

# The Trumpet

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## Pilgrimage Ponderings



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

### **Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule**

Mar 1, 15 & 29, 7:00pm  
Trinity & St. Peter's

Mar 8, & 22, 7:00pm  
First & St. Peter's

Daylight Savings  
Time Begins  
March 12th



St. Patrick's Day  
March 17, 2023

First Day of Spring  
March 20, 2023



2022 giving statements  
are on the table in the  
narthex.

Throughout the history of the Christian church many believers have been encouraged to "give up" something during the season of Lent. Recently that encouragement, as a spiritual discipline, has shifted toward an encouragement to "take on something more." For instance, many followers of Jesus give up various indulgent practices during the 40 days of Lent - beer, chocolate, video games, shopping for non-essentials, etc. That shift, for recent practice of taking on something more, might include the likes of visiting shut-ins, participating in a Bible study, intentional exercise, etc. As I considered my Lenten discipline for this year, I ran across this list of suggestions which I think worthy of consideration. Maybe you will be inspired to consider it as a guide for your own Lenten observance. Lent runs the entire month of March (plus a bit of February and early April.) Small steps can lead to significant growth in faith and witness to God's grace.

### What to Give Up:

- Give up complaining - focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism - become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgements - think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry - trust God's providence.
- Give up discouragement - be filled with hope.
- Give up bitterness - turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred - return good for evil.
- Give up negativism - be positive.
- Give up anger - be more patient.
- Give up pettiness - become mature.
- Give up gloom - enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy - pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping - control your tongue.
- Give up sin - turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up - hang in there!

- Anonymous

Hope to see you in worship and share the journey with Jesus during this season of Lent!

*Pastor Mary Beth*

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## Worship Focus for March

### March 4 & 5 Second Weekend in Lent

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are a given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

### March 11 & 12 Third Weekend in Lent

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

### March 18 & 19 Fourth Weekend in Lent

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

### March 25 & 26 Fifth Weekend in Lent

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

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**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 2 to teach us as we seek to know and to do God's will.

Wed, March 1 - St. Peter's, Edon at 7 p.m. "God's Will and My Inadequacy" with Moses, portrayed by Dave Schumm

Wed, March 1 - Trinity Lutheran, Bryan at 7 p.m. "God's Will and My Dreams" with Nathan, portrayed by Tim Foster

Wed, March 8 - St. Peter's, Edon at 7 p.m. "God's Will and My Dreams" with Nathan, portrayed by Tim Foster

Wed, March 8 - First Lutheran, Bryan at 7 p.m. "God's Will and My Inadequacy" with Moses, portrayed by Dave Schumm

Wed, March 15 - St. Peter's, Edon at 7 p.m. "God's Will and My Response" with Mary, portrayed by Trudy Day

Wed, March 15 - Trinity, Bryan at 7 p.m. "God's Will and My Worldview" with Paul, portrayed by Keith Day

Wed, March 22 - St. Peter's, Edon at 7 p.m. "God's Will and My Worldview" with Paul, portrayed by Keith Day

Wed, March 22 - First, Bryan at 7 p.m. "God's Will and My Identity" with Lydia, portrayed by Ruth Soto

Wed, March 29 - St. Peter's, Edon at 7 p.m. "God's Will and My Identity" with Lydia, portrayed by Ruth Soto

Wed, March 29 - Trinity, Bryan at 7 p.m. "God's Will and My Response" with Mary, portrayed by Trudy Day

Plan to attend the service at the time and location which fits your schedule best.

## Season of Lent Word Search

PALM SUNDAY  
CRUCIFIX  
PETER  
CROSS  
PONTIUS PILATE  
INRI  
APOSTLES  
LENT  
BARABBAS  
JERUSALEM  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
PENTECOST  
GETHSEMANE  
JESUS  
TOMB  
GOD  
WINE  
MARY MAGDALENE  
EASTER  
GOOD FRIDAY  
RESURRECTION  
EUCCHARIST  
LAST SUPPER  
JUDAS  
CHRISTIANITY

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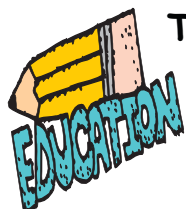
**The Monthly Ebenezer**  
When you're down to your last mustard seed, try worship.  
Ebenezer Stone



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March brings birthdays for six special people at Trinity. A couple of new octogenarians to the group are Jean Goodlive, 177 Lakeside Circle, who turns 80 on the 2nd and Mary Ann

Taylor, 15619 Scott Road, Ney, OH 43549 who turns 80 on the 4th. We continue with Doug Johnson, 1107 Fairlawn Drive, who turns 81 on the 5th and Tom Baird, 708 Noble Drive, will be 82 on the 10th. On March 14th Henry Burklo, 100 Sycamore Lane, will be 81 and on the 25th Doris Geren, 01690 St. Rt. 576, turns 87. We wish you all God's blessings.



