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### The Greatest of These is Love ~Rev. Michael J. Roth

Each month is known for its own thing, often associated with a particular holiday. In December we think of Christmas. In July we think of Independence Day. Of course, in February, we think of Valentines Day. When we think of Valentines Day, we think of love. Love is such a big topic and one that can go in many different directions. Some directions are good, others are not.

While the world might think of romanticism when thinking of Valentines Day and love, we might instead think of a more biblical foundation for Valentines Day and its associated love. The person after whom the day was named, was a 3rd century pastor in Rome, by the name of Valentinus, who was martyred for the faith. His primary offense, in the eyes of the Roman government, was performing religious wedding ceremonies for Roman soldiers and ministering to the persecuted Christians in the city. He was recognized in the early church because of his faithfulness to God, his love for his fellow believers, and his willingness to give his life confessing Christ.

If we are to consider the love in the life of Valentinus we must first begin, where it begins also with us. The Bible says, "We love because he first loved us (1 Jn. 4:19)." It was God's love for him, through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, that made Valentinus who he was. Because God loved him, he loved others, even to the point of death. This is the way it is with us too. Because God has so loved us, we can love one another.

When we think about God's love for us, we recognize its divine qualities. God's love for us is unconditional, sacrificial, and unending. God loves us even though we are sinners and even though we will never love Him as much in return. He loves us enough to sacrifice His only-begotten Son on the cross to take away our sin and secure an everlasting relationship with us through reconciliation. God's love for us will never end. No matter what we do, He will not stop loving us. The type of love God

has for us is to be the type of love we have for each other. When we read 1 Corinthians chapter 13, we learn a little of what this love looks like. It includes things like, patience, kindness, truth, and hope. It avoids such things as pride, arrogance, rudeness, irritability, resentfulness, and selfishness. In other words, this biblical love is everything God is and nothing like what we are.

It would seem that we have a lot of work to do when it comes to loving one another. Maybe the best place to start is with the people closest to us, our own family. When love is practiced and expressed between husband and wife, parents and children, brothers and sisters—it can then be carried into the world. So often, the most loving and caring people are those who were nurtured in an environment of love and care. I have always remembered the quote, "The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother". This came from the pen of Rev. Theodore Hesburgh in the early 20th century. It was true then and still is today. When children know their parents love each other, they will also be confident that they love them. When we know love, we are better able to love. This is especially true of those who are loved by God.

In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul says that he can be and do a lot of things, but if he has not love, he is nothing. In the end it doesn't matter if you are smart, successful, attractive, talented, or rich. What matters most is love. Know that you are loved by God. Love Him in return with a grateful heart. Love those who are in your house to start. Then, love your neighbor as yourself. "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor. 13:13).

**TRINITY'S  
WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday  
8:00 am - Worship Service  
9:15 am (Solid Rock Café)  
Contemporary Worship Service  
9:15 am  
Sunday School/Bible Classes  
10:30 am - Worship Service

Wednesday  
6:30 pm - Worship Service  
2nd Wednesday each Month  
11:00 am  
Monthly Communion Worship

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## S.A.G.E.S.

(Senior Adults Growing & Exploring)

Sarett Nature Center will be joining us at our Sages meeting on February 19th in the Ministry Center from 11 am to 1 pm (ish) to present some interesting info (and maybe even something more knowledgeable as well), on our favorite winter friends – squirrels and birds. Whether you feed these critters or not, they do entertain us, and if we can learn a little more about them, we are helping them out, and probably us too.



After the presentation we will be having a pizza party/soft drink and dessert luncheon. If you are interested in bringing a dessert (serving at least 8), we have three (3) openings for people to sign up for.

The cost of the event – speaker and lunch – will be \$5.00 payable at the door. If you bring a dessert, you are free, and we are ever so thankful for you and your treat.

RSVP to Betty by Thursday, February 14th, if you plan to attend. If you would like to bring a dessert, check in with Betty as soon as you can to see if there is a need and what you plan to bring... we don't need all chocolate cake (hmmm, maybe, maybe not... ha-ha).

If you missed our tour of the Fab Lab at Lake Michigan College last September, you have another chance. First Church of God will be hosting the tour on Tuesday, February 26th, at 10 a.m. You need to contact Lisa at First Church, 983-1524, for more info on cost and signing up for the Jimmy Johns lunch provided.

## Homebound Members

Elsie Damaske, PR;  
Gerhardt Doroh, WL;  
Dorothy Duschek;  
Dianne Fernan;  
Lois Fox; WT;  
Gladys Grieger;  
Bob Humberg, CT;  
Joan Jasper;  
Elsie Jasper;  
Otto Jasper;  
David Karsten;  
Catherine Klug;  
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Judy Lambrecht;  
Clara Leitz;  
Dallas Miltibarger;  
Dorothy Mutz;  
Linda Pedde;  
Anna Pesko, WL;  
Erv & Deanna Reschke;

Jean Roberts, WT;  
Fern Schmaltz;  
Adele Schultz;  
Sharon Tescallo;  
Martha Tilly  
Edna Volkers, WT;  
Jack & Marian Wagner; CP  
Lillian Wendt, WT;  
Dorothy Winters;  
Mary Lou Ziemke; RM

**Please encourage our homebound members and others you may know to watch Worship for Shut-Ins, Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. on WHME-channel 46.**

***If you or someone you know has become homebound & would like a Pastoral visit, please call the Church Office at (269) 983-5000.***

*BG-Berrien General, CM-Country Manor Bridgman, CP-Crown Point, CT-Caretel, GA-Golden Age, J-Jordan's, OG-Orchard Grove, PR-Pine Ridge; RM-Royalton Manor, WL-Willows, WRR-Wild River Rest Buchanan, WT-Whitcomb Towers, WTB-Woodland Terrace Bridgman, WW-West Woods Niles*

## Thank You

*Dear Congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church,*

I would like to thank all of you for helping me with my Eagle scout project. With your help I was able to collect a total of 744 items which will be organized and delivered to local foster kids. My project was a huge success, the foster kids and the employees at the Department of Health and Human Services would also like to thank all of you for your generous donations, and for making all of their lives just a little bit easier.

*Sincerely,  
Philip Marquardt  
Eagle Scout at Troop 623*

## PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Initiated by the Elders and our Stephen Leader team, we are continuing to provide Prayer Ministers following each worship service.

Following each worship service, a trained Prayer Minister will be available to pray with anyone who would like individual prayer. Following the 8:00a and 10:30a worship service, Prayer Ministers will be located in the front north corner of the church. Following the 9:15a worship service in the Solid Rock, they will be located near the exit door next to the stage.

