

The Trumpet

Guided by
the Holy Spirit,
Trinity Shows & Tells
God's Love in Word & Deed
with ALL!

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Pilgrimage Ponderings

"What's your story?" That's a good way to start a conversation - perhaps better than asking name, vocation, or where you live. It's the way I imagine Jesus started many conversations, the favorite one for my spirit's nurture is found in John 4, in which Jesus finds himself in conversation with a woman who had chosen to draw water from the local well, privately and in the heat of the day, rather than when all the other women would have been at the well. Jesus is at the well when the woman arrives, and since she has the necessary equipment - likely a bucket - to draw water Jesus asks her for a drink. That question sparks a conversation between two unlikely people - a man & a woman, a Jew & a Samaritan, one who offers hope and healing & one in need of both, and that's just scratching the surface. Little by little these 2 people find a common purpose of sharing the restorative message of God's inclusive grace for all people. Check it out for yourself in John 4:1-41.

2023 is the Year of Story for the Northwestern Ohio Synod. Bishop Daniel has encouraged the synod membership to deeply immerse itself into the story of God's love as recorded in the Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. This adventure will be one of discovery and surprise. The authors of the gospels don't all present the same literary picture of Jesus and his ministry, of his birth or his death. Those differences are important because they aid us in understanding that Jesus is more than words can convey, that Jesus is one who desires interaction and exchange with all he meets.

Jesus' story is part of your story too. From the moment of your baptism, when the Holy Spirit was stirred up in you, the story of God's grace began to be written. Your story probably includes all the human plot twists of difficult circumstances, recovery from struggle, and unbelievable - maybe unmerited - joy. That's how God's story intersects our human story.

The 2023 Synod Memory verse is: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8. You might have the same question I had, why this verse with the theme of Story? To which I went, "Duh...!" The Spirit gives us the power to speak the story, to recognize the story as gift and hope and grace...to see in our Story God's Story. Power is exactly what we need, not human power, but God's power through the Holy Spirit.

Over the coming year, don't be surprised if I begin future conversations with you in this way, "What's your story?" I will be certain to follow up your telling with the next, Spirit led question, "What's God's story?" Together we will be the speakers of the story wherever life places us. In Jesus' name! Amen.

Peace be with you. always!

Pastor Mary Beth

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



February 14, 2023
Valentines Day



February 20, 2023

Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023



2022 giving statements
are on the table in the
narthex.

Worship Focus for February

February 4th & 5th Fifth Weekend after Epiphany

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

February 11th & 12th Sixth Weekend after Epiphany

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

February 18th & 19th Transfiguration of Our Lord

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

February 25 & 26 First Weekend in Lent

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.



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The Trumpet
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The month of February brings birthdays for three of our Trinity members...

On the 2nd Marilyn Feather, 830 Rivers Edge Lane, Painesville, OH 44077 will celebrate her 83rd birthday. Celebrating his 92nd on the 20th is Don Collins, 06586 St. Rt. 15, Defiance 43512 and Doris Peak, 06195 Co. Rd. 13, celebrates her 81st birthday on the 22nd. God's blessing to the three of you.



FIGHT HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY February 12, 2023

The Souper Bowl of Caring is the result of thousands of young people joining together to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. We will again participate in this worthwhile program that since 1990 has raised millions of dollars for hunger programs around the United States. On February 12th, Souper Bowl Sunday, we ask that you drop \$1.00 (more if you wish) in the soup kettle at the back of the sanctuary. Everything collected will go to the First Lutheran Church Food Pantry.

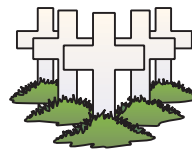
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Friends in Christ, Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$1,000.00. Trinity and its predecessor seminaries have been providing theological education in Ohio since 1830. Your gift supports the seminary's ongoing mission of forming leaders for Christ's church at work in the world. Gratefully, Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University

Trinity Lutheran Church, Please accept our thanks for the generous donation made by the people of Trinity. Grace & Peace, Lutheran World Relief

Thank You to the Schlade Family, especially Carrie, Emma and Eli, for sharing the gift of music with the offering of "Do You Hear What I Hear?" at Trinity's Candlelight Christmas Eve worship service. The congregation was deeply blessed!

Thank you to Jackie Uran, Peg Vermillion, Joe Whisler, Henry Burklo, Steve Krill, Rhonda Fackler and Pastor Mary Beth who joined forces to undecorate the church following the Christmas season.



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

Ellen Noneman with the passing of her husband, Tom Noneman on November 5th. Tom was in Harbor Springs, Michigan and was 82 years old.

Arlene Dahl and Lou & Donna Witte with the passing of their brother / step-brother, Pete Meyer on December 16th. Pete lived in Hamler and was 85 years old.

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

**Please remember our shut-ins with prayers,
notes, cards, etc. They really enjoy hearing
from you.**



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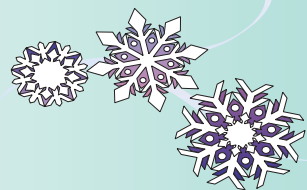
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Due to supply chain issues and production problems our 2023 offering envelopes have still not arrived. The company we order from are hoping to ship by the end of January.

