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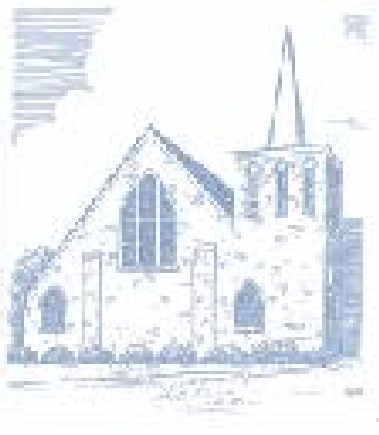
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2024 February Newsletter

*The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church
is to connect people with Christ...
because everyone needs TLC.*





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February Newsletter – Regular Activities at Trinity *God's People at Work, Worship, and Prayer*

Sunday..... 9:00am..... Worship Service/Communion
..... 10:30am..... Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
..... 10:30am..... Congregational Mtg., Quarterly
..... 11:30am..... Confirmation Class (Sept.-April)

Monday.....

Tuesday..... 8:00am..... Early Risers Exercise!
..... 9:00am..... Seekers Bible Study
..... 6:30pm..... LWML (Monthly-1st Tuesdays)
..... 7:00pm..... Elders' Meeting (Monthly-2nd Tuesdays)
..... 6:30pm..... Elders' Visitation (Monthly-3rd Tuesdays)

Wednesday.....

..... 5:30pm..... Wednesday Bible Study (Spring & Fall)
..... 6:00pm..... Youth Night (Monthly-1st Wednesdays)
..... 7:00pm..... Preschool Bd. (Quarterly-2nd Wednesdays)
..... 7:00pm..... Board of Education (Monthly-3rd Wednesdays)

Thursday..... 6:00pm..... Ladies' Night Out (Monthly-1st Thursdays)
..... 5:30pm..... Trustees' Meeting (Monthly-2nd Thursdays)
..... 6:30pm..... Men's Club (Monthly-2nd Thursdays)
..... 7:00pm..... Church Council (Quarterly-3rd Thursdays)

A Note from the Pastor

This year we encounter one of my favorite things... Leap Year! I remember as a child trying to figure out if someone born on February 29th is really only a quarter as old as someone born on another day the same year since they only get to celebrate their “real” birthday once every four years. I also remember trying figure out where the extra day



came from! Does it just appear as extra time out of nowhere? Of course it didn't take long to figure out it's there just to make up for the extra 6 hours it takes to go around the sun each year. Either way the result is the same – we have an extra day this year!

So my question for you is, “What are you going to do with your extra day?” Is it going to be just another day? Are you going to do something special? Maybe you could do something new that you haven't tried before. Maybe you should ask, “What would God want me to do with the extra 24 hours?” God is giving you an extra day, so you probably should use it in a way that would please Him. After all, Leap Year doesn't come along every year.

But maybe the question shouldn't just be limited to February 29th. You see, every day is a gift from God... an extra day on planet Earth. God makes each day special and His mercies are made new every morning. He wants to make this the best year possible for you in every way. He wants to do this through blessing your spiritual walk in worship, growing your understanding through Bible study, challenging your faith through service to others, and aligning your plans with His vision for your life.

The best way to start doing this is to just start doing it! By being faithful in attending worship, participating in Bible study and fellowship with each other, supporting the ministry of our congregation, and volunteering to serve we give ourselves opportunity to see how God answers that question in our life. And when you do, you will find that in Christ the answer will be greater than you ever expected! I pray you will take every opportunity to seek God's plan for your life each day.

Leaping into a new year and new possibilities in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Matthias Dinger".

Pastor Matthias Dinger

Let's Dish

Ladies' Night Out

All Ladies are welcome to join us on February 1st. This month we are going to *Joe's Italian Restaurant & Pizza* at 6:30 pm.

We will meet at the Church at 6:15pm or at the restaurant at 6:30pm. RSVP with Sarah Dinger!



This month our meal schedule to our Golden Members is on February 6th and the 20th.

If you are interested in helping with packaging, food delivery or for more information, contact Lucille Hilley at 255-4189 or call the Church Office.

LWML Meeting

Please join the Ladies for our on February 6th at 6:30pm.



Prayer Chain

If you would like to receive text updates from our Prayer Chain Group, text **@tpcnav** to the number: **81010**

Early Risers Exercisers

Join us on Tuesdays!

