



The Trinitarian

*Trinity welcomes all to a community in Christ;
serving others, growing in faith,
living in hope, and reaching out in love.*

March 2019

Dear People of God,

Lent begins. In fact, in 2019 it begins just about as late as it possibly can. This year we are going to use *Going Ahead* as our Wednesday Lenten theme. The words come from the gospel of Mark's resurrection account and are part of the angels' message to the disciples. The women who came to the tomb are instructed to tell the fearful men that Jesus is going ahead of them back to Galilee and he will see them there.

This became one of my favorite biblical texts when I was working on my doctorate. It comes from a book by a scholar who used this account, among others, to press the point that we only see Jesus in daily life. I don't know about you, but I am deeply comforted by this notion. And it seems to me like a fitting theme for Trinity this Lent.

You may remember when I first came to you, I talked about the interim period as a time of action. We're not in a hurry, there's no race, but we do want to be about our work with deliberation and discernment. We need to be going ahead with our transition, and I can't think of a better time to do that than during Lent.

Lent/Easter will be full at Trinity. Our observances begin on Ash Wednesday. After that, I hope you will be able to attend at least some of the mid-week, Wednesday services. On Wednesdays in Lent we will be using *Holden Evening Prayer*, which I understand you know and love. Evening Prayer is intended to be a contemplative service with a rhythm quite different from Sunday Eucharist. I will not be preaching a 20-minute sermon, but rather a brief homily on the theme of the week, which arises out of the scripture reading for the day. The prayerful, scriptural music of Evening Prayer is the main thing. I hope you will come and let it feed your spirit.

Thank you for your faithfulness. May God bless you as you have been a blessing to others.

Pastor Kern

Lent and Holy Week at Trinity

Ash Wednesday, March 6

- 12:10 p.m. **Holy Communion** w/ imposition of Ashes
- 7:30 p.m. **Holy Communion** w/ imposition of Ashes

Wednesdays in Lent (March 13 – April 10)

- 6:30 p.m. Soup and Bread Supper
- 7:15 p.m. Hymn Sing
- 7:30 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

Palm / Passion Sunday, April 14

- 8:15 a.m. **Holy Communion**
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Classes
- 10:45 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Maundy Thursday, April 18

- 7:30 p.m. **Holy Communion**
with Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 19

- 2:00 p.m. **Kids' Good Friday Service**
- 7:30 p.m. **Tenebrae**

Holy Saturday, April 20

- 7:30 p.m. **The Great Vigil of Easter**

Easter Sunday, April 21

- 8:15 a.m. **Festival Holy Communion**
- 9:30 a.m. Easter Brunch
- 10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:45 a.m. **Festival Holy Communion**

Youth News

Tilden Project - March 1: Middle School Youth from Tilden Middle School will be coming over to Trinity to put together bags of food for Bethesda Helps. If you are able to help, please let Anita know.

Jr. Youth Group - March 2: We will be gathering for a service project for the Montgomery County Humane Society and making dog toys. Come on over from 1-3 p.m. for all the fun.

Lenten Fair & Pretzels - March 10: During the Christian Education Hour, we will make pretzels, and some Lenten-themed crafts.

Youth Group - March 10: Middle School and High School Youth will host youth from Emmanuel Bethesda for a friendly game of Capture the Flag! Please let Anita know if you can be there.

Blessing of New Drivers - March 31: We bless all new drivers during both services.

High School Gathering - March 31: High School Youth.... Check your email... We will be seeing *Captain Marvel*. Once tickets are available, we will plan our movie.

Cheers from Anita!

Thank you, Trinity. I had no idea that there would be a flood of birthday cards. Thanks for all the cards and messages for my birthday. Thank you for all the words of encouragement. Thank you. I really was speechless.

"So, Anita, what have you been up to?"

Pastor Kern has been leading the staff in a book discussion about how churches work in times of transition. This has been interesting. I've been in professional ministry for almost 18 years, and I've never experienced a pastoral transition. I've been learning about how this process works.

I went to the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza. It's a conference. There were 650 youth leaders from all over the ELCA that gathered in Jacksonville for some learning, networking, and some rest. Thanks for the opportunity to attend the event.

And finally, last year, Sarah B (former organist at Trinity) and I recorded an episode of her podcast. Her podcast is for church musicians, and we talked about music in worship, among other things. Here is the link if you're curious: <http://bit.ly/AnitaSarahPodcast>

Rides to Church

Have you missed Trinity events because you lacked transportation? Trinity has missed you too and the following members of the congregation would like to provide you with a ride to Trinity events:



- 20886 Carol B
- 20850 Marilyn C
- 20850 Margaret C
- 20854 Peggy & Dick J
- 20854 Miriam M
- 20853 Nancy N

Zip codes are provided to aid in finding a driver close to you. Do not hesitate to call. If you would like volunteer to drive, contact Dick J.

Helping Break the Cycle of Poverty

Thanks to all who dropped off donations for *A Wider Circle*. On Sunday, January 27, several of us volunteered at the warehouse and delivered a pickup truck full of professional clothes, sheets, blankets, dishes and other household goods.

