

The first Reproach looks like this:

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

Forty years I led you through the desert,

feeding you with manna on the way;

I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

*Lenten
Study*

Each Reproach refers to different stories, and each Wednesday, we will look at one or two of the Reproaches, the salvation stories that they point to, and then try to answer the question, What more could God have done for us?

Call the office (724-588-8870) to register for the class. There is no cost to participants.
All are welcome, and bring friends!

Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil Changes

The year the Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil will begin at 9:00 p.m., after the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday (April 18) evening service and will conclude at midnight that same evening after the reading of the Compline prayer (Prayer at the end of the day) at 11:45 p.m.

Each time frame will allow for several people to participate in that half hour. A Lector will be present at each time frame to read a portion of Jesus' Farwell Discourse which is a sermon he gave his disciples on the last night of his life.

For those of you who wish to sign up as Lector for each block of time, resources will be given to you ahead of time.

At 11:45 p.m. the Prayer Vigil will end with the Compline prayer.

Sign-up sheets will be available the last weekend in March.

If you have any questions, please call the office.

Good Friday ~ April 19, 2019

Mark your calendar and plan to participate. Holy Trinity will host the Greenville Community Good Friday Service (watch for more details.)

Ukrainian Egg Classes Available During Lent

A Ukrainian egg is decorated using a wax-resist (beeswax) method. You apply wax to an egg, dye it, and repeat as many times as you wish to achieve the desired, layered pattern underneath when all the wax is removed. There are patterns you may use as a guideline or you may design your own pattern. There is no set artistic level needed to participate in the classes, only a willingness to learn a new skill and enjoy fellowship with others.



The following dates have been set: **Thursdays: February 15, February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, and March 22. All classes begin at 6:30 p.m.**

Come, join us for what has become a Holy Trinity tradition.

Those who have come will tell you that great artistic skill is not necessary to enjoy these fun evenings.

You need 2 raw eggs and one dollar to cover cost of supplies. A display holder costs one dollar if you wish to display your finished egg. Please bring your eggs in an egg carton at room temperature.

Bonnie Massing

Things You Never Knew About Lent

and the one thing you must know

Did you know that . . .

1. The original period of Lent was 40 hours? It was spent in fasting to commemorate the suffering of Christ. Then it became 30 days, then 36 and, finally, in the reign of Charlemagne, about 800 A.D., 40 days, not including Sundays.
2. The 40 days of Lent correspond to Christ's 40 days in the wilderness?
3. The date of Lent is determined by the date of Easter? The Council of Nicaea determined in 325 A.D. that Easter would be observed on the first Sunday following the 14th day of the Paschal Moon.
4. The earliest that Lent can begin is February 4. That happened last in 1818 and will not occur again until 2285.
5. The latest Lent can start is March 10. It won't be that late again until the year 2038.
6. Lent comes from the old English word for Spring, lenten? The wearing of sackcloth and ashes is a custom going back to Old Testament times? Many Christians observe the custom on Ash Wednesday, using the ashes of the previous year's burned Palm Sunday palms.
7. The day before Ash Wednesday, Shrove Tuesday, is celebrated in many parts of the world with feasting? The French call it Mardi Gras, the Germans call it Fasching. The feasting comes from the custom of using up household fats prior to the 40 days of Lenten fasting when no fat is used.

The one fact you must know

These facts about Lent are interesting, but they're not really very important.

The one important fact in your life is this – that Christ died that your sins can be forgiven.

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A fact so simple . . . so familiar . . . so huge . . . so wonderful that it is hard to grasp. That's why Christians observe Lent – to set forty days aside to think about Christ's death and what it means in their lives.

Lent gives you another chance to think about your sins and what it means that Christ died for them. It gives you another chance to review your life, another chance to grow in faith and love.

Lent is a time to be close to God – closer than you've ever been. It's a time to attend church more regularly, to pray more often, to read the Bible more diligently and to spread the Word of God more earnestly.

This Lenten season can be the most important forty days in your life . . . your eternal life.