Prayer Ministers are identified by a name badge so you can easily find them. Please take advantage of this blessing to receive prayers of thanksgiving, need, or intercession. No matter how big or small the issue, we are here to serve you! Just approach the Prayer Minister after the worship service, share your requests and they will pray with you. Your prayers will be held in strict confidence. But, if you wish for your prayer request to be shared with our prayer chain or in the church prayers, you may tell them that at that time.

We have a need for additional Prayer Ministers and will be planning a Prayer Minister training class sometime in February. No experience necessary. If you are interested, please contact John Kroonblawd at 269-208-8303.

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:20 (ESV)*



# Trinity Lutheran Church & School Life Development Classes for Winter 2019

**Newcomers Always Welcome!**

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:00am Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:15am Contemporary Worship (Solid Rock Café)  
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

## MONTHLY SENIOR COMMUNION WORSHIP

11:00am Second Wed Each Month (Ministry Center)

## WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK WORSHIP

6:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

## ADULT MINISTRY

### SUNDAY

#### ADULT BIBLE STUDY — *Study of Gospel Lessons*

We will study the Gospel lessons the week of the Gospel being used in the service. You will get to contemplate before or after you hear it in the worship service.

LEADER: Tom Bird  
LOCATION: Fellowship Hall  
TIME: 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

#### EVERYONE HIS WITNESS / *Lutheran Evangelism Ends Feb 10th*

Join us for a new Group Study. Learn how to naturally and genuinely share the Gospel with your friends and neighbors who have not heard the Good News. After this study, you will be more effective witnesses of Jesus in your everyday life!

LEADER: Tom Milnikel  
LOCATION: 2nd floor of school, Room #205  
TIME: 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

### MONDAY

#### Life Light Bible Study—1 & 2 Chronicles

This study is part of the Life Light Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of Life Light is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ. Session 1: I Will Build the House - 1 Chronicles 1-12; Session 2: Cornerstone of the House - 1 Chronicles 13-20; Session 3: Preparations for the House - 1 Chronicles 21-27; Session 4: The House Is Built - 1 Chronicles 28-2 Chronicles 4; Session 5: Judgment Day - The Lord Enters His House - 2 Chronicles 5-9; Session 6: Rebellion in the House (1) - 2 Chronicles 10-16; Session 7: Rebellion in the House (2) - 2 Chronicles 17-22; Session 8: Rebellion in the House (3) - 2 Chronicles 23-28; Session 9: The House Will Be Rebuilt - 2 Chronicles 29-36.

LEADER: Pastor Michael Roth  
LOCATION: Lighthouse Café, Ministry Center  
TIME: 9:30-11:00 a.m.

### TUESDAY

#### ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS — *Membership Class or Review of Christian Doctrine (10 week class)*

This is a class that is designed for those who would like to learn about the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. It prepares people for membership in the Lutheran Church and Trinity. It is a great way to get your questions answered in an informal and non-threatening atmosphere. Childcare and all the necessary materials are provided. The following topic will be covered: God's Word; God's Grace; The Triune God; Jesus Christ; The Holy Spirit; The Sacrament of Holy Baptism; The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; Living the New Life of Faith; Fulfilling the Great Commission and Living the Great Commandment; Rejoicing in God's Gift of Community; Integrating into the Life of the Church. All the materials are provided. There will be childcare on the premises for those who need it. Bring a friend and learn together!

LEADER: Pastor Michael Roth  
LOCATION: Ministry Center, 1st Floor  
TIME: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

#### SON-RISERS BIBLE STUDY — *Lutheran Spirituality*

Do Lutheran Christians have a spirituality? Indeed they do! This adult Bible study series explores the rich depths of a distinctively Lutheran spirituality that begins in Baptism and is founded upon God's Word. There, the incarnate, crucified, and resurrected Lord proclaims His victory over sin, death, and the devil, and from there flows the proclamation of His Gospel and the administration of His Sacraments. It is through these means presented within the liturgy of His Church that Christ communicates not merely spiritual energies, an emotional high, a method of reasoning, or a stringent morality, but truly Himself—God in human flesh.

LEADER: Pastor Michael Roth  
LOCATION: Lighthouse Café, Ministry Center  
TIME: 6:45-7:45 a.m.

#### "THE WIRED WORD"

The Wired Word class uses questions and Scripture considerations from current events, topics, and happenings in the United States and around the world as a basis for adult, intelligent and provocative discussions. Members of the class are truly thinking about their beliefs and the Biblical applications to their own day-to-day lives.

LEADER: Rich Hackbarth  
LOCATION: Lighthouse Café  
TIME: 6:30-8 p.m.

### THURSDAY

#### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - "*Oasis*" Christ is our Oasis

Study: 1st Corinthians. The Corinthian church destroys the myth of the early church as the model for us to imitate! Seduction by the surrounding pagan culture and a hyper-spirituality has led this church into a host of problems. As a result, 1 Corinthians is full of information about how a Christian lifestyle differs from that of a culture as a whole.

Leader: Debby Miskill  
Location: Lighthouse Lounge  
When: Thursdays  
Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

#### ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Join with a host of other adults for a time of fellowship and study of God's Word. Plenty of breakfast treats abound in this group.

LEADER: Pastor Tom Batsky  
LOCATION: Lighthouse Café, Ministry Center  
TIME: 9:30 am— Coffee and breakfast treats 10:00-11:00 a.m. — Bible Study

#### YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY — *Resumes February 7th*

This Bible study is open to any young adult. We will meet at North Pier Brewery, from 6:30-7:30pm. For more information, contact Melissa Graham at 983-5000, ext. 410, or email:

Melissa.graham@discovertrinity.org  
LEADER: Melissa Graham  
LOCATION: North Pier Brewery, Benton Harbor  
TIME: 6:30-7:30 pm

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

### SUNDAY

#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School is open to children age 3 years to 4th grade. You may register your child at anytime during the year. The class begins promptly at 9:15am and ends at 10:15am. Sunday School is located in the Children's Ministry Room on the lower level next to the fellowship hall. Contact Melissa Graham in regards to the Children's Sunday School program at 983-5000, ext. 410.

#### JH BIBLE STUDY (5th-8th Grade)

Sunday morning Junior High Bible Study will meet from 9:15-10:15a, on the 2nd floor of the school.

LEADERS: Terry Bird  
LOCATION: 2nd floor of School, Room 209  
TIME: 9:15-10:15 a.m.

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### *JUNIOR HIGH CONFIRMATION (for public school students)*

5th and 6th graders will be preparing for confirmation by learning Bible stories and the truth of God's Word. 7th and 8th graders will be working through a self-paced program. The emphasis of this program will be to go more in-depth into the Bible and learn what Martin Luther teaches us in his catechism. Parents will be involved in the teaching (and learning!). Sundays will be a time to study, ask questions, discuss individual topics, and recite memory work.

