



# The Trumpet

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## Pilgrimage Ponderings

We are in the thick of Lent, and on the Sundays during Lent we are hearing about the unfolding story of salvation revealed in the scripture texts read for the Easter Vigil on the Saturday of Easter weekend. They include Creation, Noah and the Ark, the Israelites at the Red Sea during the Exodus, the rejoicing of the returning Exiles found in Isaiah's prophecy, God's work to deliver the faithful from the fiery furnace in Daniel. Each of these texts tells a story of human drama and God's intervening with divine grace.

It reminds me, time and again, that no matter the circumstances in which I find myself, and no matter the situation of society God is still at work to bring life and hope from death and despair. That is the good news of this Holy season into which we are moving. It is news that the world, even if not aware, needs to hear. As we move from winter into spring the earth and its cycles show us how to hope and to believe that darkness and death do not have the last word.

As we grieve another, of too many and too frequent, violent acts against innocent civilians, we could find ourselves wrought with grief, angry at policy makers, skeptical of inherent good in humanity, and lost in a pit of despair. But our hope is not founded in any acts of humanity, and our end is not in personal or societal circumstances. Our hope and our end is in the eternal God who created us and all things good, and who continues to lift up Jesus in resurrected glory.

How has your story of challenging circumstances left you thinking or feeling that God had forgotten you....maybe a bit like obedient Noah on that boat full of critters OR like the Israelites under Pharaoh's heavy yoke of slavery OR like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego who were persecuted for their faithfulness and endured a scorching test of allegiance? If you wonder about God's intent for your life, or the world in which we live, maybe hearing that old, old story re-told in worship will renew your faith. It ends on a high and hopeful note - God wins, Jesus lives, and so do we!

Blessed Lent & Joyous Easter!

*Pastor Mary Beth*

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Winter Worship Schedule  
Sundays 10:30am  
Sunday School 9:15-10:15am  
Saturdays 6:00pm



Church Women United  
World Day of Prayer  
Saturday March 3rd  
Wesley United Methodist



Daylight Savings  
Time Begins  
March 11th

### Lenten Meals

3/7 Youth - pizza  
3/14 Relay for Life  
Roast Beef Sundaes  
3/21 Bed Brigade  
Chili & Hot Dogs  
3/30 Church Council  
Salad & Sandwiches



First Communion  
Class  
March 25th at noon

# Worship Focus for March

March 4 & 5      Third Weekend in Lent

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.

March 11 & 12      Fourth Weekend in Lent

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

March 18 & 19      Fifth Weekend in Lent

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

March 25 & 26      Weekend of the Passion / Palm

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.



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A Note about Easter Breakfast - the youth have decided to forego providing Easter Breakfast this year due to Bryan School's Spring Break concluding on Easter weekend. Alternate plans are being considered - stay tuned.

The Easter Offering has been designated by Church Council to fund our Boiler Repair. The cost of the project is \$6700 and will be completed when fully funded. Thank you for your generous support of this capital expense.



### Easter Lilies, Tulips Daffodils & Hyacinths



If interested in purchasing a beautiful bulb plant to decorate the church on Easter weekend please see the sign-up sheets on the kiosk in the narthex. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. Payment may be made to the Church in the envelopes provided and dropped in the offering plate. Please indicate for whom the plant is being offered.



**First Communion Class** is offered for children who are at least Kindergarten age and have an awareness of the following: 1. What it means to feel sorry when they've done something wrong; 2. How it feels to be loved unconditionally; and 3. What it means to be included rather than excluded. First Communion Class is offered 2 times per year, and will be offered on Sunday, March 25 from Noon until 3 p.m. with Lunch provided. Please call the church office to sign-up. If you have questions about your child's readiness and want to discuss it with Pastor Mary Beth, she may be contacted at 419-799-0169.

# W O R D S E A R C H

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Jesus  
Jerusalem  
Palm  
Hosanna  
Disciples  
Cornerstone  
Praise  
Heaven  
Joy  
Peace  
Glory  
Cross  
Bless  
Teacher  
Lord  
King  
Prayer  
Love

# Lent

**Saturday & Sunday, March 3 & 4** - An examination of the story of the Israelites fleeing Pharaoh's army and crossing the Red Sea on dry ground - a miracle of nature and faith. Worship at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 10:30 a.m. on Sunday with the theme "Unmoistened Feet?"

