

# THE TRINITARIAN

Lent 2018

## EDITOR'S NOTE

This edition of *The Trinitarian* encompasses all our news and events for February and March.

The monthly editions of *The Trinitarian* will begin again in April.

I would like to thank Pastor Larson and the congregation of Trinity for the opportunity to serve as editor. I would especially like to thank Jan Holwig and Barb Johnson for their invaluable help.

- Matt Hunt

## Dear partners in ministry,

First things first: many, many thanks to Matt Hunt for volunteering to become the *Trinitarian's* new editor! And thanks, too, to Jan for her many years of faithful editorship, and her continuing help as Matt takes over.

Well, here we are together at the beginning of the season of Lent! In the congregation in which I grew up, I can remember clearly that during the season of Lent, we didn't have any flowers in the church. Instead, the altar guild would arrange bare branches inside plain vases, and put them in the spot where we usually had flowers. I was struck every year by the sudden austerity this brought to worship.

It also reconnects us to the ancient church's practice of Lent. The word itself is derived from an old Germanic root, *Lencten*, which meant "long," and referred to the lengthening of days and the arrival of spring. Those bare branches reminded me to "spring-clean" my own heart, and make room for new life as the resurrection story of Easter grew near.

The ancient church, keeping with this theme of new growth and spiritual austerity, used these 40 days to prepare new Christians to enter into the church community, culminating with their baptisms on the night-long vigil on the eve of Easter. And it was—and still is—the time for *all* Christians to engage with the grounding practices of discipleship: *prayer*, *fasting*, and *almsgiving*.

These practices are biblically grounded and help us to turn away from the self-centered living of which we publicly repent on Ash Wednesday. Further on in this newsletter you will find a list of 40 ideas for keeping a holy Lent, which might inspire you to take one small step in these practices every day from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

I hope they enrich this season for you, and invite you into the holy practices that clear away and make room for the greatest day of the church year: the day when we remember the resurrection of God's own beloved Child, the day that changed everything. May the peace of Christ be with you always,

*Pastor Larson*



## 40 Ideas for Keeping a Holy Lent

Adapted from: House for All Sinners and Saints (Denver, CO)

[www.houseforall.org](http://www.houseforall.org)

- Day 1: Pray for your enemies  
Day 2: Walk, carpool, bike or bus it.  
Day 3: Don't turn on the car radio  
Day 4: Give \$20 to a non-profit of your choosing  
(Sunday)  
Day 5: Take 5 minutes of silence at noon  
Day 6: Look out the window until you find something of beauty you had not noticed before  
Day 7: Give 5 items of clothing to Goodwill  
Day 8: No complaining day  
Day 9: Do someone else's chore  
Day 10: Buy a few \$5 fast food gift cards to give to homeless people you encounter  
(Sunday)  
Day 11: Call an old friend  
Day 12: Pray the Paper (pray for people and situations in today's news)  
Day 13: Read Psalm 139  
Day 14: Pay a few sincere compliments  
Day 15: Bring your own mug  
Day 16: Educate yourself about human trafficking ([www.praxus.org](http://www.praxus.org))  
(Sunday)  
Day 17: Forgive someone  
Day 18: No internet today  
Day 19: Change one light in your house to a compact florescent or LED  
Day 20: Check out morning and evening prayer (in our hymnal, or at <http://dailyoffice.wordpress.com>)  
Day 21: Ask for help  
Day 22: Tell someone what you are grateful for  
(Sunday)  
Day 23: Introduce yourself to a neighbor  
Day 24: Read Psalm 121  
Day 25: Bake a cake  
Day 26: No shopping day  
Day 27: Light a virtual candle ([http://rejesus.co.uk/spirituality/post\\_prayer/](http://rejesus.co.uk/spirituality/post_prayer/))  
Day 28: Light an actual candle  
(Sunday)  
Day 29: Write a thank you note to your favorite teacher  
Day 30: Invest in canvas shopping bags  
Day 31: Use Freecycle ([www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org))  
Day 32: Donate art supplies to your local elementary school  
Day 33: Read John 8:1-11  
Day 34: Worship at a friend's mosque, synagogue or church and look for the beauty  
(Sunday)  
Day 35: Confess a secret  
Day 36: No sugar day – where else is there sweetness in your life?  
Day 37: Give \$20 to a local non-profit  
Day 38: Educate yourself about a saint ([www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints))  
Day 39: Pray for peace  
Day 40: Pray for your enemies (you probably have new ones by now) then decide which of these exercises you'll keep for good

