



# Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church

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February 2021

## Returning to God

Preparing for the Lenten season that is quickly approaching has come with obstacles. It appears we need to have several plans in place depending upon where we currently find ourselves in the life of this pandemic. If you recall, it was during Lent last year that life as we had known it came abruptly to a halt.

The Worship & Music Team is planning a drive through Communion for Ash Wednesday and you will receive material for the Season of Lent. We have made the decision that one way or another we will meet in-person for Easter Sunday (possibly drive-in if it is not safe to worship in the sanctuary). As we make decisions to worship in-person once again, you will be notified.

From the beginning of this Lenten season, we will find ourselves in the wilderness or the desert. Not knowing where to turn and hollering at God for everything to get back to normal. It is okay to direct your anger to God. At the same time, we can also give thanks for the community that has held together this past year as we have lifted one another in prayer and provided love and support to those that have need.

Lent is a time to reflect and repent for those things that have led us astray from God. As we look at our first reading for Ash Wednesday, from the Prophet Joel, we hear of the strong desire to prepare and return to God. Let us not forget God amid the challenges we have encountered this past year. May we use this time of Lent to return to God and find peace and comfort in God's Word and the love that Jesus shows us through his walk to the cross.

Returning to God may look different for all of us. It may be intentionally praying every morning. Praying while stopped in the rush of traffic to or from work. Having dinner with family all gathered around the table and sharing highlights of their day. Going out for a walk or run and breathing in God's beautiful creation. May you find a way to return to God that speaks to you this Lent.

*Peace,  
Pastor Alex*



Our food distributions with Gleaners have been a great success thanks to the many volunteers that help. We will continue to distribute on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm. The next distribution dates will be February 17, March 17, April 21, May 12, & June 9.



### Why Easter Matters

Join Pastor Alex on Zoom this Lent for our next Bible Study. We'll explore why Easter matters through the experiences of those that were around Jesus as he makes his way to the cross. This will be a 4-week study beginning on Wednesday February 24 at 7:00 pm. A Zoom invitation will be emailed out for you to join. After Easter we will begin an Eight Week study on the Gospel of Mark.



### Ash Wednesday Drive-Thru

This year we will be offering Drive-Thru Communion on Ash Wednesday, February 17 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. An Ash Wednesday Service will be premiering on Facebook and YouTube at 7:30 pm. You will also receive resources for the Season of Lent.

### Council Highlights

- Pastor Alex Installed the 2021 Church Council prior to the start of January's meeting.
- The Following Leadership positions were filled on Church Council
  - Vern Kulman, President
  - Ross Brown, Vice President
  - Richard Kuechenmeister, Secretary
  - Mark Zink, Treasurer
  - Don Plonka
  - Bob Gorr
- Theresa Kulman will attend when possible to be the recording secretary.
- Due to several factors, our budget for 2021 is going to be tight. Council is exploring many options, including refinancing the mortgage and a mortgage paydown.
- Council approved a tentative budget pending approval by the congregation once we can have an in-person meeting. At least 2-weeks' notice will be given.
- Council will be designating a recipient every month for Benevolence of at least \$100.00. In January \$100 will be given to the Richmond Food Pantry at St. Augustine's.
- Council has approved a new Church Constitution to be submitted to the Southeast Michigan Synod for approval. It will then have to be approved by the congregation at a meeting.



- The Worship & Music Team for putting together as wonderful Christmas Drive Through. A great tradition to start!
- Theresa Kulman for her year as Church Council President and the six+ years spent on council.
- Kenny K. and Rich K. for their recent help in addressing a leak in the boiler system.
- Our monthly Gleaner's volunteers.



### Thank You Notes Received

- From the Got Your Backpack Project:  
Thank you for being there to lend a helping hand to us as we were collecting for the backpack project! With your support we were able to deliver 101 packs and 25 toiletry bags! They all made it communities from Port Huron to Detroit. Thank you for being such an asset to our community!
- Re:Gleaners: Thank you for hosting Gleaners today - it was a busy day. The love of God shined through your volunteers as well as the people from Gleaners. I thank God that I live in a country surrounded by supportive people and groups. I know my children and grandchildren will be fed nutritious meals. The variety of food astounds me at times. May God bless your church.
- Re: Christmas Drive Through: The drive through was wonderful, thank you so much. Merry Christmas to you all, wishing you blessings for the New Year.



February 7 .... 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

February 14 ... Transfiguration of Our Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 5:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

February 17 ... Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 21 ... 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

February 28 ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8: 31-38



February 1 – Jennifer Hollenbeck  
 February 1 – Amanda Rhein  
 February 8 – Chase Churchill  
 February 11 – Becky Kulman  
 February 11 – Ricky Turnbell, Jr  
 February 13 – Bryce Rhein

February 13 – Jared Rhein  
 February 15 – Pat Mason  
 February 17 – Laura Small  
 February 27 – Shellie Schroudt  
 February 28 – Rich Macumber, Sr  
 February 28 – Tracy Wernet