



# Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church

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## A Spring Hope?

As we prepare to offer in-person worship, we also need to continue to be cautious and aware that we are not through the current Coronavirus Pandemic. We are beginning to see signs of hope as numbers start to decrease and the number of people getting vaccinated increases. This does not mean letting our guard down. Returning to the sanctuary will still require the same precautions (masks and social distancing) as recommended by the CDC.

The hope with the coming spring reminds me of the hope that we encounter on Easter morning. A hope that the tomb is empty, the Risen Christ, and the love of God that has been awakened for all creation. Let us continue to live into this hope and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

While offering in-person worship, we will continue to provide online worship for those that are not yet ready to return. Since we are in the season of Lent and because of COVID, the in-person worship service will be spoken word and there will be little music, used for reflective purposes only. It is our hope to be able to rejoice on Easter Morning with some familiar hymns.

As we publish this newsletter, our plans for Holy Week are not yet finalized and we will continue to share those plans as they come into focus. I am also not sure exactly what Easter morning will look like, but I am praying for warm weather so that we can worship outside.

I continue to keep our congregation and community in my prayers as we walk through this Lent together and the hope of spring reveals the Light of Christ.

*Peace,  
Pastor Alex*





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

### Council Highlights

- Council agreed to offer in-person worship beginning February 28 with continued safety precautions taken.
- Pastor Alex discussed what a Post-COVID team would look like.
- Pastor Alex's evaluation for 2020 was submitted.
- Annual Meeting will be March 21 at 10:45am.
- Agreed to support CARE House this month with a \$100 donation.



### 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.



- Our Gleaners Crew! Those that have helped in any way to help serve the needs of our neighbors with food. We served 91 households in February.
- Becky Stuart and Mark Zink for working on updating the church constitution.
- The people of Trinity for being present for one another and keeping one another in your prayers.



### Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting was postponed in January due to the pandemic. The annual meeting will be held March 21 at 10:45 am, following worship and will have the option to provide online attendance also. We will approve the budget and discuss the possibility of a refinance for the mortgage.



### Coronavirus Vaccines

Have you had difficulty in scheduling a vaccine? The Richmond/Lenox EMS is now administering the vaccines on 32 Mile Road just down from the church. Please call 586-421-6579 to make an appointment or get on their wait list, for anyone in Macomb county.



- March 4 – Rhonda Hutchins
- March 4 – Mark Zink
- March 5 – Bill Fistler
- March 6 – AJ Daugherty
- March 7 – George Frank
- March 9 – Tim Rix
- March 9 – Dannie Rowe
- March 10 – Elizabeth Wernet
- March 12 – Sherri Domato
- March 12 – Helaina Wernet
- March 15 – Nathan Rix
- March 15 – Londyn Stuart
- March 15 – Kurt Wieber
- March 16 – Dan Graham
- March 17 – Judy Orris
- March 19 – Janice Kuechenmeister
- March 19 – Debbie Small
- March 19 – Jenna Whelan
- March 22 – Nora Powers
- March 26 – Austin Knoll
- March 27 – Jacob Hill
- March 30 – Danielle Walsh

*Welcome*  
New Members

Are you to become a member of Trinity Lutheran? We will be welcoming new members in April. If interested, please contact Pastor Alex.



March 7 ... 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

March 14 ... 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

March 21 ... 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Hebrew 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

March 28 ... Palm Sunday  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47

### First Communion



During the season of Lent we usually hold a first communion class. Unfortunately that was not able to happen last year and Pastor Alex is making plans to have a class towards the end of March. Trinity's practice has been communion second graders, but if your child is younger and you feel they are ready, they can join the class. Please contact Pastor Alex if interested.

## “Choose Your Own” Lenten Project...

### Let's Share 40 Actions in 40 days by our Trinity Family!

During Lent each year, the Outreach Team at Trinity thinks of a project to sponsor or an organization to support.

We thought we would go beyond our normal outreach and challenge each of our Trinity family members to **think of a need they see and support it.** In other words, **Choose Your Own!**

**The real challenge is to open our eyes and see the people in front of us. How can we inspire, support, and help those in need?**

Think of the endless opportunities for outreach of our Trinity family alone.

A few examples may be...

- Clear a neighbor's snow.
- Send a “thinking of you” card.
- Call someone in need of company and encouragement.
- Bake something for a neighbor.
- Distribute hand warmers to people who work outside.
- Donate items to the Richmond Food Pantry.
- Donate time to an organization in need.
- Save coins during Lent and donate to a charity.
- Etc.....



**We would love to hear all of the actions you come up with.**  
**Our goal is to hear of 40 actions taken by Trinity during the 40 days of Lent!**

We could **share** our idea/ideas with each other **by posting on Trinity Facebook** or **sending a message or email** to the church mentioning the action.

Pastor can list the “Choose Your Own Lenten Project” actions in his weekly email. You can attach your name to the idea or let him know to list without a name.

We can all enjoy reading how our Trinity family chooses to make a difference during the 40 days of Lent.

**This will be a Lenten Journey that will far outreach any idea we have had in the past.**