LEADER: Deacon Scott Kizer and Michael Brow  
LOCATION: Media Center, Room 204  
Time: 9:15-10:15 a.m.

### *HS BIBLE STUDY (9th -12th Grade)*

Our Sunday morning Senior High Bible Study will meet from 9:15-10:15,, on the 2nd floor of the school. Our topic is still being determined, but will be a practical course.

LEADER: Michael Johnson  
LOCATION: 2nd floor of School, Room 204  
TIME: 9:15-10:15 a.m.

### *HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP*

Contact the church office to be added to the email list for this group. Activities will vary throughout the year.

LEADER: Melissa Graham  
LOCATION: Solid Rock Café  
TIME: Sundays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY**

#### *JUNIOR HIGH DROP-INS*

Drop Ins happen weekly at the Solid Rock Café to wind down the school day in Christian fellowship by getting a head start on homework, playing with friends, and studying the Word. As Trinity continues to consider its ministry needs, Junior High will have a greater need for parent volunteers to help with chaperoning, and other needs at Drop-Ins. Help is always sincerely appreciated! Please email Melissa at [melissa.graham@discovertrinity.org](mailto:melissa.graham@discovertrinity.org) or call the church office (ext. 410) if you would like to assist with Drop-Ins.

LEADER: Melissa Graham  
LOCATION: Solid Rock Café  
TIME: Wednesdays, 3:15-5:30 p.m.

### **SUPPORT GROUPS and CARING MINISTRIES**

#### *DIVORCE CARE*

DivorceCare is a 13 week seminar / support group that will help you heal from the hurt of divorce. It offers a warm, caring environment, led by people who understand what you are going through. Learn practical information and gain hope for your future! Contact Scott Kizer at 983-5000 ext.402 or [scott.kizer@discovertrinity.org](mailto:scott.kizer@discovertrinity.org).

CONTACT: Scott Kizer  
TIME: Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
PLACE: Lighthouse Lower Lounge, Ministry Center

### *ALZHEIMER CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP*

Come join Trinity's new Support group for Alzheimer's Caregivers. "You are not alone". If you have any questions, please contact Debby Miskill: 269-983-5000 ext.405 or email: [debby.miskill@discovertrinity.org](mailto:debby.miskill@discovertrinity.org)

#### Our 2019 Meeting Dates:

February 4th & 11th  
March 11th & 25th  
May 13th & 27th  
June 10th & 24th

CONTACT: Debby Miskill  
TIME: Mondays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
PLACE: Lighthouse Cafe, Ministry Center

### *STEPHEN MINISTRIES*

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing challenges in life-grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties. To learn how to become a Stephen Minister or to receive care from a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Roth, a Stephen Leader, or the church office. Stephen Ministries Mission: Christ caring for people through people. STEPHEN LEADERS: Pastor Michael J. Roth, John Kroonblawd, Sheila Kroonblawd, Joyce Rudowske, and Jeanne Strine

### **ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

#### *MUSIC MINISTRY AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH*

The Adult Choir - Have you considered praising God with your voice in a more designed atmosphere? Come join your fellow members and fellow music lovers on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm (right after service) in the music room of the school. There's an elevator for those who have difficulty with stairs and there's always happy faces and accepting voices to join you. No previous experience required. You only need to want to learn more about God and about music. Please come: it really IS a lot of fun!

- Adult Choir – Wednesdays 7:30-9 p.m.(Music Room)
- Contemporary Praise Team – Thursdays 7:00-9:00p.m. (Solid Rock Cafe)

Want to do something but not sure what? If you sing or play an instrument, talk to Paula Steuernagel or Brad Chaffee to get connected to serve the church with your musical talent.

### *WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB*

Join other women for a lively discussion of a book of the Month. Check the Women's Ministry page in the Connected for the current book selection. The Book Club meets on the third Saturday of the month.

LEADER: Nancy Pedde  
TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Biggby Coffee

### **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY**

Trinity, through its Family Activity Team offers some very exciting family oriented events during the year. They are designed to bring adults and children together for fellowship, laughter, learning and fun.

Included in these events include: Hallow Him, and the Family Movie Night. Watch this newsletter for more information.

### *FAMILY MOVIE / PIZZA NIGHT*

The movies will be shown in the Ministry Center, Lighthouse Café. Watch for information about Family Movie Nights throughout the year, by checking the Children's Page in the Connected.. The movie is held in the Lighthouse Café, Ministry Center. Along with movie, there is always pizza, popcorn, drinks, and desserts. We ask for a \$3.00 donation to help cover the food cost.

**Please don't hesitate to contact the Church Office at 983-5000, if you have any questions.**



# Trinity Lutheran School & Early Childhood Center News

## School News

"LOVE LOVE LOVE, that's what it's all about!" is the first line to a children's song. Did you know that the word "love" appears in the Bible over 500 times? It is the love of the Father that changed our life with the sacrifice He made sending Jesus to be our Savior.

We love Him because He first loved us. That demonstration of exceptional love can give us the motivation to reach out to others and show His love. Tell someone what an awesome God we have.

~Mrs. Bird

### February School Schedule

Feb. 1—Countywide Chapel at Trinity led by Pastor Roth, 9:45a

Re-Enrollment is Open for the 2019-2020 school year.

Feb.3—Celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week in 10:30a service with all students praising God in church

Feb. 5 & 7—Parent Teachers Conferences

Feb. 18—No School

Feb. 22—Daddy Daughter Dance

Feb. 25—Open House ECC and Day School

## ECC New

Construction has begun!! We are beyond blessed to be able to report that CPM has arrived to begin the first phase of our renovation project. I am so excited to see the finished result. Watch further Connected and other publications for updates and pictures.

Our Preschoolers had their Dad's Night on the 17th of January. This year's theme was Weird Science. We experimented with color, light, paper airplanes, magnets, and much more. We even ate "dirt" for dessert!

We were also blessed to be able to celebrate with all Lutheran Schools and Childcares during National Lutheran Schools Week. We ate pancakes with Pastor, dressed up like our favorite Community helpers, watched a movie while eating popcorn, and some of us joined other Lutheran Schools in the area for a joint chapel service. What a blessing to celebrate being able to attend a Lutheran School. Our chapel offerings for the month of January and our Coin War collections all went to help a Vicar from the Sudan that Pastor Roth had met on his visits. We are hoping to raise enough for him to go back to Seminary and become a fully ordained Lutheran Pastor! To God be the Glory!!