**Wednesday, March 7** - Join the youth for a Pizza Buffet supper at 5:30 and help support those attending the 2018 Houston Youth Gathering. Worship begins at 7 p.m. with Pastor Mary Beth leading worship around the theme: "Praying from the Hardened Ground."

**Saturday & Sunday, March 10 & 11** - How can God's people rejoice even when all their hopes and dreams have been dashed? "Return & Restoration" is the theme as we recall God's promise for all people. Holy Communion Worship at 6 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

**Wednesday, March 14** - Dinner served by Trinity's Relay for Life organizing committee, featuring their renown Hot Beef Sundaes (with an awesome sundae dessert, too!) Serving is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Worship at 7 p.m. will include Deacon Jean Wise sharing the message with the theme of "Hardened Ground Prayers."

**Saturday & Sunday, March 17 & 18** - It's a fascinating story, persecution, faithfulness, mystery, delivery, featuring 3 oddly named guys going from the frying pan to the fire, and living to tell about it, and to draw others to worship and serve the God of Life. "Fired Up for God," will be the theme for worship at 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

**Wednesday, March 21** - The Bed Brigade will host a dinner of Chili & Hot Dogs from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Worship at 7 p.m. will include Pastor Roger Marlow sharing a message focused on the theme of "Obstacles to Prayer"

## Holy Week and Easter Services at Trinity



**Saturday & Sunday, March 24 & 25** - Palm/Passion Sunday Weekend will include the Blessing of the Palm Branches and the story of Jesus' passion. Holy Communion will be served at both the 6 p.m. Saturday and the 10:30 a.m. Sunday.



**Maundy Thursday, March 29** - Dinner for the congregation hosted by the Church Council at 5:30 p.m. Worship at 7 p.m. will include Holy Communion served at table as we remember Jesus sharing the Last Supper with his disciples.



**Good Friday, March 30** - Bryan Area Ministerial Association Community Worship will be at Noon hosted by New Life Temple Pentecostal Church, 14451 County Road C.

Trinity will host a Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m. offering participants an opportunity to hear the Passion of Christ according to John, and offer their petitions upon the life-giving cross.



**Saturday, March 31** - Easter Vigil will begin in the Narthex at Trinity where we will light the paschal candle recognizing Jesus' victory, hear the story of salvation, sing familiar hymns. Then we gather in the sanctuary to remember our baptism, and celebrate Holy Communion. The celebration of Easter officially begins with this worship service - join the festivities at 6 p.m.

**Sunday, April 1** - Easter Sunrise Worship will be at 7:30 a.m. including familiar hymns of resurrection joy and Holy Communion. Festival Worship with Holy Communion will be at 10:30 a.m. including a choir anthem and children's message. Pastor Mary Beth's message will be "Now What?"

# Thank you

Thank you all for your phone calls, letters, cards, and visits to Christa over the past year. She passed peacefully in her sleep the evening of January 8 in Jackson with Hospice care.

As her family, we can't express enough how grateful we are that you continued to keep her in your thoughts and prayers during the last year when she battled a brain tumor and dementia. We know it was difficult for those she left behind in Bryan and Archbold when we moved her to Jackson, but this gave us many more opportunities to be with her and do the most we could for her when she needed us the most. Again our deepest thanks and gratitude for all you did for mom. Norbert & Pennie Hitt



Many thanks for the cards, memorials, thoughts and prayers upon the recent passing of my brother, James Cousins. Your kindness was greatly appreciated and meant so very much to me. Joann Ebbert



Dear Trinity Lutheran Church, Thank you--gracias!--for your gift of \$12,544. Your generous gift in these times of great difficulty is bringing help and life to people who are suffering and struggling to re-build their homes and their lives. We know that God's help is ever-present, and God is working through YOU to bring help and blessing to these families in need!

Specifically, we are using your gift and other donations to support:

- families in our own congregation who have lost possessions, jobs, and income sources.
- two other local congregations which are providing daily meals to those who lost much
- a partner congregation in Utuado, a devastated city in the mountains
- various other one-time gifts of support to other missionary efforts in San Juan, and around Puerto Rico.

