



# Trinity Tidings

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## What's in a Word?

Who remembers your receiving your “Star” word back on January 6? Did you put it someplace where you would be reminded daily of it? How has that word affected your life over the last couple of months?

If you did not receive a “Star” word, you can pick one up on Ash Wednesday or any of the Wednesday evenings during Lent. The intention is for you to pray on this word and listen to how it may have a positive impact on your life during this year. For example, I received the word/phrase, *self-control*. I laughed when I received this because I thought I had a good grasp on self-control. However, a puppy has taught me otherwise as I get frustrated when trying to train him and he does not listen. Tina was also kind enough to remind me that I could probably work on my self-control when I desire to buy more books! It is great to see this word through someone else and how they think it may affect your life.

On Wednesday evenings during Lent we will talk about the importance of words, how they affect our lives and how they shape what we do. If you would like to share a brief testimony about your “Star” word, let me know. For those that want, bring your dinner (like a brown bag lunch) and we will gather at 6:15 pm to share with one another those issues and concerns that are presently on our minds. We will worship at 7:00 pm with a focus on finding meaning in the words that shape us.

During our Sundays in Lent, we will begin a Bootcamp for the Soul! Lent is a season of reflection and change. Reflection and change take work, hard work. Lent can be like a boot camp for the soul, a restart in a focused area. You are invited to walk this season with one another, demanding the best of ourselves, ready to support one another, and prepared to see truths that shatter our self-understanding. During the season of Lent, join us as we discuss the need for change, resetting, hydrating, redefining, and dead ends.

I look forward to seeing you this Lent as we exercise our souls and prepare for the joyous event of Easter morning.

*Peace,  
Pastor Alex*

## Communal Coffee continues...



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



- All that assist to make worship what it is on Sunday mornings!
- The Tune-In team for dedicating their time and energy to listening to the congregation and community. This includes Vern and Theresa Kulman, Marilyn Frank, Richard Kuechenmeister, and Kathleen Carkuff.
- Thanks to Kathleen and Melissa for organizing a great carnival!
- The Card Ministry for all they do and especially giving back to the community!
- The Confirmation Families for all of your support of our program and helping out where needed.

## 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

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Join us at 6:15 pm by bringing a brown bag dinner and we will enter into a discussion about whatever is on your heart and how God may be at work in that. At 7:00 pm we will gather in the sanctuary for a short worship service.



## March Altar Flowers and Fellowship Hour Schedule

### Flowers

March 1 – Open  
March 8 – Open  
March 15 – Open  
March 22 – Open  
March 29 - Open

### Fellowship Hour

March 1 – Daugherty  
March 8 – Open  
March 15 – Open  
March 22 – Open  
March 29 – Birthday Potluck



### First Communion Class

Is your child asking about Communion? If so, we will be having a first communion class on Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. If your child is baptized and interested, please let the church office, or Pastor Alex know that you will be attending. The typical age/grade for first communion is Second Grade. However, if you think they are ready, I am open to younger children receiving communion. They will then receive their First Communion on Sunday, March 29.

# Morning Prayer

## Thursday Morning Prayer

Do you need a time to just slow down during the week and be with God? Thursday mornings during Lent, Pastor Alex will be having a prayer service at 8:00 am. It will last about 15-20 minutes with time for scripture, prayers, and contemplation. Come and join us.



## STATIONS of the CROSS

One discipline that one can participate in during the season of Lent, is to walk and pray through the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross are an opportunity for us to walk in the last steps and actions of Jesus. We will have an interactive Stations of the Cross set up throughout the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. You are invited to come and pray the stations anytime the church is open during Lent.

## Thank You

To the members of Trinity & TLCW  
On behalf of our father, James Braun, we'd like to thank you for your continued prayers, gifts and visits you have provided for our father. It always brings a smile to his face, much comfort, and fond memories of Trinity Lutheran Church.

A special thank you to Becky Stuart for your kindness and always with a smile that brightens the day.

With much love and appreciation  
Jim Braun & family

**Thank you** for all the help you've been providing, we really appreciate all of it.

~Lester & Shirley Dobberowsky

## 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.



## Dana, Hayden, and Ed

Hayden is in the 6th grade at Richmond Middle School. He is in his first year of confirmation class. He likes to play in the snow and go to the beach.

Dana is a CPA and works for the State of Michigan. She enjoys any kind of fitness and working out at the gym.

Ed is a "stay at home" dad and really likes fishing and hunting. He is legally blind due to a medical condition that he had in 2008.

Both Dana and Ed grew up in Richmond.



## Trinity Lenten Project

Each year our congregation supports a project during Lent. This year we will be collecting food items for the backpack blessing program. This is a local food delivery program to Richmond families in need. Look for brightly colored sticky notes in your bulletins during Lent to learn what items are needed.

~ Outreach Committee



## March Scripture Readings

March 1 ..... First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

March 8 ..... Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 15 ..... Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

March 22 ..... Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

March 29 ..... Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

March 4 – Rhonda Hutchins

March 4 – Mark Zink

March 5 – Bill Fistler

March 6 – AJ Daugherty

March 6 – Frank Plagens

March 7 – George Frank

March 9 – Tim Rix

March 10 – Dannie Rowe

March 12 – Sherri Damato

March 12 – Helaina Wernet

March 15 – Nathan Rix

March 15 – Londyn Stuart

March 15 – Kurt Weiber

March 16 – Dan Graham

March 16 – Eric Sparby

March 17 – Judy Orris

March 17 – Katelyn Williams

March 19 – Janice Kuechenmeister

March 19 – William Sasser

March 19 – Debbie Small

March 19 – Jenna Whelan

March 22 – Nora Powers

March 26 – Austin Knoll

March 27 – Jacob Hill

March 30 – Danielle Walsh



4/8 Maundy Thursday Meal -

Gather 6:30pm, meal and worship begins 6:45pm

4/9 Good Friday -

Community worship at Bebee St Park 12:00pm

Worship at Trinity 7:00pm

4/12 Easter Sunday -

Breakfast 8:00am

Worship 9:30am