



# The Trumpet

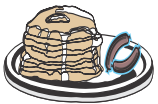
Trinity Lutheran Church  
509 Center Street, Bryan, OH  
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## Pilgrimage Ponderings



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



TLMM 17th Annual  
Pancake & Sausage  
Supper

March 5, 2019 5:00-6:30pm

Ash Wednesday  
March 6, 2019



Daylight Savings  
Time Begins  
March 10th



First Communion  
Class  
March 31, 2019

### Lenten Meals

3/13 Youth - Pizza  
3/27 Quilters / Prayer Shawl  
Soup & Sandwich



March 28, 2019 7:00pm  
Memorial Coliseum, Ft. Wayne

On Sunday, January 6, 2019 at the beginning of the season of Epiphany the entire worshipping congregation of the Williams County ELCA Parish were given Star words. 24 words were prepared, printed on brightly colored card stock, cut out as stars, and distributed to those in attendance at First, Trinity and St. Peter's. The goal was that a random divine intervention would occur as stars were chosen from the basket passed through the congregations' pews. Since that day, and throughout the season of Epiphany, there have been more than a few conversations about the coincidence of the star word and the recipient of any given word. Some folks have admitted skepticism about the word they drew from the basket. Some have reacted with surprise and acceptance of new opportunities which may open as they spend a year with that star word.

I drew my word quite by accident. In looking quickly through the basket, and separating the stars so that they were easy to grab by attendees, I noticed a couple of stars which were missing the year of scripture bible verse: the sticker on the reverse side of the star word, so those 2 stars were blank. I thought, well, I know the verse and don't need it on mine, so I'll take one of those. On the first star I drew was the word, "Guide." Not a word I would have intentionally chosen, so I played the game of second guessing God, and thought, ha, I will take the other star with a blank backside - and guess what, God got the last laugh - the word on the second and only other blank sided star is, "Guide." So, I learn relatively quickly, and decided that must be the word God wants me to live into for 2019.

Not an easy word...but full of leadership implications. It calls to mind the whole notion of trailblazing and a pioneering spirit. It also makes me think of being willing to risk failure and resilience, and that there must be a purpose and a following - after all, a guide has to have a destination and a group which trusts currently or is willing to embark on some sort of adventure or experience in the company of the guide. Compass, and walking stick, and good, sturdy shoes, sunscreen and canteen are accessories for the journey, but we don't move forward without someone willing to help determine the way. Guide...I'm gonna live with that word and anticipate you will tell me how you see it come to life in our midst.

And I trust you will join me in leaning forward with Jesus as the guide of all of us.

*Pastor Mary Beth*

Pastor Mary Beth



# Worship Focus for March

March 2 & 3 Transfiguration of Our Lord

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by the Spirit of God.

March 9 & 10 First Weekend in Lent

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportunity time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

March 16 & 17 Second Weekend in Lent

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

March 23 & 24 Third Weekend in Lent

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

March 30 & 31 Fourth Weekend in Lent

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

Return Service Requested

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# The Trumpet

Trinity Lutheran Church  
March 2019



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# Lent 2019

During the season of Lent we will explore Jesus' Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 5-7. Each week will focus on a specific theme as follows:

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7 p.m. First Lutheran Bryan will host a Service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes, and the theme "Blessed are You." In this service for Ash Wednesday, we remember that we who are poor in spirit, who mourn, and who hunger and thirst for righteousness are called blessed by our Savior. Ash Wednesday reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, Trinity will host the 7 p.m. midweek service with the theme, "Salt & Light." In this service we remember that Christ calls us to be salt and light in this world of sin. We who have tasted and seen his great love for us on the cross can spend our Lent savoring his salvation and shining with his glory and grace in the places where he has put us.

Wednesday, March 20, 2019, First will host the 7 p.m. midweek service with the theme, "Prayer and Fasting." In this service we remember that Lent is a season of prayer and fasting. We grow in our relationship with Christ by communicating with him, and we learn more about him and ourselves by giving up those things that can distract us from our connection to him.