## 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.

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



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Marion Rickenberg  
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## Easter Lilies

Due to the price increases of Spring bulb plants we will be going a more traditional route and have ordered 15 Easter Lilies to decorate the church on Easter weekend. If you would like to purchase one, please see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex. The cost is \$21 each. 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.



We have cancelled our order of our 2023 offering envelopes with the original company and

placed a new order with a different company. They are printing them now and should ship them within the next week or two. We are so sorry for this inconvenience.



## Annual Meeting of the Lutheran Ministries of Mercy

March 13, 2023  
Doors Open - 5:30 PM  
Meeting Begins - 6:30 PM

The Pinnacle  
1772 Indian Wood Circle  
Maumee, OH 43537

**Tickets: \$30**

Hearty grazing, dessert and beverage stations  
Clergy admitted free

For questions, contact Karen Shaffer (419-972-4394) or [kshaffe@lutherhome.org](mailto:kshaffe@lutherhome.org)



## FIGHTING HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY

As a result of Trinity's Souper Bowl of Caring collection, on February 12th, to fight hunger and poverty in our community, we are thankful and pleased to announce we are sending a check to the First Lutheran Food Pantry for \$95.10. Thank you very much for your generosity.





## Wise Words

Are you a reader? I love books and am usually reading more than one at a time. Reading feeds both my mind and my soul. I keep both Amazon and the Williams County Public Library quite busy. This month I am sharing with you what I am reading currently or recently read.

1. Lent and Easter Wisdom from Henri Nouwen - 40 daily reflections by my favorite author. This will be my devotional for Lent.
2. Dearest Sister Wendy - by Robert Ellsberg. You may have known Sister Wendy from her art appreciation show on PBS. This book shares several years of fascinating emails between her and the author discussing and debating different faith and life issues.
3. The Anthropocene Reviewed by John Green - I have never heard of this strange word before but it simply refers to the era of human life on earth and how humans influence life and what influences humans. This book contains thought-provoking essays about different universal themes with the authors personal insights. A different type of reading for me.
4. Soundtracks - Jon Acuff - Love this book full of easy to remember phrases to combat all the negative self-talk that fills our minds and hearts. What new "soundtracks" do you need this year?
5. Any book by Evelyn Underhill - She is the "Spiritual Master" I am studying this year. We can grow and learn so much from other people's journey and faith walks.
6. Daily Poetry - online each day from Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer. Two books I keep handy: Season of your Heart by Macrina Wiederkehr and Mary Oliver's Devotion. Breathing in the beauty of a poem each day begins each day on the right note. Here is a sample from Rosemerry:

A fireplace is made for flame.  
Even when dark, empty, cold,  
its purpose is unchanging.

It was made for flare, for flicker,  
for blaze, for light; it was made  
to cast warmth, to hold glow.

The soul is a kind of fireplace.  
Love itself the flame.

Even in our chilliest hour,  
it's clear what are made for.

When we read or listen to audio books, we expand our mind helping us to stay more open to God's shaping of our lives. How is God transforming you in 2023?

*Jeanie*



Trinity will celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism for Madison Klinepeter on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Madison is the daughter of Eric & Evelyn and a 7th grader at Bryan Middle School. Madison participates in orchestra, art and honors classes. Her household includes a dog, cat, and someday she hopes a bird will join the family's menagerie! Madison's catechism mentor is Julie Taylor.



## Potluck & Game Day

Trinity will host a potluck after our combined service with First Lutheran on March 19th. Please plan to stay after the service for the meal and then play some games or cards, etc. and enjoy fellowship with friends. A signup sheet is on the table in the back of the sanctuary for side dishes, salads and desserts.