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Monday in Holy Week – April 15, 2019

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Tuesday in Holy Week – April 16, 2019

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday in Holy Week – April 17, 2019

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer



Holy Week

Triduum (The Three Days)

Maundy Thursday – April 18, 2019

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:10 p.m. Spoken setting of Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion, (Foot Washing);

Good Friday – April 19, 2019

11:30 a.m. Holy Trinity will host the Greenville Community Good Friday Service (watch for more details.

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy (St. John's Passion and Adoration of the Cross)

The Vigil of Easter – April 20, 2019

7:30 p.m. The Vigil of Easter (gather in the Roth Library between 7:15 and 7:30 p.m.)

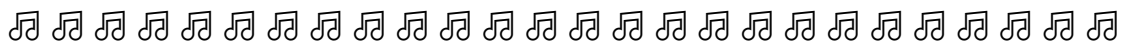
Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Day) – April 21, 2019

9:00 a.m. Pre-Service Music (Brass and Organ)

9:30 a.m. Festival Liturgy of Holy Communion

From our Director of Music



Having attended a house mass recently, one of the questions circulated during refreshments was about hymns at Holy Trinity, specifically what is/was anyone's favorite. Thinking about the hymn question over the next few days, my question became how can anyone have just one favorite; its comparable to asking which book of the Bible is one's favorite. The first chapter of the Gospel of John can be a favorite until all twelve chapters of Ecclesiastes are read and considered. The same can be said of hymn favorites: on house mass day my favorite was *Wondrous Love* because I like the thought of singing on forever and ever.

Hymnody of western Christianity, that is hymns, not songs, goes back two thousand years and more considering Psalms and the sung liturgies of the temples and subsequent synagogues. Hymns, as perceived by the 21st century mind, began as part of the protestant meaning reformatory theology and practices of Luther, Calvin and other reformers. Sung music, acclamations, Psalms, motets, and some hymns were the responsibility of the choir(s) in pre-Reformation Roman Catholicism.

Luther stressed hymn singing by all believers as a means of learning and memorizing scripture; *Ein Feste Burg*, A Mighty Fortress is Our God is a setting of Psalm 46 meant to be sung not read responsively by whole verse. The Psalter was the source of many hymns for Calvin in Geneva and Knox in Scotland. Eventually, this kind of scripture singing evolved into the Scottish Psalter, the hymns of Thomas Tallis and later the Psalm texts of Isaac Watts. Please note that this article is limited to western, that is, European and eventually American hymnody and not the singing practices of Orthodox Christians which are quite discrete from western church music customs. In a book entitled Hymnal Companion to Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) on the shelf in the Roth Library, hymnody is discussed historically and geographically; e.g. Scandinavian hymns, German hymns, American, hymns, English hymns, etc. and questions about any given hymn can sometimes be answered via the information in this volume. A quicker and probably more convenient source is The Cyber Hymnal, an on-line site up-dated regularly since its inception, which provides a multicategory means of researching most hymns.

Before beginning as organist at Holy Trinity on August 11, 2002, the previous eight years of church employment were spent around musicians who considered hymnody as not really existing prior to 1970 after which the minstrel and therefore real songs began to dominate the scene. A new church position, really a new opportunity, to escape performing the same thirty post-1970 'songs' five Masses per weekend for eight years was quite refreshing. Scandinavian hymnody was basically unknown to me except for *Nyland* which Evangelical Book of Worship has renamed *Kuortane* [hymn #s 313, 419, 421, 576]. Hymns like Behold a Host Arrayed in White, Children of the Heavenly Father, Thy Holy Wings, and I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve (first line titles pp. 1205-1211 in ELW indexes) are hymns that are NOT sung in many other churches. Norse hymns are melismatic but rhythmic, soaring yet practical in text, and sometimes too sweetly sentimental but on the whole quite a sizable contribution to hymnody in general.

Of course, not every hymn is a favorite of mine but might be someone else's lifetime favorite. It would be best if Holy Trinity's Assembly continues to demonstrate its interest and flexibility by learning more unknown hymns within ELW before Augsburg-Fortress publishes a new hymnal better known in Lutheran circles as a worship book.