Wednesday, March 27, 2019, Trinity will host the 7 p.m. midweek service with the theme, "Do Not Worry." In this service we recognize that so much of our lives, even in Lent, is spent worrying about what might happen or what has happened. Christ teaches us to stop being anxious, but simply to trust that he knows what is best and will take care of us to the very end.

Wednesday, April 3, 2019, First will host the 7 p.m. service with the theme, "Build on Rock." In this service we recognize that we build our lives on very shaky foundations, and then we are surprised when things start collapsing. Jesus reminds us in his teachings that the only solid foundation is himself, the Rock of our salvation. On him alone we build.

Wednesday, April 10, 2019, Trinity will host the 7 p.m. service with the theme, "Judge Not." In this service we recognize that we live in a very judgmental world, so Jesus' advice not to judge sounds radical to our modern ears. When we leave all judgment up to God, we free ourselves to look at one another through fresh and forgiving eyes.

Services hosted by Trinity will include a meal provided as follows:

Wednesday, March 13 the Trinity Youth will host a Pizza Buffet.

Wednesday, March 27 the Prayer Shawl & Mission Quilters will host a Soup & Sandwich Meal.

Wednesday, April 10 the Relay for Life Team will host a Hot Roast Beef Sundae Supper.

All meals will be provided for a free will offering, and serving will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.



## 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** will be offered on Sunday, March 31, 2019, from 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m., including lunch.

This is for the 3 congregations of the Williams County ELCA Parish, and the location of the class is dependent on participants. All children Kindergarten and older who have not communed are welcome to participate, and at least 1 parent must attend with their child(ren). Signs of readiness include: 1.) an awareness of knowing right from wrong; 2.) an awareness of unconditional love - perhaps most readily received from parents; 3.) how it feels to be included/excluded. Please call the church office to sign-up before March 24 - that is the date on which the location will be determined.



COMMUNITY ADVOCATES FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES &  
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# JUSTIN BATT OF DADDY SATURDAY SATURDAY, MARCH 9 *Bryan, Ohio*



**"FATHERHOOD IS NO LONGER A  
PLAYGROUND, IT IS A  
BATTLEGROUND."**  
- DADDY SATURDAY

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:30-11 AM Book signing at the library in the Carnegie area
- 1-3 PM Daddy Saturday event at YMCA
- 6:30-7 PM Meet & Greet with Justin at the Arts & Education Building. Light refreshments provided.
- 7-8 PM Daddy Saturday program at the Arts & Education Building. Childcare provided.



[www.DaddySaturday.com](http://www.DaddySaturday.com)



## 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. 1 Deut. 5-7    | Mar. 19 Judg. 3-5    |
| Mar. 2 Deut. 8-10   | Mar. 20 Judg. 6-7    |
| Mar. 3 Deut. 11-13  | Mar. 21 Judg. 8-9    |
| Mar. 4 Deut. 14-16  | Mar. 22 Judg. 10-12  |
| Mar. 5 Deut. 17-20  | Mar. 23 Judg. 13-15  |
| Mar. 6 Deut. 21-23  | Mar. 24 Judg. 16-18  |
| Mar. 7 Deut. 24-27  | Mar. 25 Judg. 19-21  |
| Mar. 8 Deut. 28-29  | Mar. 26 Ruth         |
| Mar. 9 Deut. 30-31  | Mar. 27 1 Sam. 1-3   |
| Mar. 10 Deut. 32-34 | Mar. 28 1 Sam. 4-8   |
| Mar. 11 Josh. 1-4   | Mar. 29 1 Sam. 9-12  |
| Mar. 12 Josh. 5-8   | Mar. 30 1 Sam. 13-14 |
| Mar. 13 Josh. 9-11  | Mar. 31 1 Sam. 15-17 |
| Mar. 14 Josh. 12-15 | Apr. 1 1 Sam. 18-20  |
| Mar. 15 Josh. 16-18 | Apr. 2 1 Sam. 21-24  |
| Mar. 16 Josh. 19-21 | Apr. 3 1 Sam. 25-27  |
| Mar. 17 Josh. 22-24 | Apr. 4 1 Sam. 28-31  |
| Mar. 18 Judg. 1-2   | Apr. 5 2 Sam. 1-3    |