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### LENTEN SERVICES

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At the last SOHL meeting, there was a consensus that all four area churches would take turns hosting Wednesday evening Lenten services. The simple meals will begin at 5:30 PM followed by worship. The host church will provide a soup as the main course and guests will be invited to bring drinks, side dishes, and desserts. The schedule for hosting is as follows:

2/21:	Salem
2/28:	St. John's
3/7 :	Trinity
3/14:	St. Peter's
3/21:	Salem

Please let Pastor know if you have any questions about this new plan for doing more things together with the other area churches.

## Ash Wednesday Stewardship

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” -*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 254

With these ancient words from Genesis 3:19 and the swipe of a dirty thumb across our foreheads, Ash Wednesday propels us into the season of Lent with the proper context to understand our lives as stewards of the riches that God entrusts to us.

The essential teaching of Ash Wednesday – that we are just mortals, after all – crushes our ego, dispels our pretensions and drives us deep into God’s mysteries. Why are we here? What are our lives all about? What’s *really* important? Pray over these questions and profound insights emerge.

**We are dust.** Yes, but we are *God’s* dust. Our body consists of trillions of atoms, each one a speck of “dust” created by of God, billions of years ago. God put us together from the very stuff of the universe.

- Therefore, we are quite literally “earthy” beings, made of the same material as air, water, soil and stone. Part of creation, not separate from it, we work to preserve and sustain the health of God’s creation for all people and future generations.
- Therefore, we have reverence for our bodies, expressed through healthy living – eating right, exercising, and avoiding illegal drugs and other poisons.

**We are breath.** We are “dust,” certainly, but not *only* dust. Genesis 2:7 describes us as “dust” into which God has “breathed the Holy breath of life.” Our life is the breath of God in our dust.

- Therefore, every breath we take is holy. Every breath is a prayer that whispers God’s praise and reminds us of God’s life force in us.
- Therefore, we look to God to align our lives and ourselves with God’s holy reality that arcs towards God’s purposes of peace, love, joy, justice and truth.

**Our time is brief.** Between the time that the “dust” of our lives comes together to form us and when it returns to the earth, we have a finite number of minutes on earth.

- Therefore, every hour, every second is sacred. There is not a single moment one to waste. We spend our time wisely, carefully, prayerfully.
- Therefore, we do not cling to our possessions, knowing that we don’t really “own” anything, but only hold onto it for a little while.
- Therefore, we nourish our lives with world treasures of real and lasting value – friendships, trust, love, joy, service, generosity and harmony.

This Lent spend time in prayer, with openness and honesty. See how God will turn your heart and mind, transforming you into the person you were created to be. Reflect each day on Ash Wednesday. “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

--*Rob Blezard*

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## This is a copy of the letter Pastor Larson sent out on February 15th

Dear partners in ministry,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Chapter 16 of the Book of Acts tells one of the most bewildering stories of the New Testament: Paul and his companions try to go and preach the gospel, first in Asia, and then in Bithynia, but each time, the Holy Spirit blocked their way, until finally they ended up in Macedonia. I can only imagine their frustration in those moments: “C’mon, God! All we’re trying to do is preach *your* gospel! What is the *deal*?” But even as Paul and his friends experience the Spirit blocking the way, there’s a persistent thread of faith running through: even when they turn off the planned route, there’s deep trust that they’re being led closer to where God wants them to be.

With this in mind, I write to share a difficult blessing.