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The barnburners that some of us remember from our younger years are not sung as frequently as when we were children as I was recently reminded by Judy Lamb. One example is Are Ye Able (Said the Master) another example is Onward Christian Soldiers which is *tres verboten* among the people who make the decisions to omit these ‘non-PC’ and passé hymns from hymnals and worship books. In 1941, Onward Christian Soldiers was sung at worship on a ship in the north Atlantic, the setting for a secret meeting between Roosevelt and Churchill during which they discussed how the United States, not yet a participant in WWII, could contribute to the Allied war effort. It was reported covertly that both leaders sang all hymns heartily and in bellicose voices. Someday, On Eagles Wings will fall out of favor and be considered *tres verboten* and passé but will also be remembered by those who love it, a mid-20th century version of Psalm 91.

Maidene Hackett

Souper Bowl Thank You

We were able to send \$134.00 to World Hunger Appeal from both our Souper Bowl luncheon and from direct offerings.

We had six delicious soups thanks to Georgia Perkins, Carol McQueen, Ruth Ann Gruber, Cathy Richardson, Jim Martin and Mike Bradley. There were three wonderful breads thanks to Sue Bittler, Carol McQueen and Bonnie Massing.

As always, many people gave of their time to help clean up: thanks to Dave Leary, Judy Leary, Pancey Schikwambi, and Bob Massing for their “many hands, making light work”. Many people just started the clean-up process in the dining room by clearing tables and putting away unused dishes and getting the room organized – thanks to all who helped. It says “family” to me.

Bonnie Massing

Thanks to all who helped with the celebration of Pastor Brenda’s installation. Thanks to cooks, table setters, servers and clean up people: Gretchen Minetti, Marj Stubert, and Darlene Ferguson, Sue Bittler, Nikki Weaver, Ruth Ann Gruber, Judy Leary, Frances Wackenhut, John Michael Weaver, Gianni Weaver, John Weaver, Diana Oros, Rachael Oros, Kelly Oros, Linda Oros, and Christopher Oros. Again, I’m grateful to all who just start helping get the job done.

Worship and Music Committee would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to so many who turned out for Hanging of the Greens on 12/23/18, and Un-hanging of the Greens on January 6, 2019!!

So many people stayed after worship and Sunday School to assist that it always makes the process fun and quick! Special thank you also to those who provided breakfast goodies for decorating and soups and breads for un-decorating.

Thank you again to all who came out! The church looked beautiful as we celebrated the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank You

Following the funeral for Jim McKay, Holy Trinity again offered to the family a chance to be together and break bread and have time to visit. Thanks to all who helped: Marilyn Johnson, Louise Gilmore, Pat Roth, Elaine Wilkins, Sue Bittler, Judy Leary, Sue Achenbach, Don Achenbach, Rae Johnson, Jane Towle, Carol Koehler, Beth Harpst and Maidene Hackett. To all those in the dining room who helped with the clean-up and reorganizing of the room, thank you.

Security Changes at Holy Trinity

We are in the final stages of installation of a new security system at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Security cameras are now installed at the main entrance, Clinton Street entrance and rear entrance, and are recording everyone who comes into the building. If there ever were a break-in, we can give the recordings to police.

At some point in the coming weeks, the doors to the building will be locked more frequently. Here's how this will work: Door buzzer pads have been installed at the Clinton Street and rear office entrances. When you come to the church, if the doors are locked, you will press a button, which will alert someone in the office that you are at the door. Someone will buzz you in, and the door will be unlocked to allow you to enter.



When I come to worship, will the doors be locked?

No, your experience when coming to worship will be unchanged. The doors will be open as usual. The Clinton Street and rear entrances will be locked once worship begins, as they are now, so the only open door will be the main door.

What about other events and meetings?

For other events at which we expect many people — evening worship or Friends of Music events or dinners — the doors will be unlocked as they are on Saturday evenings and Sundays for worship, until the time an event is to begin. After that, someone will have a device that will allow them to unlock the door from anyplace in the building once you press the buzzer. If you come to the church for a committee meeting, and the door is locked, the committee chairperson will have the device that will allow them to buzz you into the church.