February 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  Happy Birthday Marilyn Feather (83)	2	3	4
			4:00pm Bell Choir Practice			6:00pm Worship w/ HC
5 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	6	7	8 4:00pm Bell Choir Practice	9 Loaves & Fishes	10	11 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
12 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC 	13 6:30pm Finance 7:00pm Council	14  Happy Valentine's Day	15 4:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Catechism - Edon	16	17	18 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
19 9:00am Sunday School at Trinity 10:30am Worship w/ HC at First Lutheran Church	20  Happy Birthday Don Collins (92)  Mom's B-day	21 12:30pm Mission Quilters Deadline for March Trumpet	22  Happy Birthday Doris Peak (81) Ash Wednesday  4:00pm Bell Choir Practice	23	24	25 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
26 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	27	28				

January Attendance & Financials

Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$3,707.00		
1/1/2023 Sun Worship	30	\$3,563.00
1/7/2023 Sat Worship	13	
1/8/2023 Sun Worship	49	\$2,519.00
1/14/2023 Sat Worship	25	
1/15/2023 Sun Worship	42	\$2,035.00
1/21/2023 Sat Worship	20	
1/22/2023 Sun Worship	33	n/a
1/28/2023 Sat Worship	n/a	
1/29/2023 Sun Worship	n/a	n/a

Avg Attendance Jan 2023

roof fund	100.00
Joint Parish - First	1813.81
Joint Parish - St. Peters	3926.35
foundation	90.00
Christmas	150.00
building use	375.00

February Assignments

DATE PROJECTION SOUND ACOLYTE
WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Feb	Rhonda	Lisa	Tom
5	Fackler	Whitman	Smith

Feb	Jeff	Martha	Henry
12	Gunn	Eickhoff	Burklo

Feb	Worship Service at First Lutheran Church		
19			

Feb	Buddy	Joe	Rick
26	Rossow	Whisler	Taylor

February Scripture Verse

February Memory verse: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8



Bryan Congregations to Share Monthly Sunday Service

At the Annual Congregational Meetings of Trinity, Bryan and First, Bryan, held on Sunday, January 22, 2023, the recommendation to share a monthly Sunday service was approved by each congregation. Monthly shared services will be held at 10:30am as follows: Sunday, February 19, 2023 at First Lutheran; March 19, 2023 at Trinity; April 16, 2023 at First; May 21, 2023 at Trinity; June 18, 2023 at First; July 16, 2023 at Trinity. The arrangements will be re-evaluated for success or further adjustments at the 6 month mark. Also evaluated will be the impact on Pastor Mary Beth's well-being following the reduction of her responsibilities by 1 service per month.



Prayer Quote

If you are too busy to pray, you are busier than God wants you to be.
Wanda E. Brunstetter

Altar Guild

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February Baptism Birthdays

7	Barbara Gorrell	14	Madison Klinepeter
7	Donna Johnson	21	Spencer Hastedt
7	Ron Kerr	21	Noah Diaz
11	Eli Kelley-Love	21	Alex Diaz
14	Jacqueline Kelley	23	Elizabeth Diaz
		29	Marilyn Feather



We will gather to begin our observation of the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday Worship. Our Lenten Midweek services will be held on Wednesdays, at 7 p.m., at St. Peter's, Edon and alternating between Trinity & First in Bryan each week. The schedule for Ash Wednesday is:

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023 - Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion
 Noon at First Lutheran, Bryan
 7 p.m. St. Peter's, Edon
 7 p.m. Trinity, Bryan

"Thy Will Be Done" is the theme for Midweek Lenten Worship, and the congregation will hear from figures throughout the history of God's people who struggled with God's will, and who have a thing or two to teach us as we seek to know and to do God's will.

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 - Midweek Lenten Worship at 7 p.m. at First, Bryan and St. Peter's, Edon

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 - Midweek Lenten Worship at 7 p.m. at Trinity, Bryan and St. Peter's, Edon

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 - Midweek Lenten Worship at 7 p.m. at First, Bryan and St. Peter's, Edon

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 - Midweek Lenten Worship at 7 p.m. at Trinity, Bryan and St. Peter's, Edon

Take 5 for Faith

5 Minutes - 5 Steps - Everyday

For 2023 we have, most days, more than one reading, but all are similar in story but different in author. Nevertheless, the process is the same:

Share your ups & downs of the day.

Read the suggested Bible passages.

Reflect on the scripture story, its meaning for you and our world.

Pray for family, friends, the church & world.

Bless yourself & others.