Blessings,  
Robyn Adams, Director  
Trinity Lutheran ECC

## THANK YOU

I want to thank and show appreciation to everyone for prayers, cards, and verbal support during the recent death of my husband, Wayne Hedman.

The meal served by the Funeral Committee and food items donated were greatly appreciated and provided family and friends a time for convenient fellowship.

God's Presence and His Will gives me comfort during this time of hardship.

*The Lord bless you and keep you (Numbers 6:24),  
Edythe Hedman*

## February Anniversaries

Norman & Ilene Stemm	2/13/1965	54th
Carl & Sharon Warren	2/23/1991	

*If you do not see your anniversary listed, please call the Church Office at 983-5000 to update your records.*



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Sunday School

We've started an exciting new curriculum in Sunday School called Dig In! We're digging into the Bible and working our way through it throughout the year! Sunday School is open to all children from preschool (3 years old) to fourth grade! If you would like more information or would like to volunteer in Sunday School please contact Melissa Graham!

## Volunteers

We are still searching for volunteers for Sunday School and Nursery! If you feel called to do so or would like more information please contact Sue Pedde or Melissa Graham!



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Oasis" Christ is our Oasis / Study: 1st Corinthians

The Corinthian church destroys the myth of the early church as the model for us to imitate! Seduction by the surrounding pagan culture and a hyper-spirituality has led this church into a host of problems. As a result, 1 Corinthians is full of information about how a Christian lifestyle differs from that of a culture as a whole.

Leader: Debby Miskill

Location: Lighthouse Lounge

When: Thursdays

Time: 8:30 – 10:00 pm



## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

February's Book selection is: *Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate. American author Lisa Wingate's novel *Before We Were Yours* (2017) is based on one of the biggest scandals in American history. Split between Tennessee in 1939 and South Carolina in the present day, the story centers on twelve-year-old Rill Foss, who lives aboard a steamboat with her parents and four younger siblings.

3rd Sat: February 16th

Time: 10:30am

Place: Biggby Coffee

Leader: Nancy Pedde

## SLEEPING MAT MINISTRY / PLARN Gathering

The Sleeping Mat Ministry is looking for volunteers to assist in cutting the plastic bags. Also assembling the bags into Plarn (plastic yarn) and crocheting the Plarn into the mats. Once a mat is completed they will be distributed into our community to the homeless. This is something that can be done at home or you are invited to come to the Plarn Gathering which meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, from 2:00-4:00pm in the Lighthouse Cafe, Trinity Ministry Center. The most important thing that we all can do is keep those that are homeless in our prayers. For more information please contact the church office.

## LADIES AID

Our Motto: *Serve The Lord with gladness!* Psalm 100:2

The Mission of the LWML is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

We do not meet for the months of January, February, and March due to incumbent weather. But you still have the opportunity to purchase RADA products—knives, utensils, seasonings, and more—these are available all year round. This is an on-going fundraiser for the Ladies Aid. Catalogs are available and you may contact Gladys Pickering at 810-488-3444 to place orders, to get a catalog, or to ask questions. Your support is appreciated.

All occasion cards are also available on Sunday, February 10th, in-between services in the school foyer, just look for Sylvia! They will again be available starting March 31st through Easter.

# YOUTH NEWS

**Fundraiser:** We will be holding a *Wall of Giving* fundraiser for our trip to Minneapolis, MN for the National Youth Gathering in July! This is your opportunity to support Trinity's Sr High Youth Group and this incredible trip they will be taking! Here's how you can support our trip to the National Youth Gathering:

- 1.) Simply take a numbered envelope off of the wall in the Welcome Center.
- 2.) Place the corresponding amount of money in the envelope.
- 3.) Place the envelope in the offering basket.

It's that easy! Every envelope and dollar gets us one step closer to Minneapolis, MN. Thank you for supporting Trinity's youth and our trip to the National Youth Gathering!

**Youth Group:** High School Youth group meets every Sunday from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Solid Rock Café! Join us for relevant Bible studies, games, and snacks! If you have any questions please contact Melissa Graham.

**Confirmation for Public School Students:** This class is open to students in 5th-8th grade that would like to be confirmed by their 8th grade year. This class is self-paced and meets Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the Media Center in the second floor of the school.

Contact Melissa Graham at [melissa.graham@discovertrinity.org](mailto:melissa.graham@discovertrinity.org) for more information!

## Those Serving in the Armed Forces

### U.S. Marines

Gunnery Sgt Andrew C. Wedde, Marines, stationed at Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD; Grandson of Irma Wedde

Sgt. Paul Jersey, stationed in Camp Pendleton, CA; son of Tim and Jill Jersey

### U.S. Army

1st Sgt. Keith Bickers, Army National Guard, returned from Afghanistan, stationed in Round Rock, TX, Son of Carol Bickers

1st Lt. Aaron Hinkelman, stationed in Afghanistan, grandson of Gus & Judy Hinkelman

PFC Riley Engel, stationed in Italy, grandson of Gus & Judy Hinkelman

### U.S. Navy

Lt. Adam Roth, Naval Aviator, son of Rev. Michael and Amy Roth

Lt. Mark Williams, Navy Pilot, stationed at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Oak Harbor, WA, nephew of Linda Williams

### U.S. Air Force

Airman 1st Class, Evan Pyatt, US Air Force, stationed in Travis AFB, California; Grandson of Bill & Margo Pyatt

Tech Sergeant, John Pyatt, US Air Force, stationed in Minneapolis, son of Bill & Margo Pyatt

### U.S. Coast Guard

AMT3 Camille and EM3 Kyle Crabtree, stationed in Suffolk, VA, niece & nephew of Jan Dasse

Please keep all of our Servicemen and women in your prayers.  
May God keep them safe from harm and bring them home to their families soon.

If your status has changed, please call the church office.



## Community Outreach Statistics – December 2018

*Soup Kitchen* – Merry Christmas! Our volunteers had the day off as a team of special volunteers take on the task of serving a delicious Christmas dinner at the Soup Kitchen.

*Benevolent Fund* – 9 appointments – 3 pledges

*Food Truck* – 135 registered – 390 household members – 153 children and – 103 senior citizens – 21 veterans – 17 adult volunteers – 1 Trinity Confirmand – 4 Trinity Sawyer Confirmands – 1 MLHS student – 21 new families – 6920 pounds of food

*Community Dinner* – 119 served – 13 adult volunteers

*Sort-N-Share* – 40 families served – 7 volunteers

*Sleeping Mat Ministry* – We continue to create beautiful mats for the homeless or those without adequate bedding. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month – no skills necessary – we will train.

