

# The Messenger

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## From our Pastor

### Parched and ready to drink

*O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

We begin Lent, as we do each year, with Jesus being driven into the wilderness, into the parched desert, where he is tempted and tested and offered the world.

Several weeks later, we hear of Jesus offering the living water to the woman at the well. He offers the water that gushes up to eternal life.

Parched and thirsty, we, with the woman at the well, are offered water. We are offered water by the one who stills the storm on the sea, who turns water into wine. We are offered water, the water of eternal life, the water poured over our heads in baptism, the water tied to a promise that only God can give.

These images — a parched desert, a stream of living water — are the story of life. We know the desert — stark, dusty, dry, nearly devoid of life. We know, too, the water that quenches our thirst, that propels us into life.

As we gather this Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22, we enter the desert, only to be pulled again and again to this water that washes off the dust of life as we are reborn, not perfect people, but people who are perfectly loved.

Blessings to you, dear church, as we enter these 40 days of Lent.

Pastor Brenda +



# No Altar Flowers During Lent

As we prepare at the end of February to enter the penitential season of Lent, we remind you that we will have no flowers on the altar during the season. There will instead be a grouping of plants in the chancel area, a visual reminder that, with Jesus, we have entered the wilderness for 40 days.

## Lent at Holy Trinity

Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on February 22. Please mark these dates on your calendar. We enter into our full Lenten calendar of worship opportunities for the first time since the pandemic began in 2020. The March and April newsletters will have information about Holy Week and Easter services.

## Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. There will be two liturgies at Holy Trinity for in-person worship at 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m. Both services will include imposition of ashes and the Eucharist. Both services will be live-streamed.

For those who wish to participate in the liturgies but do not feel safe with in-person worship, Pastor Brenda will be at the Clinton Street entrance to the church between the end of the early service (approximately 1:15 p.m.) and 2:30 p.m. to distribute both ashes and Holy Communion. That means you can watch the live-streamed service, then come to the church to receive ashes and Holy Communion. If you wish to do this, please come to the Clinton Street door. If it appears that someone is already at the door, please wait until they leave before approaching the door. Pastor Brenda will also bring ashes and Holy Communion to your car if you feel that is safest for you. For those who prefer to remain in their cars, please call the church office on the morning of February 22 so that she will know to watch for you.

## Lenten Prayer Retreat

Mark your calendar for our Lenten Prayer Retreat, which will be held Saturday, February 25, the first Saturday in Lent, from 9 a.m. to noon.

We will begin in the sanctuary with communal prayer, then break off into about a dozen interactive prayer stations that will be set up throughout the building. You will go to the prayer stations on your own, which means that groupings at each prayer station will be smaller and safer.

We will gather together at the end of the morning for a meditative rite of healing, with laying on of hands and anointing.

Please join us as we begin this Lenten season in prayer.



## **Morning Prayer**

We will be gathering at the church to pray Morning Prayer on weekdays during Lent at 8:30 a.m. We meet in the sanctuary, and are seated in the choir pews in the chancel. Because we typically pray for every member of the congregation by name during Lent at these services, we have created a simplified order of Morning Prayer for you to pray at home every day during this season. See that order, and the list of names for each day, in an insert in this newsletter.

## **Wednesday Evening Prayer and Thursday Lenten study**

We will gather for Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. At this quiet, mid-week, traditional vespers service, our prayers rise as incense as we enter the quiet of the night.

We will not have a Lenten study on Wednesdays after Evening Prayer, but we will have a Lenten study as part of our Thursday evening Zoom Happy Hour. If you would like to participate via Zoom, please contact the church office so that we can email you the Zoom link.

The link for the Happy Hour, which will be held February 23, March 2, 9, 23, 30 at 7 p.m., and March 16 at 8 p.m. is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88223177589?pwd=NVZxdkpnWUFUTENoa2dzNjhPQW1Ydz09>

Meeting ID: 882 2317 7589  
Passcode: 190669

## **Stations of the Cross**

We will gather in person to pray Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 5:30, in the chancel area of the sanctuary. Please enter through the office door. For those who would like to pray Stations from home, our recording of Stations of the Cross from 2020 is available on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCamdIF705R3knw7NEksvFvg>.



# Sunday Church School Lenten Project 2023 - Bunny time again!



The Parish Education Committee is requesting participation from the congregation in our SCS Lenten Project.

For the Good Shepherd Center's Easter basket distribution this year, we will again be collecting chocolate bunnies. We ask that the bunnies be medium-sized, preferably 6 oz. Having a uniform size helps make the preparation of the baskets a little easier for GSC staff.

Bunnies can be brought in, starting on Ash Wednesday (February 22) and placed on a table located in the administrative hall near the back alley door. We will need to have all bunnies dropped off at HT by **Wednesday, March 15**, in order for GSC to have them in time for the Easter basket distribution dates.

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

Kris Abraham, Parish Education Committee Chair

## Good Shepherd February Request

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 **February is canned fruit**. Donations may be placed in the marked box in the cloister.