Feb 1 - Mark 1:15; Matt. 4:13-17; Luke 4:15; John 4:43-45

Feb 2 - Mark 6:1-6; Matt. 13:54-58; Luke 4:16-30

Feb 3 - Mark 1:16-20; Matt. 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-51

Feb 4 - Mark 1:21-22; Luke 4:31-32:31

Feb 5 - Mark 1:23-28; Luke 4:33-37

Feb 6 - Mark 1:29-31; Matt. 8:14-15; Luke 4:38-39

Feb 7 - Mark 1:32-34; Matt. 8:16-17; Luke 4:40-41

Feb 8 - Mark 1:35-38; Luke 4:42-43

Feb 9 - Mark 1:39; Matt. 4:23; Luke 4:44

Feb 10 - Mark 1:40-45; Matt. 8:1-4; Luke 5:12-16

Feb 11 - Mark 2:1-12; Matt. 9:2-8; Luke 5:17-26

Feb 12 - Mark 2:13-17; Matt. 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32

Feb 13 - Mark 2:18-22; Matt. 9:14-17; Luke 5:33-39

Feb 14 - Mark 2:23-28; Matt. 12:1-8; Luke 6:1-5

Feb 15 - Mark 3:1-6; Matt. 12:9-14; Luke 6:6-11

Feb 16 - Mark 3:7-12; Matt. 12:15-16; Luke 6:17-19

Feb 17 - Mark 3:13-19; Matt. 10:1-4; Luke 6:12-16

Feb 18 - Matt. 4:24-5:2; Luke 6:17-19

Feb 19 - Matt. 5:3-12; Luke 6:20-23

Feb 20 - Matt. 5:13; Mark 9:49-50; Luke 14:34-35

Feb 21 - Matt. 5:14-16; Mark 4:21; Luke 8:16; John 8:12

Feb 22 - Matt. 5:17-20; Mark 13:31; Luke 16:16-17

Feb 23 - Matt. 5:21-26; Luke 12:57-59

Feb 24 - Matt. 5:27-32; Mark 9:43-49; Luke 16:18

Feb 25 - Matt. 5:33-37

Feb 26 - Matt. 5:38-42; Luke 6:29-31

Feb 27 - Matt. 5:43-48; Luke 6:27-28, 32-36

Feb 28 - Matt. 6:1-4

Mar 1 - Matt. 6:5-6

Mar 2 - Matt. 6:7-15; Mark 11:25; Luke 11:1-4

Mar 3 - Matt. 6:16-18

Mar 4 - Matt. 6:19-21; Luke 12:33-34

Mar 5 - Matt. 6:22; Luke 11:34-36

Wise Words

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb 22. On this day, we mark our foreheads with repentance and turn our hearts and minds toward Good Friday. Then we can celebrate with full gusto on Easter Sunday.



Ever wonder about Ash Wednesday? Here are five quick facts about this day:

1. On Ash Wednesday, we worship together and receive ashes on our foreheads in the sign of the cross. The blessing typically brings the reminder that we all come from ashes, and to ashes we all will return.
2. The marking of the forehead has been a known custom since Pope Gregory the Great in 604. It has been said to have a two-fold purpose, one being the ashes were marked for humility and mortality and then also for sorrow and repentance. In the 12th century the rule developed that the ashes were to be created by burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday.
3. The custom of repenting with ashes was not an original Christian act, as the earliest Jews often sat on the ground in the rubble of ashes and spread it over themselves in order to express their sorrow for their poor deeds for the world.
4. Ash Wednesday is a movable feast falling on different dates each year depending on the date of Easter.
5. The day before is called Shrove Tuesday. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up, so Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs, which were forbidden during Lent. The name Shrove comes from the old word "shrive" which means to confess. On Shrove Tuesday, in the Middle Ages, people used to confess their sins so that they were forgiven before the season of Lent began.

Here are few quotes to ponder about Lent and Ash Wednesday:

"The real question of the Lenten season is how will I clear out the junk and garbage in my life so that I can be restored to God in some fresh way? What are the disciplines that will open up space for God to create a clean heart and new spirit in me?" Ruth Haley Barton

"We are not converted only once in our lives but many times, and this endless series of large and small conversions, inner revolutions, leads to our transformation in Christ." Thomas Merton

"Lord Jesus, You are my righteousness, I am your sin. You took on you what was mine; yet set on me what was yours. You became what you were not, that I might become what I was not. Martin Luther

Lent a spring-cleaning time for the soul. As I prepared to enter this season, I am seeking to let go of obstacles that block me from God and to renew my spirit by bathing in His light and spirit.

How will you refresh your spirit during this season?

Jeanie



REMINDER: Trinity's Weather Cancellation/Closure Policy is that if Williams County or the City of Bryan are on a Level 1 Travel Advisory, programing at the church will continue as planned with the exception of the Saturday evening worship service. Those who are expected to attend committee meetings, catechism classes, rehearsals, etc. should do so at their discretion. **Saturday evening worship, for the sake of the general congregation which usually attends, will be cancelled under a Level 1 Travel Advisory.** Level 2 Travel Advisory acknowledges road conditions that could be hazardous to all travelers, so at a Level 2, **ALL ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH are CANCELLED INCLUDING SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Level 3 Travel Advisory allows only emergency personnel to be on the roads, therefore, the church will be closed.

To see or hear about closures, watch any of the major Toledo television stations, (Channel 11, 13 and 24,) Fort Wayne's Channel 15, or listen to WBCL, WBNO, WLZZ radio stations. Pastor Mary Beth tries to get that information posted and broadcast as soon as a decision is made regarding weather related church cancellations or closure.