*Our Heads, Hands and Feet* project blessed over 100 individuals with a hat, scarf, gloves or mittens, and socks. During the month of November our school, congregation, community, and local Thrivent Chapter collected hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, and socks. Our Senior High Youth assembled gift bags with items and tagged them for man, woman, boy, or girl. The bags were then distributed to guests at our monthly Community Dinner where we warmed their bodies with a delicious pork tenderloin meal, and then blessed them with a gift to help keep them warm through the winter. To God be the Glory!





## FROM THE ARCHIVES By Janet Frazier

### What was happening at Trinity back in 1954?

As is now, Cancer was a much dreaded illness. There were not the treatments for the disease as there is now. In fact, most that could be done was to keep the patients as comfortable as possible. There was an urgent need—a need for cancer dressings, bed pads, hospital shirts, and binders. Our Ladies Aid Society women made that need a special project of the group. While meeting once a week, many faithful women gathered in the church basement to make these items by sewing, folding, whatever was needed. All the materials used for the cancer dressings were furnished by the ladies of the church. Mrs. Freada Gilbert, general chairman for the project, reported 9,566 various pieces were made last year. Mrs. Gilbert had been doing this type of work since the First World War. Trinity has been so blessed to have people like Mrs. Gilbert who so willingly helped her fellow man in her own way. Look around, there are many "angels" like her in our midst – probably including you!

Here are some more "angels." In the days before computers and electronic equipment, the women of the Priscilla Guild helped quietly in the church in many ways. During the month of January these ladies were busy typing the 1954 communion cards for each member of the congregation. Then they typed the 1954 ledger sheets for the Board of Finance and the 1953 Financial Report. At their monthly meetings they busied themselves embroidering baptismal napkins. These were the napkins presented to each child on the day of their baptism. A labor of love given to our newest little members.

#### *Hot Lunch report from June 1954*

The National School Lunch Program is conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture. Our local program is sponsored by Trinity's Board of Education. Mr. George Williams is the authorized representative of the board. Under the management of Mrs. Adolph Gusse and her two assistants, Mrs. Natalie Patzer and Mrs. Linda Simmons, close to 350 children were served a nutritious lunch daily for 174 days this school year. The children paid 20 cents for an A Type lunch and 6 cents for a C type lunch. The government furnished assistance based on the number of A Type meals served.

## MEMORIALS

*The following have made a gift to Trinity Lutheran Church or School:*

*In memory of Gordon & Florence Shuler:*  
Beth Boyer

*In memory of Anna Kasischke:*  
Beth Boyer

*In memory of Irene Barber:*  
Fran Konya  
Kenneth & Judith Williams  
Ruth Patzkowsky

*In memory of Marcie Schalon:*  
Tom & Terry Bird

*In memory of Ilona Jackson:*  
Mary Kathe

*In memory of Wayne D. Hedman:*

Agnes Lay  
Brent & Sharon Parsons  
Beverly Selent  
Sylvia Lieberg  
Louise Mueller  
Rex & Raelene Stickney  
Nancy Hauch  
Robert & Adeline Scheffler  
Jeff & Diane Landry  
Herman Heuerman  
Lois Arent  
Fred & Sharon Scheffler  
Lynn & Sandra Dumbrille  
Charlotte Hedman  
Martin & Deanna Heminger  
Richard & Shirley Johnson

*Hedman continued*  
Don & Donna Necas  
Rich & JoAnne Hackbarth  
Mike & Amy Hedman  
Alton & Millie Wendzel

*In memory of Robert & Helen Reinhardt:*  
Lisa Reinhardt-Kosal

*In memory of Fred & Martha Reinhardt:*  
Lisa Reinhardt-Kosal

## Nurse's Corner

Jan Yelding, RN, Parish Nurse

National Eating Disorders Awareness week 2019 will take place Monday, February 25 to Sunday, March 3rd.

Our culture has complicated relationships with food, exercise, and appearance. 30 million Americans will struggle with a full-blown eating disorder and millions more will battle food and body image issues that have untold negative impacts on their lives. But because of stigma and old stereotypes, many people don't get the support they deserve.

### Overview

There is a commonly held view that eating disorders are a lifestyle choice. Eating disorders are actually serious and often fatal illnesses that cause severe disturbances to a person's eating behaviors.

Obsessions with food, body weight, and shape may also signal an eating disorder. Common eating disorders include anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge-eating disorder.

### Signs and Symptoms

**Anorexia nervosa:** People with anorexia nervosa may see themselves as overweight, even when they are dangerously underweight. People with anorexia nervosa typically weigh themselves repeatedly, severely restrict the amount of food they eat, and eat very small quantities of only certain foods.

Anorexia nervosa has the highest mortality rate of any mental disorder. While many young women and men with this disorder die from complications associated with starvation, others die of suicide. In women, suicide is much more common in those with anorexia than with most other mental disorders.

Symptoms include:

- Extremely restricted eating
- Extreme thinness (emaciation)

# Eating Disorders

- A relentless pursuit of thinness and unwillingness to maintain a normal or healthy weight
- Intense fear of gaining weight
- Distorted body image, a self-esteem that is heavily influenced by perceptions of body weight and shape, or a denial of the seriousness of low body weight

Other symptoms may develop over time, including:

- Thinning of the bones (osteopenia or osteoporosis)
- Mild anemia and muscle wasting and weakness
- Brittle hair and nails
- Dry and yellowish skin
- Growth of fine hair all over the body (lanugo)
- Severe constipation
- Low blood pressure, slowed breathing and pulse
- Damage to the structure and function of the heart
- Brain damage
- Multi-organ failure
- Drop in internal body temperature, causing a person to feel cold all the time
- Lethargy, sluggishness, or feeling tired all the time
- Infertility

**Bulimia nervosa:** People with bulimia nervosa have recurrent and frequent episodes of eating unusually large amounts of food and feeling a lack of control over these episodes. This binge-eating is followed by behavior that compensates for the overeating such as forced vomiting, excessive use of laxatives or diuretics, fasting, excessive exercise, or a combination of these behaviors. Unlike anorexia nervosa, people with bulimia nervosa usually maintain what is considered a healthy or relatively normal weight.

Symptoms include:

- Chronically inflamed and sore throat
- Swollen salivary glands in the neck and jaw area
- Worn tooth enamel and increasingly sensitive and decaying teeth as a result of exposure to stomach acid
- Acid reflux disorder and other gastrointestinal problems
- Intestinal distress and irritation from laxative abuse
- Severe dehydration from purging of fluids
- Electrolyte imbalance (too low or too high levels of sodium, calcium, potassium and other minerals) which can lead to stroke or heart attack

**Binge-eating disorder:** People with binge-eating disorder lose control over his or her eating. Unlike bulimia nervosa, periods of binge-eating are not followed by purging, excessive exercise, or fasting. As a result, people with binge-eating disorder often are overweight or obese. Binge-eating disorder is the most common eating disorder in the U.S.