## From Our Directors of Parish Ministry

At the end of January, Don began an exciting eight-week on-line adventure- a 50-hour study course leading to a certificate in religious fundraising and stewardship. Created and facilitated by the Lake Institute of Faith & Giving, the program is designed to help foster a "deeper understanding of the dynamic relationship between faith and giving, through research, education, and public conversation."

Over the next few months, the course of study will include topics of interest such as:

- Nurturing Generous Congregations and Organizations
- Nurturing Generous Donors
- The Practice of Religious Fundraising
- Integrating Religious Leadership and Fundraising

The scope of the certificate program includes an individualized year-long project for Holy Trinity with goals and milestones established to encourage a mastering of the above topics.

This type of program touches on a host of themes considered by the Reform, Always Reforming Team and we are blessed to have this opportunity present itself in such a timely manner. Our goal is to bring back new and effective ideas to help re-energize the Holy Trinity Stewardship processes.

Watch for regular updates as the program progresses.

## From Our Director of Music



The January 2023 issue of *The Messenger* contained the first part of a review of notation in western music and focused on an originator of notation namely Guido d'Arezzo. He was a Benedictine monk who recognized the inefficiency of his fellow monks learning to sing Mass parts orally, so he determined a way to write music on paper [parchment really] so that all voices could be on the same page, so to speak. One of d'Arezzo's aims in so doing was to meet Constantine's request that there be uniformity in singing the Mass throughout the Holy Roman Empire. Others besides d'Arezzo were focused on thinking about then setting music to the page in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Hence, any consideration of how notation originated must be a look at its development. During the 14<sup>th</sup> century in Europe, an important concept called mensural notation was created. Music theorists determined a way that a single NOTE, formerly a neume in the 11<sup>th</sup> century, could indicate two things within the same symbol, namely PITCH and RHYTHM [value or count]. By the 1300's the staff had expanded to FIVE lines. Another development was the establishment of duple and triple rhythms; both were easily subdivided further leading to symbols we in the 21<sup>st</sup> century call TIME SIGNATURES like 4/4, 2/4, and 3/4. Then, 4/4 was more commonly known as 'common time' and eventually was represented by the symbol C. Note names were developed in the mid to late 14<sup>th</sup> century part of the nascent Renaissance.

At some time during the early 17<sup>th</sup> century, BAR LINES were added to the notation process. Bar lines divide the staff into measure(s) and a measure is the space between two bar lines. J.S. Bach probably appreciated the addition of bar lines for his compositions. Other 17<sup>th</sup> century innovations included key signatures, sharps and flats. Baroque music evolved into Classical music. Other additions to notation included slurs, staccato, and dynamic signs like *f* [forte] and *p* [piano], mostly because instruments change; for example the piano can be played *f* or *p* depending how fingers touch the keys, something not possible with a harpsichord. By 1830 notation was mostly what is seen when read in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

*Maidene Hackett, DOM*



## February Birthdays

3	Richard Hall John Moore
8	Carol Koehler
9	Jim Bittel
12	Vicki Hildebrand Mike Bradley
14	Betty Good
16	Julie Gilmore
17	Heather Balas Beth Hall
20	Julia Mozes
21	Clara Balas Chuck Lanning Linda Saverino
23	Cathy Richardson Sidney Richardson Amy VanKanegan
27	Marie Eaves Dan Eppley

## February Anniversary

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

Bob and Jill Murrin                      28 years                      February 14, 1995

# Happy Anniversary



## 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*.

**Bonnie Long**  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
Erie, PA  
The Rev. Erik Young, Senior Pastor  
Christmas Eve

**Dr. Donald Beck**  
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church  
Bloomfield Hills, MI  
Christmas Eve

## THANK YOU

Holy Trinity friends,

Thank you for the cards and gifts during the Advent season.

Blessings to all,

Nancy Ullstrom



February 2023					1	2	3	4
						7:00 Happy Hour (Zoom)		5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (with prayers for healing)
5 5th after Epiphany, Lec 5	6 7:00 Property Committee	7 5:15 Worship and Music 6:30 CCSS 7:00 AA and AA Women's discussion	8	9 6:30 Finance Committee 8:00 Happy Hour (Zoom)	10		11 5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)	
12 6th after Epiphany, Lec 6	13	14 9:00 Flying Quilts 10:30 Staff meeting 7:00 AA and AA Women's discussion	15 6:30 GSO Board Meeting	16 5:00 Officers' Planning Meeting 7:00 Happy Hour (Zoom)	17		18 5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)	
19 <b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>	20	21 12:00 Faschnacht 7:00 AA and AA Women's discussion 7:00 Congregation Council	22 12:10 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	23 8:30 AM Prayer 6:30 Ukrainian Egg Decorating 7:00 Happy Hour (Zoom)	24 8:30 AM Prayer 5:30 Stations of the Cross	25 9:00 a.m. Lenten Prayer Retreat 5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)		
		<i>Presidents Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Messenger articles due today</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>					
26 1st in Lent	27 8:30 AM Prayer	28 Lenten Morning 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Flying Quilts 10:30 Staff meeting						
9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion								
10:45 SCS/Confirmation Classes								
7:00 AA Big book meeting								

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