



**TRINITY**  
METHODIST CHURCH

# *The Lenten Season*

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

## ***EASTER SERVICES SCHEDULE***

### ***Good Friday***

Friday, April 3  
7:00PM | Sanctuary

This service of Tenebrae, or "Darkness" is based on a Twelfth-century night service and is a time of meditation on the passion of Christ.

This time of meditation will include special music and the gradual extinguishing of candles to total darkness.

This service serves to bring us into a time of prayer in preparation for Easter morning.

### **Sunrise Service**

Outdoor Worship | 6:30AM

### **Traditional Service**

Sanctuary | 9:00AM

### **Contemporary Service**

Trinity Center | 11:00AM

### ***Easter Sunday***

Sunday, April 5

# TRINITY OUTREACH

## WE HAVE SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE!

We had a unique call from Ruston Elementary to help the children stay warm during the ice storm. The children needed hats and gloves and oh boy did y'all respond! Every child they were concerned for received what they needed. We collected so much that every child in the school received something. This was unexpected request, something we hadn't budgeted for, but my favorite response when someone delivered their donations was, "I'm proud of my church, this is something we should be doing." I couldn't agree more!



Souper Bowl of Caring Celebration! Christian Community Action has been a part of this national collection campaign for over 10 years.



We collect cans of chunky soup as they are considered a full meal each. Trinity collected 249 cans and \$1,226. Amazing!

## RES Lunch

Our baked potato and salad bar was a hit! Trinity provided potatoes and meat for the more than 65 faculty and staff. Thank you to those who helped bring the "fixins" and desserts! The teachers were so thrilled!

SR. ADULTS  
**Lunch & Games**  
April 10, 11:30am  
Fellowship Hall  
Come for lunch,  
stay for the  
fellowship!



**Marie K. Burns, LMSW**  
Director of Missional Discipleship  
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## Foster Care Families

March Missions at Trinity are all about supporting our foster care families! We want to let those families know that we are here for them. First, we will have a Foster Parents Night Out on March 21, 6-9 pm with a short training beginning at 5:15. Our community foster parents work hard, this is a small way we can offer our thanks and a little rest. Plus, the kids have so much fun! Sign up to help on the HUB today!

We have some in our congregation who are feeling the tug towards becoming foster parents but worry they would be in it alone. That is why Beth Hegab has started a small group for supporting these families with a faith-based curriculum. We will also be reaching out to our small groups and Sunday School classes to see if any of you would like to come alongside one of these foster families with a little extra TLC each month. You could offer to help run errands, drop off a meal, or help out in other little ways. If you have questions or would like to dip your toe in the waters of foster care, contact Beth Hegab at [bhegab@latech.edu](mailto:bhegab@latech.edu). If you, your Sunday School class, or small group would like to volunteer to support a foster family, contact Marie Burns.

## Finally, our Mission Prayer Focus for March is Foster Care Families! Prayer focus includes:

- For the children in foster care that they would come to know Jesus as their Father who loves them.
- For the foster care parents, that they would love these children well.
- For our partner, Family Village, that God would guide and use them for his purposes.
- For our Foster Parent Night Out events, that they would provide respite for the parents and a joyful time to the kids and volunteers alike.
- That DCFS, CASA, and all others working for the state will make the best decisions possible for these children.
- That the biological families of the foster children would be able to make the changes needed to have their children returned to their care.

# TRINITY ADULT

**Tonight** at 5:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your family for dinner, some fun family time, and to hear from The Heard Family.

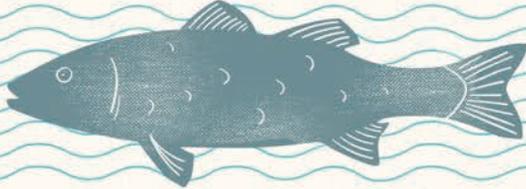


## Fellowship Meal

Our last dinner until next fall is Wednesday, March 4 at 5:00PM. We will be serving chili, crackers, cornbread, salad, and chocolate cake.



*Trinity Men's*  
**FISH FRY**



**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**  
6:00PM | Church Pavillion

*Bring any fish you would like to contribute to the fry!*



**Becky Clark**  
Teaching Pastor  
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# TRINITY YOUTH

March offers several opportunities for YOU and our youth to connect!