Symptoms include:

- Eating unusually large amounts of food in a specific amount of time
- Eating even when you're full or not hungry
- Eating fast during binge episodes
- Eating until you're uncomfortably full
- Eating alone or in secret to avoid embarrassment
- Feeling distressed, ashamed, or guilty about your eating
- Frequently dieting, possibly without weight loss

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## Stewardship

# Opportunities...

On Saturday, January 5th, I headed out the door to take a walk along Silver Beach. It was a balmy 40 degrees with plenty of sunshine and blue skies. A perfect day for a walk, and a great opportunity to reflect on God's presence in my life, and what I might write about for this Connected article.

As I walked along the edge of the water on this calm day, I observed tiny ripples gently washing onto the shore. On many other occasions I had observed raging wind-tossed waves pounding onto this same shore. It was amazing to think about this contrast, and yet at the same time to realize that there is a constant within this contrast - the water continuously and unrelentingly washes onto the shore, regardless of the magnitude of the waves. It occurred to me that God's love for us is just as continuous and unrelenting as the waves washing up onto the shore, and yet is always infinite in its magnitude. We may not always feel the full magnitude of God's love for us, due to our own shortcomings, but regardless of what we feel, His love for us remains high wattage and never ending.

The wave action – be it gentle or tumultuous – does not leave the beachscape unchanged. In fact, there were shiny pieces of smooth glass and lots of rounded stones (some even good for skipping) all along the water's edge. It is not a stretch to imagine that the now round stones at one time had harsh and ragged contours, or that the smooth pieces of broken glass once had razor sharp edges. The action of the water and the sand, with the passage of time, has transformed and molded the stones and pieces of glass into treasures and things of beauty. Isn't this what God does with us over time? He washes us clean with His Love and His Word, removes our rough edges and sharp tongues, and molds us to be His treasures and a little more like Him.

I continued on my walk along the lake shore, and came across an unknown middle-aged couple in my path. They were taking pictures of each other with the lighthouse in the background. I waited patiently for them to finish, before I continued along my way, so as not to interrupt their moment. They noticed that I was there, and made to get out of the way so I could pass. I took the opportunity to ask them if they would like me to take a picture of both of them together. They smiled brightly at me and said, "We would love to have you do that for us. Most of our pictures at home in these types of settings are of one or the other of us, and not of us together." So, I took a picture of them together. They smiled and were so appreciative of that simple and small act. It had cost me nothing and yet had brought smiles to all of our faces and warmth to our hearts. Perhaps we need to spend more time looking for and acting on these simple opportunities to share God's love with one another, in small yet powerful ways.

Never underestimate the impact of sharing your time, talent and treasure with others. The one most impacted may be you! May God wash you in His love and bless you with many opportunities!

*Respectfully submitted by John W. Bock*

## Eating Disorders, continued from page 10

**Risk Factors:** Eating disorders frequently appear during the teen years or young adulthood, but may also develop during childhood or later in life. These disorders affect both genders, although rates among women are higher than among men.

Researchers are finding that eating disorders are caused by a complex interaction of genetic, biological, behavioral, psychological, and social factors. Researchers are using the latest technology and science to better understand eating disorders.

One approach involves the study of human genes. Eating disorders run in families. Researchers are working to identify DNA variations that are linked to the increased risk of developing eating disorders.

Brain imaging studies are also providing a better understanding of eating disorders. For example, researchers have found differences in patterns of brain activity in women with eating disorders in comparison with healthy women. This kind of research can help guide the development of new means of diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders.

**Treatments and Therapies:** Adequate nutrition, reducing excessive exercise, and stopping purging behaviors are the foundations of treatment. Treatment plans are tailored to individual needs and may include one or more of the following:

- Individual, group, and/or family psychotherapy
- Medical care and monitoring
- Nutritional counseling
- Medications
- Psychotherapies

Evidence also suggests that medications such as antidepressants, antipsychotics, or mood stabilizers may also be helpful for treating eating disorders and other co-occurring illnesses such as anxiety or depression. Check the FDA's website: (<http://www.fda.gov/>), for the latest information on warnings, patient medication guides, or newly approved medications.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL  
CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR  
July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018**

GENERAL FUND	2017-2018			2018-2019		
	ANNUAL BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	% OF ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	% OF ANNUAL BUDGET
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,137,668.31	\$1,141,724.30	53.41%	\$2,294,653.00	\$1,180,380.69	51.44%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,076,860.04	\$1,026,089.01	49.41%	\$2,234,367.00	\$1,153,577.47	51.63%
REVENUE OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSES	\$60,808.27	\$115,635.29	190.16%	\$60,286.00	\$26,803.22	44.46%

	6/30/2018	12/31/2018
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>		
Church Extension Fund Mortgage	\$796,157.08	(\$34,653.26) \$761,503.82
<b>TOTAL DEBT</b>	\$796,157.08	(\$34,653.26) \$761,503.82

WEEKLY ENVELOPE & PLATE	Contributions	Over/(Under) to Meet Budget	YTD Over/(Under) Budget
December 2, 2018	\$15,702.50	\$39.04	(\$50,715.19)
December 9, 2018	\$18,624.95	\$2,961.49	(\$47,753.70)
December 16, 2018	\$14,713.66	-\$949.80	(\$48,703.50)
December 23, 2018	\$39,493.81	\$23,830.35	(\$24,873.15)
December 30, 2018	\$10,087.00	-\$5,576.46	(\$54,279.96)
Totals	\$98,621.92	\$20,304.61	
<b>Weekly Envelope &amp; Plate Budget Needed:</b>		<b>\$15,663.46</b>	

A more detailed Treasurer's Report is available for viewing in the Church Office.  
*Respectfully submitted,  
Gus Damaske, Treasurer*

CASH REPORT--DECEMBER, 2018	
DAILY LOW BALANCE	\$436,285.43
DAILY HIGH BALANCE	\$523,658.33
DAILY AVERAGE FOR THE MONTH	\$471,525.30

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN | May 2017 May 2020**

**As of December 31, 2018**  
**Pledged \$931,582 | Contributed \$603,652**  
**Debt Retirement \$31,955 | Exterior Facility \$22,408**  
**ECC & School Renovation \$288,923 | Parking Lot Initiative \$200,000 complete**  
**Michigan District Tithe - \$60,366**

We are Under Construction! ECC & School Renovations for Phase 1 have begun. Our goal is to be able to move seamlessly into Phase 2 once that is completed (summer 2019). In order to accomplish this, we need to have all funding in place. To date we have collected about 73% of the initial goal of \$400,000. We need your help to get our funds in place. Please make sure that you are keeping up with your pledge or join the Campaign and make a pledge if you have not yet done so. One time gifts are welcome as well. As always, we ask that you keep our Capital Campaign in your prayers. God is working faithfully through you, His people. To God be the glory.

