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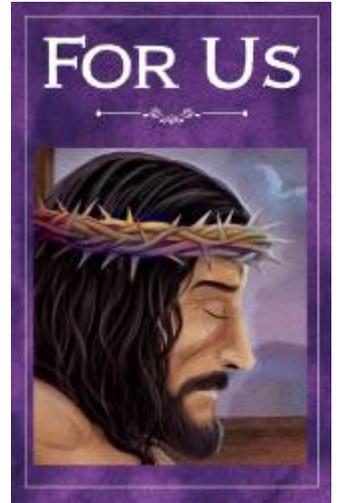
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March Newsletter – Regular Activities at Trinity *God's People at Work, Worship, and Prayer*

- 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)
- Wednesday..... 5:30pm..... Youth Night (**5:00pm** during Lent Season)
-5:30pm..... Wednesday Bible Study (Spring & Fall)
-7:00pm..... Preschool Bd. (Quarterly-2nd Wednesdays)
-4:30pm..... 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)
- Friday.....
- Saturday.....

A Note from the Pastor

Lent is now upon us. Historically, Lent developed as a season of preparation for Holy Baptism. Liturgically and theologically, Lent is the church's refocus on the significance of Holy Baptism. The daily drowning of the old Adam in us through contrition and repentance, which characterizes the entire Christian life of discipleship, is deliberately intensified during Lent as a renewal of faith and life in Christ.



This repentance is always the divine work of the Holy Spirit through the Law and the Gospel. The Law crucifies the old Adam, and the Gospel raises up the new man in us. Thus, a Lenten focus on the cross and Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ is not aimed at an emotional response but is a pointed proclamation and confession of the Law and the Gospel, a preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Lent is properly penitential when it brings the cross to sinners and sinners to the cross of Christ as the fountain and source of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

During our Wednesday evening Lenten Worship we will be looking at how Christ came "For Us." "For us" is not simply a pithy line to use because it is easy to repeat. It is a confession of who God is and what He brings in giving us His Son. It helps us understand why God would send His Son to die for us.

The phrase "for us" also captures much of the Reformation's theological emphasis – and Luther's understanding of Scripture in particular. Luther went from searching for a righteous God and finding only stern rebuke to seeing God in the form of a little baby and as the one who became one of us for us so that we might become like Him.

The phrase is also reminiscent of the language of the Nicene Creed: "Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven." But for us to understand and appreciate the enormity of what this means, we must first examine ourselves and our lives to see how we have failed in thought, word, and deed so that we may then rest in the Savior who came down from heaven *For Us* that we might have salvation!

Looking to the One who Came *For Us*,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Matthias Dinger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Matthias Dinger

Let's Dish

Ladies' Night Out

All Ladies are welcome to join us on March 5th. This month we are going to *Olive Garden Italian Restaurant*, in College Station at 6:30 pm.

We will meet at the Church at 6:00pm or at the restaurant at 6:30pm. RSVP with Sarah Dinger!



This month our meal schedule to our Golden Members is on March 10th and 24th.

We have main dishes & sides needed for both meals in March.

If you are interested with helping by cooking, food packaging, food delivery or for more information, please contact Loretta Supercinski by email at geegloretta@gmail.com or her cell # (979) 255-1338. If you would like to look at the meal schedule, the sign up sheet is located in the Narthex of our Sanctuary.

Men's Club Chicken Sale Fundraiser

Pre-Sale Tickets are on sale now for the Men's Club Chicken Sale Fundraiser.

Pick up is Saturday, March 21st
11:00am – 1:00pm
Whole-Chicken – \$12

For More information, be sure to talk to a Men's Club Member.

Relay for Life

CELEBRATION OF CANCER SURVIVORS &
HONORING THE MEMORY OF OUR
LOVED ONES

Join Our Team!

Kim Ross is hosting a Relay for Life Team for Trinity Lutheran Church on May 1st! Anyone can participate, but if you would like to join our team, "Lutheran Hope Walkers," please let Kim know asap!

If you would rather support this cause by making a donation, be sure to talk to the Kim or the Church Office.

A Note from the Funeral Committee:

The Funeral Committee serves the Families of recently deceased loved ones by planning and providing a meal at the Church after the Funeral Service. If you would like to help in the future please let Loretta Urban

STEWARDSHIP

Lenten Discipline: Denying the Self

We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts - the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God which pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh, but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

Fasting is a good example of this outward training. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. But you have learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above to discipline the desires of your body.

Another example is almsgiving. An increase in giving to the church and its mission during Lent is also a form of outward training. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying "no" to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is - it leads you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.

This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

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But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. (1 Tim. 6: 6-10)

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.

Sunday School News



For the next few months in Sunday School we will be learning about how we are delivered by God's gift of grace and how we became part of His family through our Baptism. We will also learn God strengthens our faith through the Lord's Supper and helps us live as His children. Our students will learn how God's grace is present in our lives daily, and because of Jesus we are always forgiven. Here is a schedule of stories and activities we have coming up this Spring!

- Jesus Gives the Great Commission (3/1)
- Peter Preaches on Pentecost (3/8)
- Paul Baptizes the Philippian Jailer (3/15)
- Ananias Baptizes Saul (3/22)
- No Sunday School-Fifth Sunday Fellowship Sponsored by Board of Ed (3/29)
- No Sunday School-EASTER! (4/5)
- John Tells People to Repent (4/12)
- Jesus Forgives a Woman (4/19)
- Jesus Appears to the Disciples (4/26)
- No Sunday School-Confirmation (5/3)
- Jesus Teaches about Forgiveness (5/10)
- No Sunday School-Graduation Recognition (5/17)
- Jesus Gives the Lord's Supper (5/24)
- The Emmaus Disciples See Jesus (5/31)
- No Sunday School-Teacher Appreciation (6/7)
- Jesus' Touch Heals (6/14)
- Jesus Teaches about an Unforgiving Servant (6/21)
- Timothy Lives as God's Child (6/28)

March Worship Service Helpers Schedule

ACOLYTES

- 3/1** Noah Schomburg
Jase Kalisek
- 3/8** Maysen Beseda
Cayse Beseda
- 3/15** Gracelynn Ganske
Gus Gremillion
- 3/22** Isaak Leiber
Reid Kalisek
- 3/29** Wesley Beseda
Luke Gremillion

GREETERS

- 3/1** Arthur Jackson
Sherri Jackson
- 3/8** Dwayne Ros
Kim Ross
- 3/15** Hoot Wright
Pat Wright
- 3/22** Steve Conner
Laura Conner
- 3/29** Joe Muller
Dana Muller

MEDIA TEAM

- 3/1** Chase Ganske
Maggie Gremillion
- 3/8** Larry Randall
Garth Leiber
- 3/15** Dannielle Randall
Tristian Martin
- 3/22** Parker Thane
Riley Gremillion
- 3/29** Chase Ganske
Tammy Harris

March Flowers

3/1 Chase & Elicia Ganske
3/8 Chuck & Melba Horne
3/15 Steve & Brenda Storey

3/22 OPEN
3/29 Steve & Denise Winckler

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Wednesday Lenten Services

Dinner @ 6:00 pm Worship @ 7:00 pm

Dinner Schedule

March 4th – Men's Club

March 11th – Covered Dish

March 18th

March 25th



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday – April 2nd @ 7:00pm

Good Friday – April 3rd @ 7:00pm

Easter Services - April 5th

Easter SONrise Service – 6:30 am

Easter Breakfast – 7:30 am

Children's Easter Egg Hunt – 8:00 am

Easter Celebration Service – 9:00 am