We are excited to host **Worship for WOC**, a concert open to family, friends, and church family. The concert is free of charge but donations in the form of a love offering are greatly appreciated. The concert will take place on Sunday, March 22 at 6:00PM in the Youth Area. This is a great time for you to come see how gifted these youth are and experience their joy for the Lord.

On Thursday, April 2, at 6:00PM there will be a **Seder Meal** in the gym. The meal is open for anyone to attend. We encourage you to come celebrate this Holy moment with us!

A Youth-led **Easter Sunrise Service** will take place at the outdoor chapel weather permitting, on April 5 at 6:30AM with breakfast to follow. If weather does not allow for us to be outside, we will share an alternate location closer to time.

During these times of connection, be sure and ask about the Revive Mission trip that some of our students attended in February. We would love to tell you about how the Lord is working and moving in our lives.

Stay tuned for more updates!

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**Director of Youth Ministry**  
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**Six Flags**

**JR. HIGH  
YOUTH TRIP  
MARCH 7**



**CLICK HERE  
TO SIGN UP**

## MARCH EVENTS

**THE SHEAUX**

**MARCH 10**

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# TRINITYKIDS

**Lent Service Project**

## HOPE SHOPPE COLLECTION

♥ Helping Babies & Families in Need ♥

Trinity Kids are collecting items for Life Choices' Hope Shoppe this Lent!

**MOST NEEDED ITEMS:**

- Size 3 Diapers (Luvs, Pampers, or Huggies)
- Size 4 Diapers (Luvs, Pampers, or Huggies)
- Size 5 Diapers (Luvs, Pampers, or Huggies)
- Aveeno Baby Wash
- Aveeno Lotion
- Aquaphor Ointment
- Diaper Wipes
- Tenot Diaper Bag

**WIN A DONUT PARTY!**

The class that collects the most donations will win a **Donut Party!**

Thank you for sharing kindness this Lent!

TRINITY KIDS

## PAJAMA DAY

Sunday • March 8

Daylight Savings Time  
Spring Forward - Set your clocks one hour.

Wear your favorite pajamas to church and join us for a cozy morning together!

## SPRING BREAK OPEN GYM

March 13  
10:00 - 11:30

## PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29

Children Will Process In with Palm Leaves at the Beginning of the Service They Attend.

For Traditional Service, children should meet in the back of the sanctuary.

For the Contemporary Service, children should meet in the back hall of the Trinity Center.

**MARCH MEMORY VERSE**

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

John 15:13



**Katie Clark**  
**Director of Children's Ministry**  
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## Trinity Kids Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 29th  
at noon

**Fellowship Hall**

Light Lunch Provided

## Volunteer For RAINFOREST FALLS VBS!

June 1st-5th  
9am - Noon

# CLUB NINE 3 *UPDATE*

Club Nine 3 Sunday school is learning how Jesus chose his disciples and us and came back to life this month from the books of Luke and John.

Our Clubhouse and Art classes will be learning about Jesus' miracles and healings this month. Our Clubhouse is also focusing on learning housekeeping skills again this month to serve our Trinity Youth. Thank you, Trinity Youth for your loving help with our Art classes!

At this time, we need adult and teen volunteers to help with our programs. If you want to see God moving, come visit with us! Miracles are happening in our Clubhouse! Please see the signs in the Clubhouse to sign up to attend or volunteer or ask Felicia Dunbar for more details!

**Felicia Dunbar**  
**Special Needs Coordinator**  
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# TRINITY CELEBRATES OUR NEW MEMBER FROM FEBRUARY!



## Austin Shanely

Austin is an intern for Awakening Collegiate Fellowship at Louisiana Tech University. He recently has felt the call to ministry! Please welcome him when you see him!

# A SAFE PLACE TO TALK, HEAL AND BE HEARD

Many of us carry worries, fears, grief, or questions that we quickly tuck away, unsure of where to turn. If you've ever thought, "I don't know if counseling is for me," you are not alone. Sometimes the hardest step is simply starting the conversation. Our church is blessed to have a Christian counselor, Lee Ann Toliver, MCC, on staff.

She offers a confidential, grace-filled space for anyone who needs support or guidance. Whether you're navigating stress, relationships, loss, or simply feeling overwhelmed, she is here to walk with you at your own pace, judgement free. Each session is private, confidential, compassionate, and rooted in faith. If you've been hesitant, consider this a gentle invitation. You don't have to carry burdens alone. To schedule a time or ask questions, contact Lee Ann Toliver.



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