Join our Early Risers Exercisers Group which meets at 8:00 am on Tuesdays. We work in in strengthening body & soul with all exercise levels from chair to standing!

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

All men are invited to join us on the second Thursday of the month on February 8th @ 6:30pm.

Correction to Officer/Board List:

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**YOUTH TACO SOUP
TO GO
FUNDRAISER**



Sunday, **February 11th**
after Church & Sunday School
Free Will Donation!

Please Support Your Youth!

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Lenten Worship Schedule:

Ash Wednesday – **Feb 14th @ 7:00 pm**

Wednesdays **February 21st - March 20th**
Dinner @ 6:00 pm & Worship @ 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday..... **March 28th**
Good Friday..... **March 29th**
Both Services @ 7:00pm

Installation of our DCE Intern, Micah Black



YOUTH NEWS

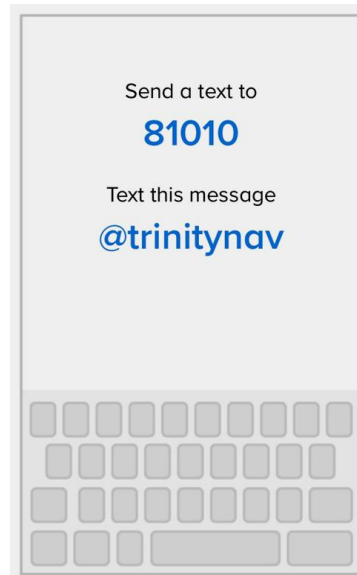
Youth Night

All 6th-12th Graders are invited to join us at the *Trinity House* on February 7th at 5:30 pm.

During the season of Lent we will follow a different schedule than normal... more details coming soon!



Subscribe to our
TLC Youth text line



for all Youth Updates & Reminders

Church greeter: God morning!
Me:



Important Dates

February 7 th	Youth Night @ 5:30pm
February 10 th	Prep for the Taco Soup Fundraiser
February 11 th	Taco Soup Fundraiser (after Church & Sunday School)
March 6 th	Host Wednesday Lenten Meal @ 6:00pm



February Worship Service Helpers Schedule

ACOLYTES	GREETERS	MEDIA TEAM
2/4 Eli Dinger Cyse Beseda	2/4 Arthur Jackson Sherri Jackson	2/4 Alizabeth Martin Hannah Dinger
2/11 Abigail Schomburg Wesley Beseda	2/11 Dwayne Ross Kim Ross	2/11 Parker Thane Noah Benn
2/18 Ava Wetherwax Luke Gremillion	2/18 Mark Gremillion Whitney Gremillion	2/18 Larry Randall Zack Gremillion
2/25 Riley Gremillion Isaak Leiber	2/25 Hoot Wright Pat Wright	2/25 Chase Ganske Garth Leiber

February Flowers

2/4 Lee & Allyson Stebbins
2/11 OPEN

2/18 Dominique & Ashley Lowery
2/25 Chase & Elicia Ganske

February Anniversaries

2/18 Edward & Lori Dobijanski

2/22 Jason & Priscilla Leiber

February Birthdays

2/01 Brenda Barrett
2/01 Gerald Schomburg
2/02 David Patton
2/05 Kathy Herwald
2/08 Joann Husfeld
2/09 Kaitlin Mikulin
2/09 Ashley Perkins
2/09 Allyson Stebbins
2/10 Steve Storey
2/10 Ross Sitterding
2/12 Lois Finke
2/12 August Gremillion
2/12 Chase Crowder

2/15 LouAnn Barth
2/15 Vanessa Rylands
2/15 Priscilla Leiber
2/16 Karen Byers
2/17 Lana Thane
2/17 Jon Mann
2/17 Herbert Busse
2/19 Kay Harris
2/20 Hubert Wright
2/20 Emma Wenzel
2/21 Kyle Locke
2/22 Annalisa Karli
2/23 Carolyn Kettler

2/24 Fred Homeyer
2/24 Neal Schuleman
2/24 Bryce Beseda
2/26 Jessica Sanchez
2/26 Connor Daley
2/28 Sharon Ganske
2/28 Maysen Beseda
2/28 Wesley Beseda
2/28 Laura Hodges
2/28 Elizabeth Wenzel
2/29 Patricia Daley



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CARING FOR MY NEIGHBOR

If any of the Ten Commandments might tempt us to think that keeping the Law is easy, it would be the Fifth Commandment. After all, how hard is it to get through life without murdering somebody? The vast majority of people can handle that!