I have received and accepted a call to serve as co-pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Westborough, Massachusetts. I will continue to serve at Trinity through Holy Week and Easter. My last Sunday with you will be on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

This news may feel like a shock, but it follows a difficult period of prayerful struggle. I was not looking for a new call when the Holy Spirit invited me to discern with Good Shepherd. I love the people of Trinity, I’ve loved serving as your pastor, I’m proud of all that we have accomplished together during these past couple of years, and especially recently, I’ve felt a renewed sense of direction for us as a congregation. By far the greatest challenge to remaining faithful to God’s call through this discernment process has come when I thought about leaving you.

But despite that tremendous challenge, the call to keep discerning remained, and as I took one slow and prayerful step after another alongside Good Shepherd, it became clear that that really is where God’s Spirit is calling me to go.



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I know that Trinity will face an unwanted and unexpected period of discernment for new leadership. I have the assurance of Bishop Dunlop and Pastor Sharron Blezard that they will walk with you in this process. This

promise of accompaniment has also been shared by Pastor Chuck and Pastor Tonya, and they want you to know that they remain committed to continuing to build on ties that bind our communities of faith

together. Pastor Kirk Kerns will also be a companion for you on the way as Dean of the Harrisburg Conference.

In the midst of unexpected transition, what I want most of all is for you to see the gifts I see in you: your incredible warmth and gift for hospitality. Your openness to listen for God's voice in beloved traditions as well as in unexpected and creative expressions. Your strong and dedicated lay leaders, whose leadership is characterized by love and respect even in the midst of disagreement. A handful of you may have been drawn here because of *me*, but I have only tried to reflect the Holy Spirit that lives in this place. That Spirit will never leave you. This community needs all of you now. Draw together. Continue to pursue God's will in Steelton and throughout the world even as you wait for a new pastor.

Throughout the coming weeks of Lent, we'll hear St. Paul's words to a number of different churches, to friends in Ephesus, Corinth, and Rome. He had served each of them, lived with each of them through joys and challenges, and in time, found himself separated from them by time and circumstance. He loved them all, and often longed to stay with them even when the Holy Spirit called him onto paths untrodden.

That is how I feel today. I am so sad to leave you. I will miss you deeply. But like Paul and his friends as they bounced from Asia toward Bithynia and then to Macedonia, I trust that even when it feels like we've been re-routed, God is still at work. God is still leading Trinity, and leading me, to where God wants us to be.

And above all things, I trust that God, who is in this place, will care for you always, and will enable you to care for each other, your neighbors, your strangers, and this world.

May the peace of Christ be with you always,

*Pastor Victoria Larson*

## Now that our pastor is leaving, what are the next steps in calling new pastor?

- We pray daily for our congregation, our call committee, and our congregation council.
- We bid farewell to our pastor whose ministry among us has come to a close.
- An interim pastor is appointed by the conference dean in consultation with congregation council and the bishop's office.
- The call committee is formed.
- The congregation prepares "Mission Site Profile"
- The call committee meets with the candidate, observes him/her leading worship, and votes whether or not to recommend him/her to congregation council. The vote must be unanimous to proceed.
- Congregation council meets with candidate and votes whether or not to recommend him/her to the congregation.
- At a congregational event, the whole congregation is invited to meet the pastoral candidate (and his/her family) and have a time for questions and answers.
- The pastoral candidate preaches and presides at the congregation's weekend worship. to issue a call.
- The candidate accepts or declines the call.
- We bid farewell to our interim pastor whose ministry among us has come to a close.
- The pastor begins to serve the congregation. The pastor is installed.
- We pray daily for our new ministry



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## Memorial Gifts

Contributions have been received in memory of the following. We thank the contributors for their generosity and thoughtfulness.

In memory of Linda Lokey

by Anna Kline

Anna Gawel

Jacqueline Acri

Brenda & Matthew Lee

Richard Schultheisz

Dennis & Carole Frey

In memory of Bill Ward

by Jacqueline Acri

In memory of Marlene Beistline

by Jim & Sandy Canning

*Memorial gifts may be given at any time and in memory of whomever you would like. Envelopes are available by the Memorial Book in the entryway of the church.*

## Our New Church Music Director

After two years of subbing, Jan and Sandy are finally being relieved of their organist duties! We thank them for keeping the ship afloat!