Even though you cannot physically be here to help, your money is sustaining people and families, and it is helping seed Puerto Rico's recovery in a very dark hour. Jesus Christ is the light of the world, and your gift, given through Jesus, is bringing light and hope to thousands! Gracias!!

May God bless and keep you and your loved ones. Please keep loving and supporting Puerto Rico. We expect the current crisis will last for 2-4 more months, but the long-term recovery will take several years. The Christians that call Puerto Rico home and determined to keep proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus, and the Puerto Rican people. Thank you for walking with us in the hope of the Lord!

We love you! Come and visit when you are able. We would love to thank you in person!

Handwritten - Thank you, Wow, gracias for this incredible outpouring of generosity! I'm sure you're heard by now from Pastor Mary Beth and others in the group how acute the need is in Puerto Rico and how powerful is the serving of God's people!! And thanks to your folks for helping with the hands-on work of recovery! May God bless and multiply all the good you do! Pastor Marc Miller

Mar 1 - Mark 4:16-17  
Mar 2 - Mark 8:31-32  
Mar 3 - Mark 9:2-13  
Mar 4 - Mark 9:33-34  
Mar 5 - Mark 9:38-40  
Mar 6 - Mark 10:13-16  
Mar 7 - Mark 4:7, 18-19  
Mar 8 - Mark 10:17-27  
Mar 9 - Luke 14:25-27  
Mar 10 - Mark 5:1-2, 11-17  
Mar 11 - Mark 1:35-39  
Mar 12 - Mark 10:28-31  
Mar 13 - John 8:3-11  
Mar 14 - Mark 4:8-9, 20  
Mar 15 - Mark 5:1-20

## Take 5 for Faith 5 Minutes - 5 Steps - Everyday

Share your ups & downs of the day.  
Read the suggested Bible passage.  
Reflect on its meaning for you and our world.  
Pray for family, friends, the church & world.  
Bless yourself & others.

Mar 16 - Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43  
Mar 17 - Mark 5:25-34  
Mar 18 - Mark 7:24-30  
Mar 19 - Mark 7:31-37  
Mar 20 - Mark 10:46-52  
Mar 21 - Ephesians 1:17-19

Mar 22 - Isaiah 66:18-23  
Mar 23 - Matthew 28:18-20  
Mar 24 - Mark 16:19-20  
Mar 25 - Luke 24:44-49  
Mar 26 - Acts 1:1-8  
Mar 27 - James 5:14-16  
Mar 28 - Ephesians 6:19-20  
Mar 29 - Colossians 4:3-4  
Mar 30 - 1 Thessalonians 5:25  
Mar 31 - 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2  
Apr 1 - John 20:1-18  
Apr 2 - Genesis 1:1-19  
Apr 3 - Genesis 1:20-2:4a  
Apr 4 - Song of Solomon 3:1-11  
Apr 5 - Acts 2:42-47

# March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	 Happy Birthday 1 Marlene Reed (81)	2	3 9:00 World Day of Prayer Wesley United Methodist  10:00am Partnership Listening 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
9:15am Sunday School 4 10:30am Worship w/ HC	5  6:30pm Prayer Shawl Meeting	6 7:00pm Dartball-home Emmanuel Napoleon  7:00pm Trinity Women's Meeting	7  youth pizza 5:30-6:30 Lenten Supper 7:00pm Worship	8	9  Pastor's Day Off	10  6:00pm Worship w/ HC
Daylight Savings Time 11 Begins 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC Dartball Tournament	12  7:00pm Council	13 12:30-4:00pm Mission Quilters	14 Relay for Life roast beef sundae 5:30-6:30 Lenten Supper 7:00pm Worship Choir Practice	 Happy Birthday 15 Loella Pepple (94)	16	 St. Patrick's Day 17 6:00pm Worship w/ HC Supper Club
7:45am TLMM Meeting 18 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC	19  7:00pm Member Care Outreach	20 Deadline for April Trumpet	 First Day of Spring 21 BB - chili & hotdogs 5:00-6:30 Lenten Supper 7:00pm Worship Choir Practice	22	23  Pastor's Day Off	24  6:00pm Worship w/ HC
 Happy Birthday 25 Doris Geren (82) 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC  Palm Sunday	 Happy Birthday 26 Thelma Coolman (84)	28	29 5:30pm Midweek Manna cooks choice 7:00pm Choir Practice	30 Maundy Thursday 5:30pm Salad & Sandwich 7:00pm Worship w/ HC	 Good Friday 31 12:05pm Community Service New Life Worship Center 7:00pm Tenebrae	6:00pm Worship w/ HC Easter Vigil