If I open a door at the wrong time, will I set off an alarm?

No. There are no alarms connected to the system, so you don't have to worry that you'll set off an alarm by accident.

Will there be keys?

There will be keys to some doors, and there will be fobs and cards for the rear office entrance. The property committee and church council are still working out how this will work, and what other keys will be available to other doors.

Will there be training?

Yes. The church staff, council members, committee chairpersons, ushers and others will be trained how to use the devices (they're kind of like iPads) to unlock doors from anywhere in the building.

We will provide more information as it is available to make this transition as smooth as possible.

Second Mile Giving for April - Greenville Area School District Backpack Program

Each month, we offer the opportunity for our members to reach out into the greater community to those who are seeking to minister to people with specific needs, through our Second Mile Giving – our financial gifts beyond our regular offerings.

In April, we are seeking to help the **Backpack Program** for Greenville Area School District Elementary Students through Christian Fitness Ministries.

Backpack Program

The Backpack Program is a nationwide program of *Feeding America*, which is coordinated locally by the Community Food Warehouse. Through a partnership between Christian Fitness Ministries, Community Food Warehouse, and Greenville Area School District, this program will be made available for elementary (K-6) students who meet eligibility requirements.

- Purpose:** The Backpack Program meets the needs of hungry elementary (K-6) children of the Greenville Area School District by providing them with nutritious and easy-to-prepare food to take home on weekends and school vacations when other resources are not available.
- Who:** Elementary children enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 6 who meet eligibility criteria for determining chronic hunger. (Participation is optional)
- What:** Food for 4 meals, including 100% fruit juice, shelf-stable milk, cereal, fruit cups, protein entrees, and healthy snacks.
- How:** Food packs are assembled by a team of volunteers and delivered to the schools and discreetly placed into the student's backpack on Friday (or the last day before a school vacation) by school designated personnel.
- Cost:** \$25.00 per child per month for 9 months. (\$225.00 per child per year)

Second Mile envelopes can be found in the pew racks, or you may mail your contribution to the church office in an envelope clearly marked, "Second Mile Giving." All Second Mile contributions received during the month of March will be given to the designated cause.



Good Shepherd Request for March

The Good Shepherd Center is our church community social service agency that supports the needs of many in the area. The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **March is canned fruit**. Donations may be placed in the marked box in the cloister.





**Bethesda
FOUNDATION
FOR CHILDREN**

Promising Futures

15487 State Hwy 86
Meadville, PA 16335
814.724.7510
bethesda1919.org

January 23, 2019

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Attn: Tammy Williams
1 Trinity Place
Greenville, PA 16125

Dear Tammy:

Please accept and pass along the sincere thanks from the Bethesda Lutheran Services Board of Directors and staff for your generous donation of DVDs and Christmas Gifts to support our Christmas for the Kids program at Bethesda Lutheran Services. Our kids have been enjoying their presents and the movies. Your continued support of Bethesda Lutheran Services, especially during Christmas is greatly appreciated.

Every day, Bethesda touches the lives of over 900 kids and families with locations in Crawford and Erie County. We are proud to have served our youth and families since 1919 and look forward to another 100 years of promising futures. Your continued support of our Kids Christmas helps to bring positive experiences in their lives. In addition to Christmas, we provide the kind of quality treatment and preventative programs that make a difference in the lives of the kids we serve through residential treatment, educational programs, and community involvement. With your help, we continue to work to provide promising futures to children, youth and families. We could not begin to provide these services without the generosity and thoughtfulness of supporters like you.

Should you at any time have questions regarding your donation, or if you would like to tour our facilities, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by phone at 814-724-7510 ext. 313 or by email at vsoff@bethesda1919.org

Best always,

Victoria Soff & Amanda Shields
Development Coordinators

As a 501c3 charity, tax laws require us to notify you that this letter is the official acknowledgement of your gift. Also, we are required to certify that you received no goods or service in consideration of this contribution; therefore, the full amount of your gift is tax deductible. Thank you.