We want to welcome our new organist and choir director, Arthur Berg, who began his new position with us on Sunday, February 4. Arthur was raised and confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran church and has played piano for several churches in the past. He currently lives in Hershey and is serving as a faculty biostatistician at Penn State College of Medicine there. He is married with an 11-year-old daughter who has been learning the piano for several years.

Thank you, Arthur, for taking on this new position and we wish you all the best for much success.

## Soup/Bake Sale

Our next primary election will take place on Tuesday, May 15. Be sure to get out and vote! It's also time for our Soup/Bake Sale at Trinity! We will have four kinds of soups available for purchase: chicken corn, beef vegetable, ham and bean, and chili. Karen's prize-winning peanut butter fudge will also be offered. Please look for preorder sheets in your next newsletter and in future bulletins. Return them ASAP to Jan Holwig's mailbox so that you won't miss out on any of these goodies!

We will also be asking for baked goods donations as we get closer to May. Think about what you could make and donate to our sale. We ran out of everything at our November sale and we would appreciate anything you could do!

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## 1st Sunday Fellowships

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Our birthday fellowship Sunday was a delicious success with over 30 people staying after the service to enjoy a meal of roast beef, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls, fruit, and BIRTHDAY CAKE! We want to thank our sponsors, Anna & Carl Zeiders, and our chief chef, Mike Anthony. Thanks also to everyone who helped with the set up and tear down!

Our March fellowship will be sponsored by Richard & Darlene Martz and April's by Bill Lux. If you have any interest in sponsoring and/or cooking for any future fellowships, please contact Gay Rezin.

## Chapel Renovation Task Force Report

The chapel renovation is coming along quite well. There was a short delay last week before the heating/cooling unit could be installed because the subcontractor was tied up in other jobs. It has now been installed and the project can move forward. All the demo has been done and as of Sunday the drywall has been put up, the fujitsu unit is installed, and a good bit of the electrical work has been done. The ceiling tiles have been delivered so they are now ready to start installing the new ceiling. John Michtich has been in contact with Brian (Mako project manager) a few times just to make sure everyone is on the same page and I would like to thank John for his efforts.

As some of you may know, Mako's office manager Steven Sr. had a medical emergency last week and I ask all of you to keep him in your prayers. I stopped by Mako's office on Monday afternoon and dropped off the third installment check. The secretary told me that she spoke to Steven Sr on the phone Monday and that he is coming along slowly. Since Steven Sr is who I had given our color choices to, I contacted Brian and gave him the color choices as well.

Doug Martz has told us that his company would be willing to fix the concrete rise that transitions the chapel floor to the entrance of the social hall. I contacted Brian about this and he was under the impression that Mako was planning on doing the work as part of the original contract. As I write this update the concrete work is still under discussion. I will update everyone when I have more information.

—Jim Canning

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

#### February (\* 80 or older)

- 6<sup>th</sup> John Schenfelt (Happy 80<sup>th</sup>!) \*
- 7<sup>th</sup> Ray Stoner \*
- 9<sup>th</sup> Rene Stickle \*
- 12<sup>th</sup> Bonnie Ward  
Zack Szekeres
- 13<sup>th</sup> Ed Holwig
- 14<sup>th</sup> John Luzik
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mark Harkins
- 21<sup>st</sup> Joan  
Hogentogler
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jackie Day \*  
Edie Carrillo
- 27<sup>th</sup> Richard Martz \*

#### March

- 5<sup>th</sup> Brady Holwig
- 11<sup>th</sup> Chris Miller \*  
Karen Schlott
- 16<sup>th</sup> Pam Reider
- 19<sup>th</sup> Gabe Whary  
(Anthony)  
Abby Anthony
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Spike Spilker
- 24<sup>th</sup> Betty Slavecki \*  
Kathryn Steigler \*

### Anniversaries

#### February

- 28<sup>th</sup> Henry & Vicki  
Koller

#### March

- 25<sup>th</sup> Harold & Robin  
Cobb

Dear friends,

What are you doing right now? You might be sitting comfortably in your home, drinking a cup of tea, watching your favorite rerun of “Fixer Upper” while on the other side of the world or across town, someone is living life in a drastically different way, longing for a glimpse of hope.

