



The Trinity Truth

February 2012

Trinity Lutheran Church – LCMS

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THE POETRY OF LENT

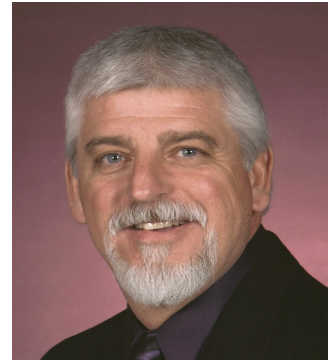
Do you enjoy reading poetry? Have you memorized any number of favorite poems? For most people the answer would be a resounding, NO! Poetry has fallen out of fashion. Nowadays we read action/adventure or romantic novels, not poems. Have you even seen a book on poetry listed among the Best Sellers?

Now, let me surprise you. You do in fact love poetry, and have memorized a substantial bit of it! “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.”, that’s poetry. “Create in me a clean heart, O God.” that too is poetry. The Biblical book of Psalms is all Hebrew poetry with a special advantage-it is divinely inspired poetry. Just like any great poem that teaches truth, explores emotions, describes the truly beauti-

ful, or challenges us to think; the Psalms are God’s poetry given to us.

This Lenten season we will be exploring some of the very special Psalms that speak poetically about forgiveness. They are called “The Penitential Psalms”. What a perfect way for God to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the greatest moment of forgiveness for all humankind, the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus.

We will begin on Ash Wednesday, and each Wednesday evening following, focusing on God’s Word and work of forgiveness. Don’t forget the meals that precede each worship service either. What better way to experience and grow in God’s love and forgiveness than with our fellow forgiven saints!



*Soup and unity,
Worship and prayer.*

Lent at Trinity,

I need to be there.

(OK, not good poetry, and not inspired; but Lenten worship will be!)

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Used Devotional Collection Update

We are no longer collecting old devotional materials for the Prison Ministry. Thank you to all who have donated in the past!



Sunday School News

Valentine Sunday is February 5! All students will be making Valentine's day cards for our shut-ins during class time that day.



During the month of February, students will also

continue studying events in the life of Jesus, most weeks the lessons will coincide with the Gospel lesson that is read in church on Sunday morning. *Use this as a talking point on the way home from church on Sunday mornings!*

the Sunday School hour for a special lent event! *Watch your bulletin and email for more information coming soon!*



LENT EVENT

Lent Event—All families are invited to join us on **March 4** during

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the March edition of the Trinity Truth will be February 15.

Please send articles to be included to: newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com or drop them off at the church office.



Middle School Youth News



Confirmation classes will meet on February 6, 13, and 27. There will be no classes on February 20 due to the Presidents' day school holiday.

Middle School Lock-In for grades 5-8, will be on Friday, February 17, from 8:00PM-8:00AM Saturday, February 18, at Christ Greenfield Lutheran Church. Parent driver/



chaperones will be needed if over four youth sign up. Cost is \$35 per person. Please contact Amy with any questions.

Feed My Starving Children

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped pack meals at Feed My Starving Children in January! We packed 55 boxes of nutritional meals to be sent to starving children around the world. If you were not able to join us in January, but would like to join us in the future,

please mark your calendar for Saturday, July 28, from 2:00-4:00PM and plan to join us!



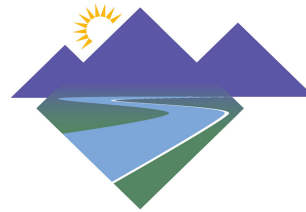
New Stewardship Heights

On the last Sunday of Epiphany, February 19, we go to the mountain-top to celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord. It will be a marvelous experience as we ascend on this mount to reflect on the glorious event of the Lord's transfiguration and its meaning for us.

Our stewardship goal for this year is that we may ascend to new heights of living and giving for the Lord. Last year you responded generously to our "Tithe

Booster" effort. Our gifts for the year amounted to a 23% increase over 2010. Due to your generous support, we were enabled to support ministries beyond our walls and community. I sense that many experienced the joy and blessing of giving for the Lord's work more than ever before.