Bethesda Foundation for Children raises and manages funds to support Bethesda Lutheran Services

March

Birthdays

- 1 Fran Black
Carol McQueen
- 2 Hannah McKinney
- 3 Bonnie Massing
- 4 Randy Coxson
Elizabeth Stuyvesant
- 5 Don Carpenter
- 6 Paul Good
Richard Meeker
- 7 Miranda Bubenheim
- 8 Ruth Heil
- 9 Angela McCutcheon
Kelly Oros
- 11 Ruth Gruber
Rich Hayes
- 12 Kris Abraham
- 13 Peg Browning
Josh Stubert
- 15 Marj Stubert
- 16 Kyle Roth
- 17 Keegan McCann
- 18 Brent VanKanegan
- 19 Jackson Weaver
- 20 Murray Towle
- 22 Debbie Faber
- 24 Ted Hildebrand
Nick Yoos
- 25 Linda Armstrong
Kris Long
Pastor Martin Roth
- 26 Paula Banco
- 30 Betsy Hildebrand



March Anniversaries

The following members of our congregation are celebrating anniversaries this month. Congratulate them when you see them.

Leeland and Marilyn Green	March 17, 1951	68 years
Fred and Betty K. Junk	March 8, 1962	57 years
Ron and Nancy Knapp	March 19, 1971	48 years
Jack and Patti Leipheimer	March 26, 1973	46 years

Happy Anniversary

Funeral

James "Jim" D. McKay

Born: March 4, 1924
Died: February 3, 2019
Funeral liturgy: February 7, 2019

*"Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon him."*



Trinity Travelers

If you visit another church, drop off a bulletin from that church, with your name on it, so that you can be a *Trinity Traveler*.

Betty K. Junk

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Roy, Utah
The Rev. Bruce Grentz

Ken and Lori McEwen

St. Philip Lutheran Church
Mt. Dora, Florida
The Rev. Johan Bergh



Applications For Holy Trinity Scholarships

Available on March 1st

Scholarship applications will become available on **March 1st**. The deadline for all applications will be **June 1st**. Please contact the church office if you are interested in any of the following applications:

Shaffer-Pearson Scholarship

Available to active members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church going on to college or other post high-school education as a full-time student.

Paula Meleky Scholarship

Available to members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with preference given to those pursuing a teaching degree at Thiel College. If no eligible member in the field of education applies, other persons in other fields and colleges will be considered.

Dr. Peter And Helen Brath Scholarship

Available to active members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church enrolled or going to be enrolled as full time Thiel College students.

Wilbur P. Baird / Warren Shelly Scholarship

Available to active members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church going on to college or other post high-school education.

The Jack M. and Marjorie H. Dershimer Scholarship Fund

Available to active members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church enrolled or going to be enrolled as Thiel College students.

The William and Adelaide Horner Higher Education Endowed Scholarship

Available to active members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church enrolled or going to be enrolled in any accredited Lutheran College or any accredited college in W. PA.

The Scholarship Committee will meet and make recommendations for approval at the June Council meeting.



Easter Flower/ELCA Disaster Response Form

Help decorate the chancel for Easter by ordering potted flowers for our celebration of the Festival of the Resurrection. You may also make a donation to the ELCA Disaster Response.

Your donation may be made in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of a person (s) or an event. (Amounts given are not listed in the bulletin.)

The deadline for ordering flowers and making a donation to Disaster Response is **Sunday, March 31, 2019.**

Please enclose payment for both Easter flowers and Disaster Response donations when you return this completed form to the church office.

_____ Lily (\$9.00) _____ Tulip (\$8.60) _____ Hyacinth (\$8.35) _____ Mum (\$9.00)

_____ Donation to ELCA Disaster Response

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Envelope Number: _____

(Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church)

To the Glory of God and in Memory (deceased) of: _____

To the Glory of God and in Honor (living) of: _____

To the Glory of God and in Celebration (event) of: _____

_____ I/we wish to pick up my/our Easter plant(s) after the 10:45 Service on Easter Day.

Flowers can be picked up the Tuesday after Easter if you are unable to pick them up on Easter Sunday.

_____ I/we wish to have my/our Easter plant(s) delivered to a shut-in.

_____ (Your name)

_____ (Phone)