We will make another trip in April, stay tuned for a date and time!

Social Ministry Team



Congregation Council Highlights

February 12, 2018

- Storage Room Renovation: Jack R returned to further explain his Eagle Scout Project and answer questions from committee. Following the discussion, the Council Members reiterated their support for the Project.
- Social Ministry Committee liaison vacancy: Jerry B has volunteered to fill this position until new council members are chosen.

Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet at the home of Mike J on Wednesday, March 13, 1 p.m. Contact Mike for more information.



Pledges and Gifts

For the 2019 Living in Grace and Gratitude annual Stewardship Appeal, as of **February 18**, 51 family units have pledged \$ 209,956, and 58 adults and 10 youth have turned in their Time & Talent forms. If you have not yet pledged, Pledge Cards and Time & Talent Forms are available in the church office or from ushers on Sunday. Completed cards and forms may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office, Attn: Financial Secretary. Thank you.



BTAB! 2: As of **February 8**, for our three-year **BIGGER Than A Building! 2 (BTAB! 2) Mission Appeal (2019-2021)**, 34 family units have pledged \$ \$280,120. We need everyone's pledge to meet our goal of \$350,000 to pay off our mortgage for the new building and refurbishments to Trinity. Pledge cards and envelopes are available from the ushers. If you have not yet pledged, place your pledge card in the offering, or mail it to the church, Attn: Financial Secretary. Thank you.



Lenten Observances

Ash Wednesday, March 6

12:10 & 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion w/ Ashes

Wednesdays in Lent (March 13 – April 10)

6:30 p.m. Soup and Bread Supper

7:15 p.m. Hymn Sing

7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 5, 6:00 p.m.

Bring your extended family and friends to Trinity's annual "Fat Tuesday" dinner of pancakes, sausage, and fried apples. It is our last meal of abundance before the fasting and deprivation of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday. Leave full and ready to take up the cross as our Lenten journey begins.

Home cooks are needed to prepare apples in their homes. All ingredients and recipes will be provided and will be available to be picked up after worship services on Sunday, March 3. Home cooks should fully prepare their items at home and bring them to the church by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5.

Clean-Up Crew Needed - If you can help clear tables or cleanup during and after the Pancake Supper, please sign up or call Steve S.

Reservations are not required, but we need a general idea of how many to expect. Just sign up by using the form below and placing it in the offering plate or on the sheets posted in the Social Hall.

A Free-will offering to cover costs will be collected at the supper.

Shrove Tuesday Sign-up Sheet

Yes, I want to help . . .

_____ cook apples

_____ set tables (beginning at 4:00 pm)

_____ clean up (finished by 8:00 pm)

_____ How many will be eating?

Name: _____

Phone: _____



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March Highlights

Shrove Tuesday, March 5

6:00 p.m. Pancake Supper

Ash Wednesday, March 6

12:10 p.m. Holy Communion with Ashes

7:30 p.m. Holy Communion with Ashes

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Women in Ministry

Every Sunday: Child Care 8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Fellowship/Coffee Hour after each service
1st Sunday each month is ELCA Hunger Offering

Fri, Mar 1 12:30 p.m. Tilden Project
Sat, Mar 2 1:00 p.m. Junior Youth Group
Bring last year's palms to church on Sunday

Sun, March 3 (Transfiguration)

Potluck Coffee Hour (names A-L)

8:15 a.m. **Holy Communion**
9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:45 a.m. **Holy Communion**
12:15 p.m. Trinity Singers
12:15 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting

Mon, Mar 4 7:30 p.m. Heavenly Handbells (Wor)

Tues, Mar 5 - Shrove Tuesday

11:15 a.m. Church Staff (11)
6:00 p.m. Shrove Tues Pancake Supper (SH)
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision (10)

Wed, Mar 6 - Ash Wednesday

12:10 p.m. Holy Communion w/ Ashes
7:30 p.m. Holy Communion w/ Ashes

Thurs, Mar 7 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training (11)

Sat, Mar 9 - Daylight Saving. Set clocks ahead 1 hr tonight

Sun, March 10 (Lent 1)

8:15 a.m. **Holy Communion**
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Adult Forum
Lenten Fair
10:45 a.m. **Holy Communion**
12:15 p.m. Trinity Singers
12:15 p.m. Worship & Music Team (11)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Mon, Mar 11 7:30 p.m. Heavenly Handbells (Wor)

Tues, Mar 12 11:15 a.m. Church Staff (11)
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training (11)
7:30 p.m. Congregation Council (10)

Wed, Mar 13

1:00 p.m. Men's Group
6:30 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper
7:15 p.m. Hymn Sing
7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Fri, Mar 15 9:00 a.m. *Trinitarian* April newsletter deadline
Shekinah (March 15-17)

Sat, Mar 16 7:30 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Bible Study

Sun, March 17 (Lent 2)