March 11, 2019  
5:30 Registration  
6:00 Dinner  
Tickets \$30.00  
Hilton Garden Inn  
5665 Levis Commons Blvd  
Perrysburg, OH 43551

Keynote Speaker:  
**Rev. Kevin Wilson**  
President, Ohio District Lutheran  
Church Missouri Synod

RSVP by March 7, 2019

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## Wise Words

March wind brings changes in the weather and the entering into the season of Lent. Here are a few insights into this holy time in our church year:

Shrove Tuesday marks the end of Epiphany and comes the day before Ash Wednesday. Other names for this day are Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras and Pancake Day. Eating pancakes on this day comes from the belief that we needed to use up butter, eggs, milk, and fat in preparation for fasting during Lent. Don't forget the pancake supper to be held March 5 from 5-7 at Trinity.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season when God calls us to reflect on the meaning of Christ's death and resurrection. The imposition of ashes - when you receive ashes in the sign of the cross on your forehead - sets the tone for Lent. The ashes are a striking reminder that "you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19b). But the cross, a symbol of Jesus' crucifixion, offers hope.

How will you draw closer to God during Lent?

- Be sure to attend Wednesday evening Lenten services where the messages this year will be based on Matthew 5-7, the Sermon on the Mount.
- Write 40 notes of encouragement to 40 friends.
- Take 40 verses from the Bible that mention heart and talk with God about them.
- Study a book during Lent. Read a Lenten devotional.
- Choose someone from our Christian heritage to walk with during Lent. Read about their life. How did they grow closer to God? How did they pray?
- Many people give up something or fast for a period of time during Lent. Sometimes they also donate the money they save from giving up a treat. Don't just fast because you "should," read about the true meaning of fasting. Pray first, then try this practice if you feel called to it. Fast from social media, being critical, or any other negative habit that takes your heart from God.
- Pretzels were a common fasting food among early Christians, and they were traditionally made of flour, water and salt. The shape of the simple food signifies the arms crossed in prayer.
- Listen to Handel's Messiah.

*Jeanie*

Pick a Lenten practice and step into this sacred season of reflection and renewal.



Trinity's Prayer List includes the following who continue to recover from or receive treatment for recent health concerns - Bob Wieland, Evelyn Fox, Sue Bever, Frank Lanius, Steve Sanders, and Andrew Elegeer. If you want to drop a card in the mail to one or more of these folks, please contact the church office for more information.

## T.E.A.M.



Trinity Emergency Assistance for Members (TEAM) is a new fund established by the church council (on February 11, 2019) and the destination of 1/2 of the 2019 Easter Offering. The purpose of the fund is to provide emergency financial assistance, by request and with valid need, to Trinity members. That assistance might help with utilities, rent, medical care, transportation, food or shelter. The council goal is to keep no more than \$1000 in that fund and to administer it internally, and to seek funding when the balance falls below \$250. Additional guidelines for disbursements are currently being established. A possible funding source, recently used for this purpose, are Thrivent Choice Dollars which were directed by Trinity Members for the purpose of assisting one of Trinity's members during a time of employment transition. Your generous support of this cause is appreciated.