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March brings birthdays for four special people. Marlene Reed, 332 Lawndale Drive turns 81 on March 1st. On the 15th Loella Pepple, 808 Heritage House - Hillside, 09876 Co. Rd. 16, turns 94. Doris Geren, 01690 St. Rt. 576, turns 82 on the 25th. We conclude the month with Thelma Coolman 504 Summer Field Lane, who turns 84 on the 26th.



## Souper Bowl of Caring

Our youth joined youth groups around the country in seeking funds for hunger programs on Super Bowl Sunday. \$118.00 was collected and sent to First Lutheran Food Pantry in order to help fight hunger in our community. Thanks to our youth and all who contributed.

## Trinity Lutheran Scholarship



We are fortunate as a congregation to have a scholarship fund that can be of assistance to our people who are pursuing additional education beyond high school. Started as a memorial to Joseph Yekisa, the fund is supported by gifts from members. Any confirmed member who is pursuing higher education is eligible to be considered. Applications are at the church office or online at [www.tlcbryan.com](http://www.tlcbryan.com) and the deadline for returning them is April 30th.



## Sincere Christian sympathy and prayerful support to the following...

Don Collins in the death of his fiancé, Barbara Steckly. Barb passed away on February 7th. She was 83.

Joann Barlow in the death of her boyfriend, Kevin Wilson. He passed away on February 8th at the age of 52.

Pam Bishop in the death of her father, Daniel Bishop who passed away on February 12th at the age of 85.

"Rest eternal, grant them, O Lord:  
and let light perpetual shine upon them"



## 158th Annual Meeting of Member Congregations

Monday, April 23, 2018

Hope Lutheran Church

2201 Secor Road • Toledo, Ohio 43606

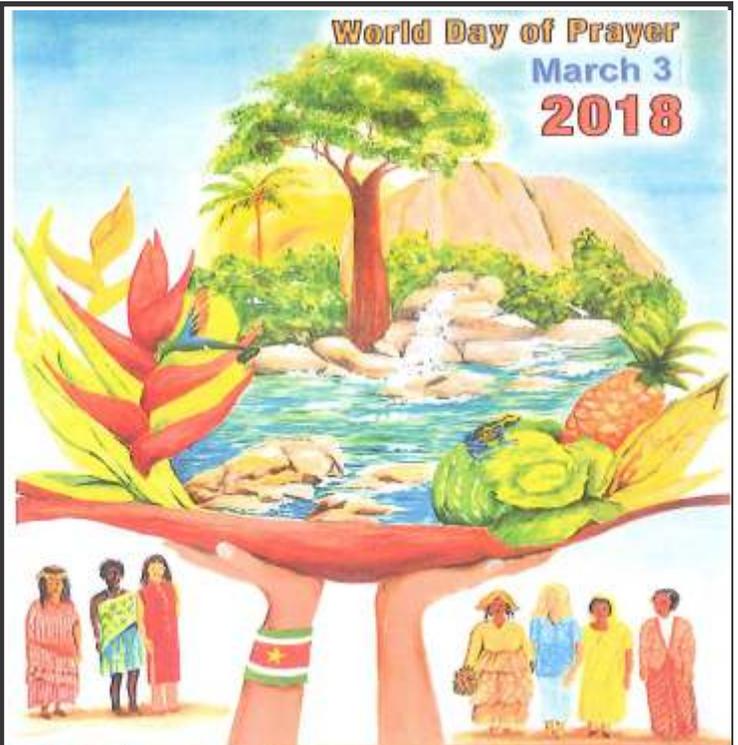
5:30 p.m.

Registration and hearty hors d'oeuvres

6:30 p.m.

Worship service and annual meeting

For reservations, mail this form, call Bev at 419.861.4954, or email [BApel@Genacross.org](mailto:BApel@Genacross.org) by April 9, 2018.



**ALL** GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD!  
Prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Suriname

**Wesley United Methodist Church**  
**903 Center St. - Bryan**  
**9:00 Breakfast & Registration**

A Sign-up Sheet is on the kiosk in the narthex.