## Daily Lectionary

### Daily Lectionary

- 2/1 Zech 11:4-17; 2 Tim 4:1-18  
 2/2 Zech 12:1-13:9; Titus 1:1-2:6  
 2/3 Zech 14:1-21; Titus 2:7-3:15  
 2/4 Job 1:1-22; John 1:1-18  
 2/5 Job 2:1-3:10; John 1:19-34  
 2/6 Job 3:11-26; John 1:35-51  
 2/7 Job 4:1-21; John 2:1-12  
 2/8 Job 5:1-27; John 2:13-25  
 2/9 Job 6:1-13; John 3:1-21  
 2/10 Job 6:14-30; John 3:22-4:6  
 2/11 Job 7:1-21; John 4:7-26  
 2/12 Job 8:1-22; John 4:27-45  
 2/13 Job 9:1-35; John 4:46-54  
 2/14 Job 10:1-22; John 5:1-18  
 2/15 Job 11:1-20; John 5:19-29  
 2/16 Job 12:1-6, 12-25; John 5:30-47  
 2/17 Job 13:1-12; John 6:1-21  
 2/18 Job 13:13-28; John 6:22-40  
 2/19 Job 14:1-22; John 6:41-59  
 2/20 Job 15:1-23, 30-35; John 6:60-71  
 2/21 Job 16:1-21; John 7:1-13  
 2/22 Job 17:1-16; John 7:14-31  
 2/23 Job 18:1-21; John 7:32-53  
 2/24 Job 19:1-12, 21-27; John 8:1-20  
 2/25 Job 20:1-23, 29; John 8:21-38  
 2/26 Job 21:1-21; John 8:39-59; Job 21:22-30:15  
 2/27 Job 30:16-31; John 9:1-23  
 2/28 Job 31:1-12, 33-40; John 9:24-41  
 2/29 Job 32:1-22; John 10:1-21

### Sundays and Festival Days (Series C)

- 02/03 Fourth S. a. the Epiphany  
 Jer. 1:4-10 (17-19); 1 Cor. 12:31b-13:13;  
 Luke 4:31-44  
 02/10 Fifth S. a. the Epiphany  
 Is. 6:1-8 (9-13); 1 Cor. 14:12b-20; Luke 5:1-11  
 02/17 Sixth S. a. the Epiphany  
 Jer. 17:5-8; Cor. 15:(1-11) 12-20; Luke 6:17-26  
 02/24 Seventh S. a. the Epiphany  
 Gen. 45:3-15; 1 Cor. 15:21-26, 30-42; Luke 6:27-38

## We Are Celebrating...

The following Trinity Members are celebrating birthdays this month:

- 2/1 Matthew Brockway, Karen Burlington, Judy Delapa (81)  
 2/2 Todd Lausch, Melanie Phillips  
 2/3 Tiffanie Beaudoin, Ryan Chisek, Samantha Helsley, Jason Koehler, Sheila Miller, Marilyn Nemitz (84), Matthew Riemland, Megan Sroka  
 2/4 Mary Brown, Larry Davis, Andrew Machacek, April Patnaude, Lydia Sharpe (88), Ilene Stemm, Eric Wendzel  
 2/5 Erich Klank, Rachel Pudell  
 2/6 Joseph Loy, Lois Smith (81), Ryan Smith  
 2/7 Dawn Riethmeier  
 2/8 Bruce Chambers, Olivia Eberhart, Jody Pauley, Joshua Schmidke, Kimberly Tescallo  
 2/9 Zachary Boff, Carol Hadley, Donald Juhl, Burton Pearson II  
 2/10 Susan Case, Bruce Chapman, Darcy Haynes, Paula Jakubs, Heather Kirby, Alexa Kroonblawd, Jay Schroeder, Robin Visintainer  
 2/11 Janet Burress, Eric Engel, John Jakubs, Anna Pesko (97), Michael Reeves  
 2/12 Lilliana Petzke, Linda Phelan  
 2/13 Gus Damaske III, Mike Genovese, Steve Lange, Margaret Pecoraro, Linnea Petzke  
 2/14 Tamela Bundy, Gregory Clark, Sean Fetke, Carol Klass, Timothy Tilly  
 2/15 Janet Berkholz, York Johnson, Thomas Schetter, Paul Schmidt, Susan Tilly  
 2/16 Cheyenne Binder, Dr. John Porritt (86), Julia Vanderboegh  
 2/17 Sheryl Clem, Joshua Luckritz, James Ruppel  
 2/18 Debra Miskill, Evelyn Warneboldt, Mellisa Wendt, Melissa Zerbe  
 2/19 Christopher Allgood, Jim Baney, Roger Csepregi, Daniel Mangold  
 2/20 Christopher Chisek, Angela Pries, Sharon Tescallo  
 2/21 Kimberley Glaske, Ashley Herrington  
 2/22 Brittany Ackerman, Alison Blahnik, Kaleb Parrett  
 2/23 Bonnie Johnson, Robert McDowell, Jeffrey Plangger, Deion Rice, Christopher Ruppel, Jason Schaefer  
 2/24 Duane Case  
 2/25 Susan Barnes, Vincent Haynes, Elsie Jasper (86), Lainey Poole, Michael Thumm, Sharon Warren  
 2/26 Gene Demorrow, Stephanie McLaughlin, David Schaffer, Keith Siek, Jameson Silvey, Alyson Wendzel  
 2/27 Logan Glisson, Steve Krieger, Michael McCrery, Annabelle Pudell, Betty Sims, Allen Skibbe, Sheri Torey  
 2/28 Cathy Cox, Nicholas Lockman, Briana Proud  
 (2/29 Dina Halstead)

*If you do not see your birthday listed, please call the Church Office @ 983-5000 to update your records. We indicate the age of members 80 years & over. If you do not want your age listed, please contact the Church Office.*