# March 2019

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday          | Friday           | Saturday                            |
|---|---|--|---|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |  |   |                   | 1                | 2                                   |
|   |   |  |   |                   | Pastor's Day Off | 6:00pm Worship w/ HC                |
| 3   | 4   | 5  | 6   | 7                 | 8                | 9                                   |
| 9:00am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship w/ HC   | 6:30pm Prayer Shawl Meeting   | Shrove Tuesday<br>5:00pm TLMM<br>Pancake & Sausage Supper<br>7:00pm Dartball-home<br>Emmanuel Napoleon                 | Ash Wednesday<br>7:00pm Worship w/ HC<br>Imposition of Ashes at First Lutheran  |                   | Pastor's Day Off | 6:00pm Worship w/ HC                |
| 10  | 11  | 12   | 13  | 14                | 15               | 16                                  |
| Daylight Savings Time Begins<br>9:00am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship w/ HC<br>Dartball Tournament<br>Wesley Methodist Church                       | 7:00pm Council  | 12:30-4:00pm<br>Mission Quilters   | Youth - Pizza<br>5:30pm Lenten Supper<br>7:00pm Worship   |                   | Pastor's Day Off | 6:00pm Worship w/ HC<br>Supper Club |
| 17  | 18  | 19   | 20  | 21                | 22               | 23                                  |
|  St. Patrick's Day<br>9:00am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship w/ HC |   | Deadline for April Trumpet   |  First Day of Spring<br>5:30pm Midweek Manna<br>7:00pm Worship at First Lutheran |                   | Pastor's Day Off | 6:00pm Worship w/ HC                |
| 24  | 25  | 26   | 27  | 28                | 29               | 30                                  |
| 9:00am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship w/ HC   |  Happy Birthday Doris Geren (83) |  Happy Birthday Thelma Coolman (85) | Quilters / Prayer Shawl<br>Soup & Sandwich<br>5:30pm Lenten Meal<br>7:00pm Worship  | 7:00pm Winter Jam |                  | 6:00pm Worship w/ HC                |
| 31  |   |  |   |                   |                  |                                     |
| 9:10am Choir Practice<br>9:00am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship w/ HC  |   |  |   |                   | Pastor's Day Off |                                     |





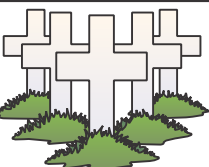
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March brings birthdays for two special people at Trinity. Doris Geren, 01690 St. Rt. 576, turns 83 on the 25th and on the 26th, Thelma Coolman 504 Summer Field Lane, turns 85.

## 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...

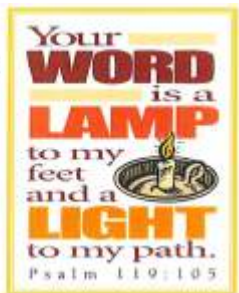
the family of Cameo Fisher with her passing on February 6th. She was 71.

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

## MAUMEE VALLEY CONFERENCE SPRING ASSEMBLY

**MARCH 30, 2019**

Immanuel Lutheran, Deshler  
220 West Elm Street



REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS —8:30 AM

ASSEMBLY BEGINS—9:00

OPENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

ELECTION OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS

PROGRAM—CHERRY STREET MISSION, TOLEDO

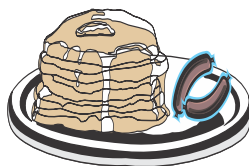
LUNCHEON & FELLOWSHIP

LOVE OFFERING: CHERRY STREET MISSION



REGISTRATION—\$8.00

REGISTRATION DEADLINE—MARCH 11



## TLMM 17th Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper Sausage Sale

Trinity Lutheran Church Men in Mission Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at Trinity. The meal will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. and a free will offering will be received. Sausage, Brookview Farms Whole Hog Sausage, is also for sale for \$6.00/1 ¼ # packages. The meal is served to celebrate the Fat Tuesday (aka Shrove Tuesday) tradition of seeking repentance throughout the season of Lent and receiving forgiveness. All are welcome - invite your friends & neighbors too! Carry-outs will be available. A free will offering will be taken for this meal and the proceeds will go to the Bed Brigade.

# BAPTISM

February 24, 2019

Andrew Jon Crawford Perri

son of Jaclyn Crawford & Michael Perri

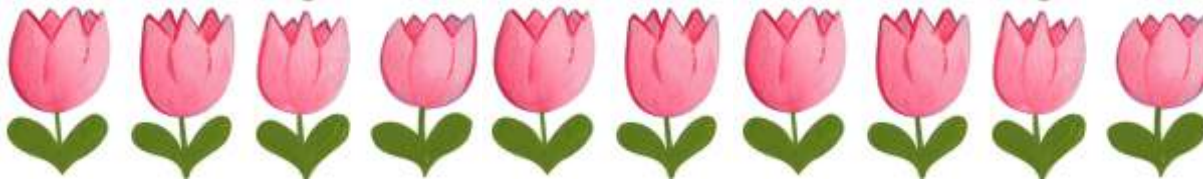
# Thank you

Thank you to our Trinity Lutheran friends and neighbors. I firmly believe there is power in prayer. The truth of that statement was brought home these past few weeks. Many of you know of Bob's suffering and have lifted him and me in prayer into God's healing hands. It's working!!! Daily he is getting stronger. I have received an inner strength that comes only from all of you praying for me. That gives me "HOPE". God has the plan and we are recipients of His plan if only we trust in Him. Again, I say, thank you. Please continue sending up your prayers for healing. Each of us suffers in some way, so pray for all.