For 10 years, PUREhope Coffeehouse has sought to be that glimpse of hope. We have celebrated with Blood:Water when the Ebenezer of reaching 1,000,000 people with clean water in Africa was laid and we have watched one amazing Nashville-based organization grow, partner, and now work across 4 continents as Hope for Justice in the fight against human trafficking. While culture has changed much since PUREhope started, the passion and heart of these organizations has not and we will continue to fight alongside them. Blood:Water, through grassroots efforts, partners with our neighbors in Africa to bring lasting change to the water and HIV/AIDS crises. Hope for Justice works on the ground in the fight against human trafficking in the United States, United Kingdom, Cambodia, Norway, and Africa to rescue victims, restore lives, and reform society. For more information, please visit [www.bloodwater.org](http://www.bloodwater.org) and [www.hopeforjustice.org](http://www.hopeforjustice.org).

Join us on Saturday April 28, 2018 from 6:30-10 pm for an evening of music; fellowship; fair trade coffee, tea, and cold drinks; food; silent auction; and advocacy as PUREhope Coffeehouse celebrates 10 years. Music will be provided by local musicians Paul Zavinsky and Seasons as well as other friends. To commemorate the 10th Annual PUREhope Coffeehouse, we are commissioning local potter, Haley Pankratz, to create special one-of-a-kind mugs. We cannot wait to see them! 100% of your donations go directly to Blood:Water and Hope for Justice with the generous support of local businesses and friends. Be a part of something bigger, be someone’s glimpse of hope. Mike Donehey, lead singer of Tenth Avenue North, said, “I’m not saying God is calling you to give up your necessity but maybe God is calling you to give up your luxury to meet someone’s necessity.” Take a step. Give up your luxury. You are someone’s necessity. You are someone’s glimpse of hope.

Be the hands and feet,

Stephanie  
Founder of PUREhope Coffeehouse

**The Details**

The 10th Annual PUREhope Coffeehouse  
Saturday April 28, 2018 6:30-10 pm  
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 240 Broad Street, Highspire, PA 17034

More info? Email [purehopecoffeehouse@gmail.com](mailto:purehopecoffeehouse@gmail.com)

Deadline for submissions for the April issue is March 15. Submission may be placed in Matt Hunt’s box or by email at [mjonhunt@gmail.com](mailto:mjonhunt@gmail.com)

*Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support for our family. Also, thank you for your kind donation to the Penn State Cancer Institute Inpatient Unit in Carol's memory.*

*- The Tringali Family*

### **Altar Guild**

Our group is getting smaller and smaller! We need some more volunteers to get our church ready for Sunday services and then tidy up afterward. Our Altar Guild will meet on Sunday, March 18 immediately following the service. Please remain in the sanctuary for the meeting. We will *welcome* any newcomers and *review* any procedures for what needs done on a weekly or monthly basis. If you have any questions about the group, ask Jan Holwig.

### **Worship and Music**

We welcomed Arthur Berg to the organ bench on February 4<sup>th</sup> as our new director of music! We're very excited to have him. He has already been brought up to speed on the process for choosing hymns, and has had Jan and Sandy on hand helping with the transition. He's also brought me up to speed on some helpful resources!

The Committee has not met lately, but will reconvene soon, especially so that we can offer support to Arthur. One of the things we'll address at our next meeting is moving over to bread for communion more permanently. Several people have expressed approval as we've experimented with this over the past year. I'm currently using a recipe from Luther Seminary that produces four loaves that can be frozen, which is very convenient. The kitchen also purchased a breadmaker, so that's available too!