8:15 a.m. **Holy Communion**
9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:45 a.m. **Holy Communion**
12:15 p.m. Trinity Singers
12:15 p.m. Social Ministry (Lib)
1:45 p.m. Bethesda H&R (Social Ministry)

Mon, Mar 18 7:30 p.m. Heavenly Handbells (Wor)

Tues, Mar 19 11:15 a.m. Church Staff (11)
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training (10)

Wed, Mar 20

6:30 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper
7:15 p.m. Hymn Sing
7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sun, March 24 (Lent 3)

8:15 a.m. **Holy Communion**
9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:45 a.m. **Holy Communion**
12:15 p.m. Trinity Singers
12:15 p.m. Parish Life Team (SH)

Mon, Mar 25 9:15 a.m. Trinitarian mailing
7:30 p.m. Heavenly Handbells (Wor)

Tues, Mar 26 11:15 a.m. Church Staff (11)
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training (10)

Wed, Mar 27

6:30 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper
7:15 p.m. Hymn Sing
7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sat, Mar 30 9:00 a.m. Choir Retreat

Sun, March 31 (Lent 4) *Blessing of New Drivers*

8:15 a.m. **Holy Communion**
9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:45 a.m. **Holy Communion**
12:15 p.m. Trinity Singers

This calendar is for Trinity Church events only. For other community groups' event reservations, please see our online calendar at www.trinityelca.org, or contact the church office. When planning events at Trinity, please first confirm room availability with the church office. Thank you.

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	Mar 3 – Transfig	Mar 10 – Lent 1	Mar 17 – Lent 2	Mar 24 – Lent 3	Mar 31 – Lent 4
Acolyte 8:15 10:45	Matthew B Vincent M	TBD Colin G	Matthew B Anusha A	TBD Anders S	Matthew B Linnea S
Assist. Min. 8:15 10:45	John B Nalini A	Bill B Sabrina R	Jerry B Len S	Carol B Jim K	Nancy N Miriam M
Children's Church 8:15 10:45	Anita S Jane R	Margaret F Anita S	TBD David C	Anita S Nicholas C	Anita S Jane R
Greeters 8:15 10:45	Jerry B, Brian A, Stella Diana M	Joan E Susan S	Tom M Hagen & Kristina S	Nancy & Thor N Matthew & Tamara C	Jane R, Eric S Pam B
Lector 8:15 10:45	Nancy N Susan S	Tom K Linnea A	John B Greg F	Keith C Robyn K	Phil D Sarah G
Ushers 8:15 10:45	Ross A, Thor N Gregory & Margaret F	Ross A, Joan E David C, Henry C	Steve & Donna S Robert P, Paul D	Mike J, Ross A Dick & Peggy J	Mike J, Ross A Angela B, Rich G
Coffee Hour 8:15 10:45	Tad & Vi D Spear/Turowski	Lily & Keith C Gina C, Lenore C	Nancy & Tom M TBD	Nancy & Thor N TBD	Jane R, Eric S Lynn & Bud B
Altar Custodians 8:15 10:45	Carol B Miriam M				
Tellers	Lynn & Bud B	Thor N, Diana M	Greg & Margaret F	Dick & Peggy J	Annie A, Mina
Bulletin (Prior Thurs)	Noralyn D	Dick J	Diana M	Dick J	Noralyn D

Remember in Your Prayers

... the church

our synod & bishops

Bishops Elizabeth Eaton & Richard Graham

our missionaries

Stephen Deal & Marta Giron, Cent. America

our congregation

Trinity Church

... the nations

Afghanistan, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Korea, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Liberia, Libya, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Palestine, Somalia, Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, United States, Venezuela, Yemen, Zimbabwe

... the sick and suffering

nursing/rehabilitation center

Philip T, Manor Care Potomac

John W, Sunrise of Rockville

home

Diana B, Jean B, Tigist G,
Susan K, Pr Robert M, James T,
Chris T, Margo W

family and friends*

Carol B, friend of Marilyn C

Wendy C, friend of Len S

Shirley D, friend of Margaret & Greg F

Paul G, husband of Louise G

Glan J, friend of P-H family

Michael M, friend of Mary B

Carolyn P, friend of Mary B

Jean R, mother of Sabrina R

Vern W, brother-in-law of Sabrina R

Birthdays

1 Lineth S	18 Kathy H
4 Logan D	20 Ann K
5 Mary H	25 Connor D
9 Wendy C	Andrei S
Karen W	26 Brooke P C
10 Bill K	27 Amanda S
Liam S	29 Theodore R
12 Colin G	31 Evie H
Vera N	

Baptismal Days

1 Louise G	13 Elaine W
5 Marjorie W	14 Torsten D
6 David C	23 Timothy F
Nancy N	29 Leander R
9 Nancy J	30 Bill K
12 Benjamin N	Nathan L

Wedding Anniversaries

1 Brian & Ione L
15 Linnea A & Victor N
31 David & Leslie C Tom & Nancy M

*For family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for four weeks. After four weeks, please complete another card.