Blessings, Bob and Goldie Wieland

## MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

| DATE        | ACOLYTE            | PROJECTION        | SOUND           | USHERS                 | LAY LEADERS        |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| March<br>3  | Sarah<br>Vollmer   | Rhonda<br>Fackler | Henry<br>Burklo | Team 3<br>Floyd Taylor | Lisa<br>Whitman    |
| March<br>10 | Noah<br>Diaz       | Mike<br>Bever     | Jim<br>Helbig   | Team 4<br>Rob Goodlive | Martha<br>Eickhoff |
| March<br>17 | Eyon<br>Frederick  | Buddy<br>Rossow   | Tom<br>Smith    | Team 1<br>Doug Johnson | Barb<br>Arnos      |
| March<br>24 | Rachel<br>Fireovid | Joe<br>Whisler    | Rick<br>Taylor  | Team 2<br>Henry Burklo | Keith<br>Day       |
| March<br>31 | Molly<br>Hess      | Paul<br>Vargo     | Joe<br>Whisler  | Team 3<br>Floyd Taylor | Steve<br>Fireovid  |



| <u>February Attendance &amp; Offerings</u> |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| Date                                       | Attendance | Offering   |
| Budgeted Need \$4,152.91                   |            |            |
| 2/2 Saturday Worship                       | 36         |            |
| 2/3 Sunday Worship                         | 67         | \$6,193.00 |
| 2/9 Saturday Worship                       | 29         |            |
| 2/10 Sunday Worship                        | 98         | \$3,220.00 |
| 2/16 Saturday Worship                      | 29         |            |
| 2/17 Sunday Worship                        | 79         | \$3,138.00 |
| 2/23 Saturday Worship                      | 32         |            |
| 2/24 Sunday Worship                        | 83         | n/a        |
| <br>Avg Attendance February 2019           | <br>113    |            |
| <u>Other Income for February</u>           |            |            |
| Media                                      | 30.00      |            |
| Pay for Ed Clinker Music                   | 30.00      |            |
| parking lot fund                           | 30.00      |            |
| initial offering                           | 14.00      |            |
| Joint Parish - 1st Lutheran                | 1601.04    |            |
| Joint Parish - St. Peters                  | 3302.09    |            |
| world hunger                               | 500.00     |            |

The Easter Offering has been designated by Church Council to start a new fund. TEAM - Trinity Emergency Assistance for Members.



### ALTAR GUILD

Jackie Uran,  
Ashley Rice  
Barb Schubert

### March Baptism Birthdays

|                     |                    |                         |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Ava Moore         | 13 Bradley Plummer | 18 Howard Vreeland      | 23 Eli Umbaugh     |
| 7 Don Shumaker      | 13 Pamela Plummer  | 19 Jamie Sanders        | 25 DeWayne Essex   |
| 11 McKenna Grube    | 13 Lester Plummer  | 19 Diana Stiverson      | 25 Bob Snyder      |
| 11 Ty Smith         | 14 Jim Coolman     | 20 Ann Deepe            | 27 Jax Gearig      |
| 12 Mike Bever       | 15 James Schlosser | 20 Rodney Missler       | 28 Altha Dooley    |
| 12 Julie Taylor     | 16 Trudy Day       | 20 Anthony Missler      | 29 Anthony Gendron |
| 12 Paige Gansmiller | 17 Sarah Eickhoff  | 20 Mary Beth Smith-Gunn | 29 Susan Kerr      |
| 12 Jeff Whitman     | 17 Kim Reed        | 22 Beth Snyder          | 30 Lou Mollett     |
| 12 Jacob Whitman    | 18 Ryan Knight     | 23 Kirsten Wieland      | 31 Joseph Schubert |
|                     |                    | 23 Hannah Wieland       | 31 Frank Lanus     |