I've planned out our Lenten liturgies for the upcoming season, focusing on the theme of covenant. Concerning Holy Week, Pastor Chuck and I decided to do as we did last year, and bring our congregations together for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We've flip-flopped last year's arrangements, so this year Maundy Thursday will be held here at Trinity, and Good Friday will be at St. Peter's. We have also been invited to participate in the joint Easter Vigil between the two St. Peter's, which will this year be hosted in Highspire.

--Pastor Larson

### **Trinity Community Outreach (formerly CAAG)**

Our group has taken a break for a few months, but we are now ready to get back into the swing of things! Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 4 at 6 PM on the second floor of the social hall. Anyone interested in planning things like the annual picnic, the Oktoberfest, and any outreach activities is invited to attend. Showing up for a meeting doesn't commit you to lifelong service on the committee! Come and see what we're all about!

The meeting on March 4 will include discussion on any spring outreach activities and the annual June congregational picnic. We need lots of input and lots of help! Hope to see you there!

## Scholarship Opportunity

Students from local schools who are interested in pursuing a career in a medical field (nursing, EMT, dental, etc.) should be aware that \$500.00 scholarships are available from the Harrisburg Cedarettes No. 43. The scholarships will be given to senior students who plan to attend HACC in the fall of 2018.

Applications can be obtained from the high school guidance counselor or contact Cynthia Hossman at 717-938-8850. All completed applications must be received by Friday, March 16, 2018. If you have any questions or I can provide you with additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 717 939-0153 or cell phone 717 963-0314.

Thank you,

Martha D Walmer

Scholarship Committee and St  
Peters Lutheran Church  
Highspire Member

## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

For the past year, I've been developing a collaborative youth ministry program called HAYI (Harrisburg Area Youth Initiative). There are now ten (!) congregations in the Harrisburg area involved in this program, which is wonderful, and much further along than we expected to be at this point! Because of this wonderful blessing of growth, there's now a need to create a part-time youth minister position. This congregation took the generous step of providing an \$800 line item in our budget meant to help support that position. Thank you for this faithful step!

And now we have exciting news! The synod would like to partner with the collaborative youth ministry program to create a **¾ time position with benefits**. The synod has offered to match whatever the congregations can raise, including but not limited to covering benefits. In order to partner with the synod, we need to raise **at least \$17,000**. So far, seven congregations (including Trinity) have pledged \$14,800.

There's more—the synod also proposed a particular candidate for this position: **David Tringali!** The extra hours the synod would like to add to this position would enable David to keep doing the work he's doing with The Tribe wrestling ministry, and to also develop worship with and ministry to people experiencing homelessness in the Harrisburg area.

David is **NOT guaranteed** to be the person who will end up in this position, but he is certainly considering it. A large part of his consideration, of course, will be whether all of our congregations together can raise enough funds to offer him the means of making a living.

In support of this position for a youth minister for HAYI, we will be collecting donations that will go toward the salary offer throughout the rest of the month of February. Trinity has consistently identified youth ministry as a priority; will you consider giving to this wonderful, innovative ministry that supports not only Lutheran youth in our congregation and in our area, but also community outreach and homeless ministry? If so, consider speaking with Pastor, or placing a donation in the designated basket at the back of the sanctuary during the next couple of Sundays. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

-- Pastor Larson

## SOHL—Steelton-Oberlin-Highspire Lutherans

The last meeting between our four local churches was on February 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's, Highspire. We were joined by Randie Yeager, Director of Human Services of Dauphin County. Ms. Yeager gave a short presentation during devotions about resources that would help us become a "trauma-informed communities"—that is, communities that are aware of the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences and have the awareness to direct people towards resources when needed.

We checked in with each congregation about recent news and upcoming events. Of particular note: St. Peter's will be celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year in April. St. John's thanked everyone for the success of Family Promise, and looks forward to hosting again with everyone's help in April.