The Lord richly blessed our growth in giving. In secular terms, our effort was a success. Lest we stand on our laurels, the challenge for this year is to build on our success.



New Stewardship Heights

May we go from transfiguration to transformation as we ascend to even greater heights of living and giving for the Lord. May the transfigured Christ inspire us to respond as transformed stewards.

Jim Brockmann,
Stewardship Chair

Retirement and Estate Planning Strategies

On Tuesday, February 21, from 6:30-7:45PM; please join us for a Retirement and Estate Strategies Workshop hosted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and your local North Gateway Group, Brian Brooks and Mark Johnson. Guest speaker Jonathan Doering, Thrivent Financial Consultant from San Diego, with 21 years experience, will share strategies on:

✦ How to accumulate and distribute money for

retirement.

- ✦ How to pass money on to heirs or charities in a tax wise manner.
- ✦ How to reduce IRS impact on your money.
- ✦ Successful investing in today's market conditions.



To reserve a seat for you and a guest call Monique Jouglet at 877-593-1195 x207, email Monique.jouglet@trivent.com, or sign up on the bulletin board in the church office.

This event is open to all, so be sure to invite friends and neighbors! We hope to see you there!

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FYI: Before the service begins...

A typical Sunday morning worship service lasts about one hour. Did you ever think about what happens before that one hour? You may be surprised at how much preparation goes into each Sunday morning.

- Several weeks before, the Worship Committee meets to plan the service, including choices of hymns and liturgy.
- The service bulletin is prepared during the week prior to the service:
This includes the computer work putting together the service itself (done by a volunteer), the additional pages listing announcements, prayer list, etc. (done by the church secretary), running off the bulletin on the high speed copier (done by the church secretary), and folding and stapling the bulletins (done by the church secretary and volunteers).
- The Organist chooses music and prepares for the service by practicing, both at home and at church.
- The Choir Director chooses music for the service and rehearses the Choir.
- The Hand bell Director chooses music for and rehearses the Hand bell Choir.
- The Pastor prepares his sermon.
- The Director of Family Ministry prepares the Children's Sermon.
- The Altar Guild prepares for Holy Communion and picks up the Altar flowers from the florist.
- The Banner Committee changes the banners to match the liturgical season or festival
When there is a baptism, a volunteer hangs the baptismal banners, fills the baptismal bowl, moves the baptismal font, and ensures that the candle and baptismal cloth are in place.

All of the above is in addition to the activity on Sunday morning:

- Volunteers assist with our wheelchair-bound worshippers.
- The Greeters welcome the worshippers.
- The Guest Podium is staffed to further welcome our guests.
- The Ushers distribute bulletins, assist with seating, take the offering, and collect the pages from the friendship registers.
- The Elders serve Holy Communion and assume other duties as needed.
- The Lay Readers read the lessons.
- The Choir and/or Hand bell ringers arrive early to rehearse and then enhance worship with music.

Added to all of the action needed for the service itself, is the preparation of the kitchen and fellowship hall for the between-service social time, the cleaning of the sanctuary and the rest of the building by the Saturday cleaning crew. There is also the Sunday School preparation time and meeting time on Sunday morning.

GREAT IN THE KINGDOM ARE THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD'S HOUSE!



Link to online Calendar:

<http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=G1J4L6M7K5K5O9L6I3>

Lenten Soup Suppers

Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesday evenings during lent, for delicious soup suppers beginning February 22 at 5:30PM.



Soups are prepared by our awesome volunteer cooks.

Each week we need three or four volunteers who each prepare a large crock pot of soup to share with the group. These volunteers also help with set up and clean up.

If this sounds like something that would interest you, please sign up on the poster in the narthex.

