

Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Truth

February 2013

LENT 2013, FACING THE CROSS

Easter comes early this year, which means that Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent also come early, the 13th of this month.

Easter is a joyous occasion. Lent is not. Easter is celebrated. Lent is observed. We love to face the empty tomb. We find it difficult to face the cross. Yet, without the cross there could be no final victory, no empty tomb, no celebration. The cross of Lent is not in the way of Easter, it is on the way to

Easter.

This year at Trinity, we will be focusing our Lenten attention on the cross of Jesus. Through our journey with the Lord toward the cross, we will face a great many things: sin, temptation, fear, worldliness, loss, suffering. In addressing these difficult to face issues through our vision of the cross, we will come to see how our Savior has won for us a great victory, and given us ultimate deliverance.



The cross will definitely be on our way toward Easter this year. Please plan to be a part of our Lenten observance each Wednesday evening at 7 PM. Plan also to be a part of the fellowship before services at the soup suppers beginning at 5:30 PM.

Pastor Tom

Special points of interest:

- February 3— Congregational Forum at 9:30 AM to discuss handicap accessibility at Trinity.
- February 13— Ash Wednesday Worship with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion at 12:00 NOON and 7:00 PM.
- February 16— LWML meeting with special book presentation by Karen Lindemann at 10:00 AM.
- February 20 and 27— Soup Suppers at 5:30 PM followed by Lenten Worship Service at 7:00 PM.

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Sunday School News

On Sunday, February 10, all Sunday School students will be making valentines that will be sent to Trinity's shut-ins. Students will also be able to make a card to send to grandparents or other relative that may live out of town.



We invite all children (age 3-Grade 8) to join us each Sunday morning from 9:30-10:15 AM. Friends are always welcome!

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.
1 John 4:7-8*

Middle School News



Middle School students are invited to a **lock-in** that will be hosted at St. Mark's Lutheran in Phoenix on **Friday, February 22**. We will leave Trinity at 6:00 PM and return around 7:00 AM. Cost is \$25.



Summer Camp dates are May 30-June 2. We will be joining other LCMS youth at Tonto Rim Christian Camp near Payson. Cost is \$139 per person. More information coming soon! Please contact

Amy Heuer if you are interested in attending either of these events.

Youth Confirmation Classes continue to meet on Monday afternoons from 3:45-4:45 PM. **Please note there will be no classes on February 18.**



March Newsletter Deadline



The deadline for the March edition of the Trinity Truth will be Friday, February 15, 2013.

Handicap Accessibility Forum Sunday, February 3

Handicap accessibility - It's decision time... please read on.

There are several medium to large 'projects' that have been discussed here at TLC. One project in particular comes up over and over and has been overwhelmingly endorsed by the congregation as the top, #1 priority, and that is implementing a permanent handicap accessibility solution for our building. Your Trustees met in January and agreed that the time for a decision and action is upon us. Therefore, we are suggesting that we set aside those other projects, for now, and focus solely on solving Handicap Accessibility. To that end, two solutions have been discussed and a significant amount of time and research has already been done – elevator vs. lift. This is too big a decision to be made in a vacuum. We need to hear from you, the congregation. What

the Trustees are proposing is an open meeting with the entire congregation that will be focused exclusively on Handicap Accessibility. There will be a short presentation that will highlight significant and relevant facts, i.e. approximate cost, pros & cons. **The meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 3rd and will be held between services, at 9:30 AM.** We are always reluctant to interrupt Bible Study but feel that this would be the best opportunity to present to and hear from as many members of the congregation as possible. At the end of the presentation and discussion, a paper ballot will be distributed and will contain three alternatives: lift, elevator & neither. There will also be an area for comments. The ballot will be anonymous. *The purpose of this ballot is to give focus and direction to the Board*



of Trustees. By indicating your preferences and ideas, you will help the Trustees best craft the correct proposal, which will then be brought before the voters of the congregation for their consideration. Thank you and we look forward to your input.

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Link to online Calendar:

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

Extended Hands Food Bank



Just a reminder that during the first quarter of 2013 we are collecting

cereals and soups for the Extended Hands Food Bank.

As always, any donations of nonperishable food items are appreciated!



To my Trinity Church Family,

I was so grateful for the outpouring of love shown on my 72nd birthday. It made my children happy to see it too! My children and I are very thankful for the love and attention you have shown to us throughout this last year.

Fred Herdt Jr. and children

Lenten Soup Suppers

Soup suppers will be held on Wednesdays in Lent beginning on February 13. Soup will be served from 5:30 PM until about 6:15 PM.

We are looking for four or five volunteers each week that will prepare soups (a large Crock-Pot full). If you don't have a large Crock-Pot or kettle, you may borrow one from Trinity. Please sign up on the poster outside of Amy Heuer's office if you are willing to help out.



Greeter and Guest Podium Greeter Workshop



Being a greeter and/or guest podium greeter are a couple of ways you can help Trinity roll out the welcome mat to make our guests feel at home. *If you are a current greeter or guest podium greeter or maybe you are considering helping out at either of these positions, you*

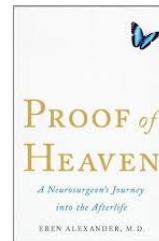
*are invited to a short **workshop on Wednesday, February 6, at 10:00 AM.** Please contact Andrea Lawson or Amy Heuer if you have any questions.*

Jesus said, "a new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:34-35

LWML

All women of Trinity are invited to the next meeting of the Trinity LWML which will be held on Saturday, February 16, at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room at Trinity. Karen Lindemann will be doing a presentation on the book, "Proof of Heaven," accompanied by a Bible based discussion of heaven. We will also be preparing Easter handouts to give to residents at Fountain View Village.



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A Family Friendly Church

February Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship at 8:00 AM

Followed by Fellowship Time

Christian Education for all ages begins at 9:30 AM

Worship at 10:30 AM

Lent Begins on Wednesday, February 13.

Ash Wednesday Worship 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM Soup Supper at 5:30 PM.

Following Wednesdays: Soup Supper at 5:30 PM Worship at 7:00 PM.

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning at 9:30 AM with Pastor Tom

Tuesday Morning at 10:00 AM with Pastor Tom

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday at 7:00 PM with Pastor Tom

2nd and 4th Saturdays at 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study

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