### *Under Old Business:*

Rose Tonkin updated us about an unfolding plan to host a **cooperative VBS** among the four churches. They are still picking a site, but have chosen a date and curriculum: June 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8pm. The curriculum is called "Babylon," and is based on the book of Daniel. The next planning meeting is February 25<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at St. Peter's. They will accept donations from all four churches to help cover the cost of the curriculum.

Bob Tonkin updated us on his idea for an **after-school reading program**. He is still in the researching and networking phase, but welcome help and input!

Pastor Larson shared with everyone that the borough of Steelton looks favorably upon the idea of a **Little Free Pantry!**

### *Lenten programming:*

Much conversation surrounded plans for Lenten programming. The pastors have chosen the "Faces of Christ" study available through ELCA World Hunger. After discussing feedback from various congregations on logistical planning, we established that 1) we want to get all four churches together for some midweek programming, and 2) we want all four church sites to have roles. We adjusted our plans as follows:

- Our Lenten programming will rotate between all four churches as follows:
  - 2/14: Ash Wednesday worship at St. John's at 7pm with imposition of ashes. No combined choir. Offering designated for ELCA World Hunger.
  - 2/21: Salem
  - 2/28: St. John's
  - 3/7: Trinity
  - 3/14: St. Peter's
  - 3/21: Salem
- The hosting church will provide soups as the main course. Guests from other congregations are invited to bring side dishes, drinks, or desserts.
- The evening program will begin at 5:30pm with dinner. At 6:30pm, we'll begin our study with a brief order of prayer. The closing prayer will be at 7:30pm.

Our next **combined worship** is on April 29<sup>th</sup> at St. John's at 10:30am. We'll be using a liturgy called "Of the Land and Seasons," beloved by those of us who graduated from Gettysburg Seminary. It's an Appalachian setting of the traditional worship music. Copies have been distributed to all four church choirs.

Our **next meeting** will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at St. John's. Pastor Sharron Blezard will be with us to guide us in how we might develop more structure and direction in our work as SOHL.

# FEB 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>
						<b>03</b> Radosevic & Fuentes wedding
<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>
Worship 10:30am Life and Death Group 6pm	Bible Study, 9:30am SOHL 6pm @ St. Peter's		Choir 6:30pm			
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
Worship 10:30am HAYI, 6-8pm @Messiah Lutheran, Hbg Life and Death Group 6pm	The Tribe, 6pm		Ash Wednesday service, 7pm @St. John's	Council 6pm		
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Choir 9:30am Worship 10:30am Life and Death Group 6pm	The Tribe, 6pm		Lenten Study @Salem w/meal starting at 5:30pm			
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>			
Choir 9:30am Worship 10:30am Joint VBS planning session @St. Peter's, 3pm Life and Death Group 6pm	The Tribe, 6pm		Lenten Study @ St. John's w/meal starting at 5:30pm			

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Group 6pm

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Choir 9:30am  
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Worship  
10:30am  
Life and Death  
Group 6pm

The Tribe, 6pm

Golden Agers  
12:30pm

Maunday  
Thursday joint  
worship (with  
St. Peter's) here  
@Trinity 7pm

Good Friday  
joint worship  
@St. Peter's  
7pm

Easter Vigil  
joint worship  
(with St. Peter's,  
Middletown &  
St. Peter's,  
Highspire) @St.  
Peter's,  
Highspire 7pm

## Shut-ins and Those Who Need Our Prayers



### **We pray for those...**

#### **In Need:**

Paul Flickinger (in declining health)  
Bill Schick (recovering from knee surgery)  
Nicholas Stickle (Bill Ward's son, hospitalized with bacterial meningitis)  
Deb Geegee (a member of St. John's, fell and broke hip and shoulder)

#### **Bereaved:**

*The family and friends of:*  
Linda Lokey (died January 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Kathy Korte (died January 9<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Serving in our military:**

Kyle Anthony (deployed in the Middle East)  
Anthony Szekeres (at home from the Middle East)  
Scott Whary (serving, not currently deployed)

#### **Continued prayer:**

Chuck Korte (Gay Rezin's brother-in-law, multiple sclerosis)  
Karen Schlott (prayers for continued healing for her leg)  
Emil Schultheisz (Dick Schultheisz' brother, recovering from strokes)  
Christopher Orris (friend of the congregation, advanced Crohn's disease)  
Hank Schonewolf (Sally Schonewolf's husband, declining health)

## Shut-ins

The following are those who cannot get to church because of physical problems, etc. Please

remember them with a card, a visit, and/or your prayers.