## 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.

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

Mar 6 - Matt. 6:24; Luke 16:13

Mar 7 - Matt. 6:25-34; Luke 12:22-32

Mar 8 - Matt. 7:1-5; Luke 6:37-42

Mar 9 - Matt. 7:6

Mar 10 - Matt. 7:7-11; Luke 11:9-13

Mar 11 - Matt. 7:12; Luke 6:31

Mar 12 - Matt. 7:13-14; Luke 13:22-30

Mar 13 - Matt. 7:15-20; Luke 6:43-45

Mar 14 - Matt. 7:21-23; Luke 13:26-27

Mar 15 - Matt. 7:24-27; Luke 6:46-49

Mar 16 - Matt. 7:28-29

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

Mar 18 - Luke 6:20-23; Matt. 5:3-12

Mar 19 - Luke 6:24-26

Mar 20 - Luke 6:27-36; Matt. 5:43-48

Mar 21 - Luke 6:37-42; Matt. 7:1-5

Mar 22 - Luke 6:43-45; Matt. 7:15-20

Mar 23 - Luke 6:46-49; Matt. 7:24-27

Mar 24 - Matt. 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16

Mar 25 - Matt. 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10

Mar 26 - Luke 7:11-17

Mar 27 - Matt. 8:14-15; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39

Mar 28 - Matt. 8:16-17; Mark 1:32-34; Luke 4:40-41

Mar 29 - Matt. 8:18-22; Luke 9:57-62

Mar 30 - Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

Mar 31 - Matt. 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39

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

April 2 - Matt. 21

April 3 - Matt. 22-23

April 4 - Matt. 24

April 5 - Matt. 25

*Thank you*

Dear Trinity Gals (Loaves & Fishes),

Thank you once again for the delicious meals you make for us every month. We especially liked the hot chocolate snowmen - so clever! You will all be blessed for your kindness. Joann Ebbert, Myrna Tuttle, Doris Geren, Ed & Linda Hulbert, Floyd & Mary Ann Taylor, Suzanne & Gay Powell, Pastor Proctor & Duane, Donna & Lou Witte, Ken & Kathy Moog and Marion Rickenberg

A big thank you for the many cards, prayers and the concerns shown to me during my recent surgery and recovery. It means so much to have such a caring Trinity family. Mary Ann Taylor



### **Snowman Soup Construction Crew members - aka Catechism students**

Hard at work making the February Birthday Party Favors for the Williams County (Bryan) Senior Center Luncheon. Fun for all and warm wishes shared!!

## MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

DATE PROJECTION SOUND ACOLYTE  
WORSHIP ASSISTANT

March	Mike	Steve	Jim
5	Bever	Fireovid	Hitchcock

March	Joe	Jason	Rick
12	Whisler	Johnston	Taylor

March	Rhonda	Keith	Joe
19	Fackler	Day	Whisler

March	Jeff	Lisa	Tom
26	Gunn	Whitman	Smith

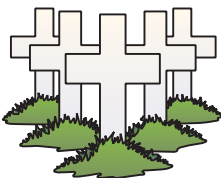
## March Baptism Birthdays

1 Ava Moore	19 Jamie Sanders
12 Mike Bever	19 Diana Stiverson
12 Julie Taylor	20 Rodney Missler
12 Paige Gansmiller	20 Mary Beth Smith-Gunn
12 Jeff Whitman	22 Beth Snyder
12 Jacob Whitman	23 Kirsten Wieland
13 Bradley Plummer	23 Hannah Wieland
13 Pamela Plummer	23 Eli Umbaugh
13 Lester Plummer	25 DeWayne Essex
15 James Schlosser	25 Bob Snyder
16 Trudy Day	27 Jax Gearig
17 Sarah Hartman	28 Altha Dooley
17 Kim Reed	31 Joseph Schubert
18 Howard Vreeland	

## February Attendance & Offerings

Date Attendance Offering  
Budgeted Need \$3,707.00

2/4/2023 Sat Worship	17	
2/5/2023 Sun Worship	42	\$3,603.50
2/11/2023 Sat Worship	23	
2/12/2023 Sun Worship	45	\$2,192.00
2/18/2023 Sat Worship	22	
2/19/2023 Sun Worship	39	\$1,222.00
2/25/2028 Sat Worship	boiler issues	
2/26/2028 Sun Worship	canceled 16	n/a
<b>Avg Attendance Feb 2023</b>	<b>51</b>	
souper bowl	95.10	
roof fund	125.00	
Joint Parish - St. Peters	3442.81	
Lutheran Disaster Response	300.00	
building use	1000.00	



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

Karen Gallagher with the passing of her mother, Mary Kampe on January 29th. She was 96.

The Dolores Franzdorf family with her passing on February 5th. She was 81.

Jeff Gunn & Pastor Mary Beth with the passing of Jeff's mother, Darlene "Dee" Gunn on February 19th. She was 86.

The Jeff Whitman family with the passing of Jeff's father, Tom Whitman on February 23rd. He was 78.

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



## March Scripture Verse

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.  
Ephesians 5:8-9



## Prayer Quote

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference". Max Lucado





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00pm Lenten service at Trinity & St. Peter's	Happy Birthday 2 Jean Goodlive (80)		Happy Birthday 4 Mary Ann Taylor (80) 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
Happy Birthday 5 Doug Johnson (81) 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	6	7 7:00pm Dartball away Napoleon	8 7:00pm Lenten service at First & St. Peter's	9 Loaves & Fishes	Happy Birthday 10 Tom Baird (82)	11 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
Daylight Savings 12 Time Begins 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC 2:00pm Dartball Tournament Napoleon	13 6:30pm Finance 7:00pm Council	Happy Birthday 14 Henry Burklo (81) 12:30pm Mission Quilters	15 7:00pm Lenten service at Trinity & St. Peter's	16	St. Patrick's Day 17	18 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
19 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Combined Worship Service at TLC potluck & gameday	20 First Day of Spring	21 Deadline for April Trumpet	22 7:00pm Lenten service at First & St. Peter's	23	24	Happy Birthday 25 Doris Geren (87) 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
26 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	27	28	29 7:00pm Lenten service at Trinity & St. Peter's	30	31	