But Jesus famously blows up this notion by pointing out that the command, “you shall not murder,” goes much deeper — down to the heart.

You have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.” But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, “You fool!” will be liable to the hell of fire. (Matt. 5:21–22)

Hatred and disdain come from the same sort of crookedness of heart as murder. With both murder and hatred, you look down on another person and think them of little worth.

In the Small Catechism, Luther also points out that every “do not” in the commandments also includes a “do this:” “We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but help and support him in every physical need” (SC, Fifth Commandment, emphasis added).

We are not called merely to avoid evil; we must also do positive good.

So when Jesus drew near to us and became our neighbor by taking up our humanity, He came not only to avoid harming us, but He came to positively help us, bless us and serve us.

We are now called to show the love to our neighbors that Christ showed to us. Your neighbor is yet another gift that God has given you that requires your stewardship. We are called to show mercy, to be kind, to love and serve our neighbor. One aspect of this stewardship is financial: our neighbors need us to support the church’s work so that they can hear the Gospel and come to faith. Our neighbors need the church’s alms and mercy work. Our neighbors need our faithful service in all we do in the name of Christ.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD & BLESS OTHERS IN FEBRUARY

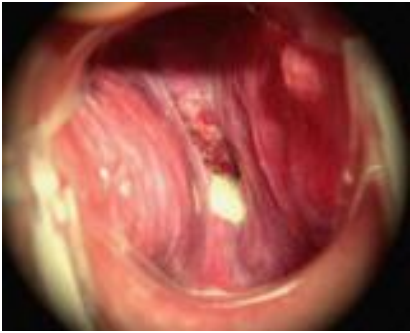
1. Support our Youth by purchasing a bowl at their *Youth Taco Soup to Go* on **February 11th**.
2. Sign-up to Adopt the DCE Intern Micah and Rebekah for a week. The sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex during the Worship Service.
3. Next Sunday is First Sunday Mite Collection, help the LWML by donating to the Mite box in the Narthex.
4. Help with cooking a meal for our Lenten Services, the LWML is hosting the first meal of the Season.
5. Reach out to the Church Office to volunteer for Youth Night Meals (Youth Nights are the First and Third Wednesdays of the month).
6. Sign up to cook a TLC meal for the shut-ins. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex of our Church and on the Side Entrance.
7. Volunteer to greet our Preschool Parents on the first Monday of the month with doughnuts, drink, and a parenting tip (those items will be made available). Call the Preschool Office at (936) 825-9244.
8. Bring food for the food pantry drive on the 3rd Sunday of the month.
9. Join the Funeral Committee. Call the Church Office to learn more about this very important service to our Church Members.
10. If you know someone who is sick or in the hospital, please call the Church or your Elder so that Pastor and/or their Elder can visit or call them, certainly pray for them and offer to help.

If you have a service opportunity or a need that you need assistance with please notify the church office, we can get the word out to people so they can be blessed by assisting.

CREATION MOMENTS

Human Speech Itself Glorifies God

*Excellent speech becometh not a fool, much less do lying lips a prince.
(Proverbs 17:7)*



Several different animals communicate on a limited basis with one another. But human speech is unique, leaving those who believe in evolution perplexed. The very oldest human fossils show the bony structures needed to support speech. Evolutionists will admit, in a candid moment, that they have no idea how speech could have evolved. One modern researcher said they have only "inferences based on hunches."

Some scientists have observed that human beings come with the built-in ability to learn and speak. While this idea is not popular among evolutionists, it is supported by the unique structure of the human vocal tract. No other creature has anything like it. The human larynx is placed low in the throat. That placement creates a sound chamber that allows us to make language expressive. Moreover, the placement prevents us from breathing and eating or drinking at the same time. But we are not born that way. A newborn's larynx is placed higher up in the throat, allowing a baby to breathe and suckle at the same time. By the time a child is six and has no need to suckle and breathe at the same time, but is learning language, the larynx has moved to its adult position.

This obviously designed arrangement in support of human speech presents only more problems for the evolutionist. But for those who believe in our Creator God, it is one more testimony of His wise handiwork.

Ref: Roger Lewin, Spreading the word, New Scientist, 5 December 1998, p. 46. Photo: Endoscopic image of an inflamed human larynx. Courtesy of MylesSG. (CC BY-SA 3.0)

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