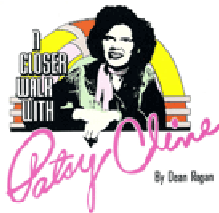


Broadway Palm Outing —April 14

On Saturday, April 14, we will go to the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Mesa for "A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline," Lunch begins at 11:45AM and the show follows at 1:15PM. Cost is \$43 per person (\$18 for children) and includes: buffet lunch, show, taxes, and gratuity.

Please reserve your spot and pay by March 25.

Carpool will leave Trinity at 11:00AM.



Please contact Joan Wolfe with any questions and to submit your payment.

Ash Wednesday is February 22!

This marks the beginning of the season of Lent. We hope you will join us in worship on Ash Wednesday at 12:00PM or 7:00PM and subsequent Wednesdays in February and March at 7:00PM as we study the "Penitential Psalms."



VOLUNTEERS FOR "ONCE IN A WHILE JOBS

We are looking for some volunteers to come in occasionally and help with various jobs in the office. For example, on Friday mornings the bulletins are assembled, there are extra bulletins to assemble during the weeks of Lent and Advent. It's an easy job and there's time for visiting while working. An

hour or so is all it takes. There are other "once in a while jobs" like assembling the newsletter, shredding papers, sharpening pencils and assembling phone books (once a year). Nothing too complicated. Carolyn would appreciate the help—

especially in the busier seasons.

If you would give Carolyn or me your name then she will call you when the help is needed. Your help is appreciated!

Lois Lucas



Lutheran Women’s Missionary League



Please plan to join us on Saturday, February 18. We

will be delivering our donations of soaps, shampoos, etc... to the children at Sunshine Acres as well as getting a tour of

the facility. *Everyone (not just women) is welcome and invited to join us! This event is limited to 25 people, so please sign up on the poster outside of Amy’s office if you plan to join the group. Carpool will leave from Trinity at 9:45AM.*



Real Money Talk For Women

Women face unique issues that can stand in their way of financial security. This interactive, educational workshop provides women with need-to-know information and steps to: Reduce their worries by understanding the facts that apply to women; overcome obstacles that get in

the way of managing their finances; and apply five keys that can help them reach their financial goals.

Join us on Saturday March 3, at 10:00AM for this workshop presented by Thrivent Financial representative Phil Novicki.

This event is free and open to the community, so invite your friends and neighbors. *Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Amy Heuer if you plan to attend.*



Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2

A reminder when you pray for your prayer partner this month: Pray that they would experience God’s great love for them through God’s Word and Sacrament as well as through the words and actions of the people around them.

Thank You!

I wish to thank all my fellow lovers of Jesus Christ from Trinity who made me feel loved with their cards, prayers, calls and visits, and concern to Martin that he related to me. In this time of stress and concern in our busy

lives, I really appreciated your love to me. Trinity is truly blessed with so many Christians who show their faith. I also marvel at how very much hard work so many do at Trinity. We are blessed with an edu-

cated Pastor who gives us so much hard work.

Thank you!
Bev Smith

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughtful cards, calls, and prayers during my recent illness.

Barbara Clevenger



Extended Hands Food Bank Collection

Thanks to everyone who continues to bring food items for the Extended Hands Food Bank!

During the months of February and March, we will be showing our support of the Extended Hands Food Bank in Fountain Hills

by collecting cereal (especially hot cereals: oatmeal, cream of wheat, etc.)

Please bring in your donations and place them in the boxes located near both of Trinity's main entrances!

Thanks in advance for your support of this mission!





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A Family Friendly Church

February Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship at 8:00AM
Followed by Fellowship Time
Bible Study and Children's Sunday School at 9:15AM
Worship at 10:30AM

Ash Wednesday is February 22.

Join us for worship at 12:00PM or 7:00PM.

Lenten Worship begins February 29 at 7:00PM.

Soup Suppers are at 5:30PM. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend!

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning at 9:15AM with Pastor Tom
Tuesday Morning at 10:00AM with Pastor Tom
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00PM Women's Bible Study
Thursday at 7:00PM with Pastor Tom

Please call (480) 837-0130 to confirm times and places.