Annual Meeting

March 12, 2018

"A Heart For Mission-A Vision For The Future"



LSS of NW Ohio

Keynote Speaker:

Representative James M. Hoops

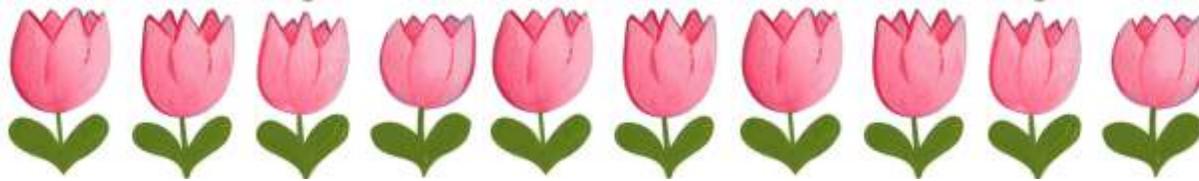


Luther Home of Mercy

- Tickets \$30
- Registration at 5:30 pm
- Dinner at 6:00 pm
- Hilton Garden Inn  
5665 Lewis Commons Blvd.  
Perrysburg, OH 43551

## MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	ACOLYTE	PROJECTION	SOUND	USHERS
March 4th	Eyon Frederick	Paul Vargo	Joe Whisler	Team 4 Rob Goodlive
March 11th	Eli Schlade	Buddy Rossow	Paul Vargo	Team 5 Tom Smith
March 18th	Ashtyn Frederick	Mike Bever	Henry Burklo	Team 1 Doug Johnson
March 25th	Molly Hess	Rob Goodlive	Jim Helbig	Team 2 Henry Burklo



**A Final Date for Partnership Proposal Listening Post  
Saturday, March 3 at 10 a.m. in Weiblen Hall -  
Come to Hear, to Ask & to Learn!**

### MARCH BIBLE VERSE

"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously horse and rider he has thrown into the sea." Exodus 14:31b

### ALTAR GUILD

Jackie Uran,  
Ashley Rice  
Barb Schubert

### March Baptism Birthdays

1 Ava Moore	13 Bradley Plummer	18 Samuel Weschmeyer	23 Hannah Wielan
1 Doris Carlin	13 Pamela Plummer	18 Howard Vreeland	23 Eli Umbaugh
7 Don Shumaker	13 Lester Plummer	19 Jamie Sanders	25 DeWayne Esse
11 McKenna Grube	14 Jim Coolman	19 Diana Stiverson	25 Bob Snyder
11 Ty Smith	14 Toni Thomas	20 Ann Deepe	27 Jax Gearig
12 Mike Bever	15 Edwin Clark, Sr.	20 Rodney Missler	27 Carl Chaney
12 Shelly Klopfenstein	15 James Schlosser	20 Anthony Missler	28 Altha Dooley
12 Julie Taylor	16 Trudy Day	20 Mary Beth Smith-Gunn	29 Anthony Gendry
12 Paige Taylor	17 Sarah Eickhoff	22 Beth Snyder	29 Susan Kerr
12 Jeff Whitman	17 Kim Reed	23 Lauren Chaney	30 Lou Mollett
12 Jacob Whitman	18 Ryan Knight	23 Kirsten Wieland	31 Joseph Schuber
			31 Frank Lanus

Budgeted Need \$4,823.25		
2/3 Saturday Worship	43	
2/4 Sunday Worship	64	\$4,151.00
2/10 Saturday Worship	27	
2/11 Sunday Worship	76	\$2,931.30
2/14 Ash Wednesday	72	\$390.00
2/17 Saturday Worship	33	
2/18 Sunday Worship	87	\$2,719.00
2/21 Wed - Lent	40	
2/24 Saturday Worship	32	
2/25 Sunday Worship	82	n/a
2/28 Wed - Lent	n/a	
Avg Attendance Feb 2018	111	
<u>Other Income for February</u>		
Media	10.00	
Pay for Ed Clinker Music	10.00	
parking lot fund	10.00	
Boiler	10.00	
Souper Bowl	118.00	
initial offering	18.00	
building use	400.00	
reimburse cc Puerto Rico	886.38	
memorial	50.00	
funeral dinner	28.00	
TLMM Sausage	28.00	