Nancy Brunner, 2115 James Buchanan Dr., Elizabethtown 17022

Darlene Martz, 97 Brompton Rd., Hummelstown, 17036

Kathleen Michtich, S2 -228A, Spring Creek, 1205 S. 28<sup>th</sup> St., Hbg. 17111

Anna Guyer, 1020 N. Union St., Rm. 231, Middletown 17057 (Frey Village)

Rene & Joyce Stickle, 224 Elm St., Steelton 17113

Katarina Schuech, 4805 E. Circle Dr., Hbg. 17111

Jackie Day, 335 Wesley Dr. Apt. 601, Mechanicsburg 17055

Kathryn Steigler, Rm. 104A, Homeland, 1901 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Harrisburg 17102

Bernie Campbell 100 Freemason Drive, Masonic Village, Elizabethtown 17104

Ray Stoner S310-A, Spring Creek, 1205 S. 28<sup>th</sup> St., Hbg. 17111

Fran Dubesky 517 Kelker St., Steelton 17113

Paul Flickinger, 1199 Twin Lakes Dr., Hbg. 17111

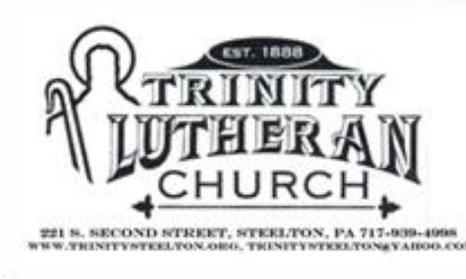
(Paul is at Colonial Park Care Center in Room B12. Betty

will take any cards to him that are mailed to their home.)

Christine Miller 4800 Lancer Court, Apt. C, Hbg. 17109

## February/March Participants in Our Services

Date	Greeter(s)	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Bulletins, Candles \$17	Flowers \$25
Feb. 11 Transfiguration	?	Jan Holwig	Ed Holwig, Harry Spilker	Jim Canning	Zachary Anthony	Richard & Darlene Martz	Darlene Martz for Richard's birthday
Feb. 18	?	Jan Holwig & Judy Krovic	Ed Holwig, Mike Sanders	Jan Holwig	Ni'Shaun Ward-McMullen	?	?
Feb. 25	?	Jan Holwig	Pat & Zack Szekeres	Jan Holwig	Gabe Whary	Barb & Ron Kain	Barb & Ron Kain
Mar. 4	?	Matt & Mary Hunt	Mark Harkins, Matt Hunt	Mary Hunt	Brady Holwig	March 4 - Barb & Ron Kain	Barb & Ron Kain
Mar. 11	?	Gay	Ed Holwig, Dick Schultheisz	Gay	Zachary Anthony	?	Karen Schlott in celebration of another year with my Trinity family
Mar. 18	?	Matt & Mary Hunt	Bob Emrich, Richard Martz	Spike	Ni'Shaun Ward-McMullen	Elizabeth Faul	Lenny & Peg Bowling for Tommy & Sandy Bowling
Mar. 25	?	?	Shelley & Mark Radic	?	Gabe Whary	Carl for Matthew's birthday	Ben Whittington in loving memory of wife, Beverly



## MISSION STATEMENT

To work harmoniously within the spirit of the church

To create a comforting atmosphere for families of believers and a place to heal the soul

To connect people to Jesus Christ and to each other

To establish an experience where people feel an allegiance to their almighty Father

To exemplify our Christian stewardship by representing our members with Christian dignity, proper regards to the rights of others, while promoting God's message of respect, love, and charity

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