



# Trinity Tidings

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## Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

I have just returned from my educational trip and pilgrimage to the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Returning home on my flight, my head and heart was full of a great week that is going to take a little while to digest and discern what it means.

Traveling throughout Israel provided a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the people and appreciate their hospitality. I traveled with a great group of ecumenical pastors that all had the same desire as myself. Our tour guide spoke of the Holy Land as being the fifth gospel. Of course, we have Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John which provide us the stories and parables of Jesus' life. Adding the fifth gospel, as Hussam told us, was the experience of walking in many of the places that Jesus and the disciples walked and ministered as they shared the love of God to the many people of Israel nearly two thousand years ago.

After traveling to the Holy Land, I was told you begin to look at the rest of the gospels a little differently. It has not taken me long to appreciate this as I read the gospel lesson from Matthew for this coming Sunday. Jesus calls the first disciples while they were preparing to go out onto the Sea of Galilee. The very waters that I had the occasion to go out onto myself this past week. Being in Capernaum, I can only imagine the detailed conversation that took place as Jesus invited Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow him.

Thank you for allowing me the time to go. I also give thanks to Pastor Lauren and Pastor Rol for sharing the Good News with you on the two Sundays I was gone. As we approach Lent, I am looking forward to the gospel being opened for me in new and exciting ways, and I can't wait to share that with you.

*Peace,  
Pastor Alex*

## Communal Coffee continues...



Pastor Alex will be at Tim Horton's from 10:00am until Noon on Monday's in February



- To our great Celebrate Teachers: Becky, Jordan, and Tracy.
- Everyone that offered their musical talents during the Advent and Christmas Season: Becky, Stephanie, Kerry, and Shawn.
- Those that helped at the Funeral Luncheon for Carl Bauman.
- Shirley Dobberowsky for organizing the New Years Eve Party.
- Everyone that steps up and does the little things that help keep the church running that we do not notice and take for granted.



## February Altar Flowers and Fellowship Hour Schedule

### Flowers

February 2 – Open  
February 9 – Open  
February 16 – Donald Kohlhausen from  
Bob Kohlhausen  
February 23 – Open

### Fellowship Hour

February 2 – Open  
February 9 – Open  
February 16 – Open  
February 23 – Open



## Beyond Sunday Bible Study

We will continue this study through February 19 as we learn more from the Spirituality of Jesus. Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

## Spiritual Companionship

One thing that Trinity desired when you called a pastor over four years ago was a pastor to guide you in your spiritual life. Pastor Alex has always continued to stretch himself and learn new ways of sharing the Holy Spirit. He will finish up his two-year program in Spiritual Direction Training this coming May. As part of that, he would love to sit down and listen to where God may be in your life and companion you in your journey with God as you listen for the Holy Spirit to guide you. All this requires is 1 hour a month to just sit down and share and be opened to the Spirit. Talk to Pastor Alex if this sound intriguing.



## Lent Wednesday Evening Worship

Last year we did not include a soup supper with our Wednesday evening worship. This year we will be putting up a sign-up sheet for soup and bread to see if there is an interest to do it this year. We will definitely have worship, but it will decide if there is enough interest to have a light meal with it. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Spinner.



Join us on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, February 23. There will be fun games for the kids, food, raffles, and more. If you have any questions, please see Kathleen Carkuff.

## Ash Wednesday

This year Pastor Alex will once again be offering Ashes to Go from 7:00 am to 9:00 am in the front parking spots of the church.



Join us on Wednesday February 26 at 7:00 pm for our Ash Wednesday Service. Come and receive ashes and communion as we prepare for the Season of Lent.



From January 7, 2020

Council elected the following officers:

President – Theresa Kulman  
Vice President – Judy Pitcel  
Treasurer – Mark Zink  
Secretary – Melissa Daugherty

Council at large members are:

Ross Brown  
Bob Gorr  
Don Plonka

The council is establishing an audit committee with Laura Mason as a confirmed member of that committee.

The council received a resignation letter from Kyle Bartels due to family and job commitments.



We are trying something new this year with St. Peters Lutheran Church in St. Clair. March 6-8 there will be a retreat for middle school and high school age youth. Pastor Alex has sent out an online registration form. If you did not get it or have any questions, please ask. This will be the March confirmation class.

## Member Spotlight

The TLCW (Trinity Lutheran Church Women) had the idea to highlight some of the newer people to our congregation each newsletter. It is fun to talk with our fellow worshipers when we know a little more about them.



Shelly P has been worshipping with us for about 2 years. She lives in New Haven and loves to read. Some of her favorite types of books are romance and mystery. She has three sisters and one brother. She grew up in Mt. Clements, MI.

Karen Flanigan has been worshipping with us for about 2 years. She lives in Lenox Township. She loves exploring nature with a camera around her neck. She grew up in Washington Township, MI. She is one of seven siblings and she loves reading Science Fiction and Fantasy books.

### Haiti Mission Trip Information

The trip to Haiti that was scheduled for March 2020 has been postponed indefinitely due to safety concerns related to current civil and political unrest in Haiti. The team has been called to organize a mission trip to Anchorage, Alaska. The trip will consist of a variety of ministry opportunities, such as service projects (building), mercy ministry (working at a soup kitchen or visiting a senior care center), and youth ministry (hosting VBS or youth night). There will be opportunities for a variety of spiritual gifts to be used. The dates of the trip are July 11-17, 2020. It is our hope to have participants from multiple congregations on the mission trip and/or as part of the mission team. Please share this insert with your congregation. If you or any members of the congregation have any questions I am happy to speak with them. My contact information is included in the insert. There will also be an informational meeting at St. Paul at 6:00pm on February 23. Thanks you for supporting the work that God is calling this team to do! Megan Hargrave Chairperson, Blue Water Global Mission Team



## February Scripture Readings

February 2 .....Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

February 9 .....Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Psalms 112

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

Matthew 5:13-20

February 16 .....Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

February 23.....Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9



February 1 – Jennifer Hollenbeck

February 1 - Amanda Rhein

February 3 – Shelby Frank

February 8 – Chase Churchill

February 11 – Becky Kulman

February 11 – Ricky Turnbull

February 13 – Bryce Rhein

February 13 – Jared Rhein

February 15 – Pat Mason

February 17 – Laura Small

February 18 – Elsa Pitcel

February 21 – Nicholas Doelle

February 26 – Brayden King

February 27 – Shellie Schroudt

February 28 – Richard Macumber, Sr

February 28 – Tracy Wernet



## Thursday Morning Prayer

This Lent, there will be an opportunity to come together for a time of prayer and worship (15-20 minutes). Join us at 8:00am beginning Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.



## Christmas Outreach Feedback

We wanted the congregation to know that we have received expressions of thanks from all of the organizations and families that we assisted in our Christmas outreach. The Detroit Rescue Mission, SNAP Humane Society, and Backpack Blessing were very grateful for our gifts.

Below is a personal thank you from a family in Lenox that we helped.

"Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

I wanted to say thank you so much. My kids were so happy Christmas morning with the blankets and gifts. Without the help of your church it would have not happened. God Bless You and thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!"

Outreach Team