# This Month at Trinity

# February 2019

## Weekly Events

### Sunday

Worship, 8 & 10:30a, Sanctuary  
 Contemporary, 9:15, Solid Rock Cafe  
 Children's Sunday School, 9:15-10:15a, CMR  
 HS / Jr. High Bible Study, 9:15-10:15a,  
 Room #204, 209  
 Jr High Confirmation, 9:15-10:15a, Media Center,  
 2nd floor  
 Adult Bible Study- Study of the Gospels,  
 9:15-10:15a, CFH  
 Every One His Witness, 9:15-10:15a, Room 205  
 (ends 2/10)  
 Senior High Youth Group, 6:30-8p, SRC

### Monday

4 Year Old Chapel, 8:30-9a, S  
 Lifelight Bible Study, 1 & 2 Chronicles, 9:30-11a, LHC  
 Plarn Gathering, 2-4p, LHC (2nd & 4th Monday)  
 Men's Basketball, 6-8p, Gym  
 Board of Education Mtg, 6:30-8:30p, MC-1st floor

### Tuesday

Faculty Bible Study, 7:15-7:45a, room 205  
 Quilters, 8-11a, LHL

3 Year Old Chapel, 8:30-9a, S

Care Team, 11a-noon, MCB

Adult Instruction Class, 6:30-8p, MC-1st floor

### Wednesday

Son-risers Bible Study – Lutheran Spirituality,  
 6:45-7:45a, LHC

School Chapel, 8:05-9a, S

MLT Bible Study, 9-10a, LHC

Junior High Drop-Ins, 3:15-5:30p, SRC

Mid-week Worship, 6:30p, S

The Wired Word, 6:30-8p, LHC

Adult Choir, 7:30-9p, music room

### Thursday

Women's Bible Study 'Oasis', 8:30-10a, LHL

Adult Bible Study, 9:30-11a, LHC

Divorce Care, 6:30-8:30p, LHL

Contemporary Praise Team Practice, 7-9p, SRC

Young Adult Bible Study (resumes Feb. 7th)

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS

### Friday, 2/1

Countywide Chapel for NLSW, 9:45a, S

### Saturday, 2/2

Whitcomb Bible Study, 10a

### Sunday, 2/3 NLSW Sunday

Social Ministry Door Offering

### Monday, 2/4

MLT Plus, 1:30-3:30p, MC-1st floor

Executive Committee Mtg, 5:30-6:30p, MCB

Alzheimer Caregivers Support Grp, 6-7:30p, LHC

Bd of Education Mtg, 6:30-8:30p, MC-1st fl

Lakeview Terrace Bible Study, 6:30-8p

## PLEASE NOTE...

**Countywide Chapel Service, Fri., Feb. 1st, 9:45a, S**

**Alzheimer Caregivers Support Grp, Mon. Feb. 4th & 11th, 6-7:30p, LHC**

**Stephen Leaders Mtg, Wed. Feb. 6th, 11:30a-1p, MCB**

**March Connected Articles Due, Friday, Feb. 8th**

**Plarn Gathering, Mondays, Feb. 11th & 25th, 2-4p, LHC**

**Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision, Tues. Feb. 12th & 26th, 6:30-9p, LHC**

**SAGES, Tuesday, Feb. 19th, 11a-1:30p, LHC**

**Men's Network, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 8-10:30a, LHC**

**Women's Book Club, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 10:30-11:30a, Biggby Coffee**

**Blood Pressure Clinic, Sunday, Feb. 17th, 8:45-10:45a, room 104**

**Mobile Food Pantry, Thursday, Feb. 21st, 4:00p, MC Parking lot**

**Daddy/Daughter Dance, Friday, Feb. 22nd, 5:30-9p, LHC**

**Community Christmas Dinner, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 11:30a-1p, LHC**

**ECC 8th Grade Open House, 6:30-7p, School Gym**

**Soup Kitchen, Tuesday, Feb. 26th, 10a**

**MOMS in Prayer, Thursday, Feb. 28th, 2-3p, CFH**

### Tuesday, 2/5

Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-8p, classrooms

### Wednesday, 2/6

Stephen Ministry Leaders Mtg, 11:30a-12:45p, MCB

### Thursday, 2/7

Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-8p, classrooms

### Friday, 2/8

Connected Articles Due

### Saturday, 2/9

Vera Kunst Memorial, 11a, S

### Monday, 2/11

Plarn Gathering, 2-4p, LHC

Alzheimer Caregivers Support Grp, 6-7:30p, LHC

Church Council Meeting, 6:30-9p, MC-2nd fl

### Tuesday, 2/12

Pastors Winkle, 8a-1p

St. Min. Peer & Cont. Ed, 6:30-9p, LHC

### Saturday, 2/16

Men's Network, 8-10:30a, LHC

Women's Book Club, 10:30-11:30a, Biggby Coffee

### Sunday, 2/17

Blood Pressure Clinic, 8:45-10:45a, room 104

### Monday, 2/18 No School-Presidents Day

Ministry Committee Mtg, 6-8p, MC-1st floor

Bd of Prop & Finance, 6:30-8:30p, MCB

### Tuesday, 2/19

Caretel Communion Worship Service, 10:30a

SAGES, 11a-1:30p, LHC

Crisis Team Meeting, 3:30-5p, School

### Wednesday, 2/20

Royalton Manor Communion Worship, 10a

Whitcomb Towers Communion Worship, 1p



CFH-Christian Fellowship Hall; CMR-Children's Ministry Room; LHC-Lighthouse Café; LHL-Lighthouse Lounge; MC-Ministry Center; MCB-Ministry Center Boardroom; S-Sanctuary; SRC-Solid Rock Café; SCH-School; WC-Welcome Center

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## Faith in Verse – You Are the Way; through You Alone by Bob Lawrence



*You are the way; through You alone  
Can we the Father find;  
In You, O Christ, has God revealed  
His heart, and will and mind. (LSB 526: verse 1)*

If you happen to be planning a road trip, the first thing you might chose to do is to go to Google Maps and click on the driving instructions. You will certainly never reach your destination if you have no idea of where your destination is or how you are going to get there.

God certainly knew this... not Google, but that man needed direct instruction in order to find Him, and so He sent us his Christ. Man already had the Word, but how much better it was when we received the Savior who reflected His Father perfectly in the flesh and paved the way for us to reach our destination which is heaven itself.

And what is it that we see reflected by Christ? According to the verse, we first see the heart of God reflected in the amazing love that led our Savior to heal the sick and which led Him to the cross. Such love is not found in any man but only in God Himself. We also see God's will reflected in Christ. The love that led Him to the cross also is a reflection of God's will to have all His people be saved by Christ's sacrifice. Lastly, Christ's deep wisdom and understanding reflects the mind of God which knows everything about His creation and how to ensure a path which people can follow to Him and their eternal salvation.

When we listen to and faithfully follow Jesus Christ , there is no way He will ever let us get lost.