

TRINITY TIDINGS~

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“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” Proverbs 16:3

“WHERE HAVE ALL THE ALLELUIAS GONE?”

Some of you may remember the folk song from the 1950s titled *Where Have All the Flowers Gone?* This month Lent will begin on March 5. During Lent you may want to sing these words: *“Where have all the alleluias gone? Long time passing. Where have all the alleluias gone? Long time ago.”*

Throughout the Lenten season the church removes the singing and saying of **Alleluias**, from the service. And some of you may wonder why they started this tradition for the Lenten and Advent seasons of the church year. We will even remove the hymn of praise from the service also. Here are two things from Thomas H Maschke’s book *Gathered Guests*:

OMISSION OF THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Normally, no hymn of praise is sung during Advent and Lent. This practice accentuates the solemn and penitential nature of these seasons. However, during Advent the canticle “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” may be sung and “The Royal Banners Forward Go” may be used in Lent.¹

LENTEN VERSE

During the Lenten season, a verse from Joel 2:13 replaces the Alleluia Verse. It recalls the Old Testament hope and our fulfilled joy even in the solemn Lenten season. During the Lenten and Advent seasons, *alleluias* are omitted to stress the penitential nature of the season.²

Most Lutheran churches follow this tradition as a reminder of our need to repent of our sins with a sorrowful and contrite heart. It is our sin that caused our Lord to come down from heaven, be

manifested in our flesh and die for our wrongdoings.

It all ends well. Lent is followed by Easter and our Lord’s resurrection from the dead. And the alleluias will return. *Psalm 30:11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness.* Our mourning for our sins will be turned into dancing and joy when Easter comes. Why? God has forgiven us. God still loves us. God will raise us up like He did Jesus.

During our Lenten season our midweek services will focus on the need for repentance as we look at the parable of the Prodigal God in Luke 15. Let us see our need of a Savior as we look at the sins of the younger brother and older brother. Let us see hope and joy in the Father of these two sons.

God bless you all,

Pr Bob

¹ Gathered Guests, A Guide to Worship in the Lutheran Church, Thomas H Maschke, Page 125.”

² Ibid1, Page 128.



PLEASE NOTE: In the event of an emergency, and you cannot reach the church office, you may call Pastor Bob on his cell phone at 219-510-7288.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, with Pastor Bob, continues each week at 10:40am. All are invited to join him studying the book of *Hosea*.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30pm. "The Chosen" continues. All are invited to join us! For more information contact Jon Bush at ophiclide.tuba@gmail.com

YOUTH CONFIRMATION meets Saturday, March 8th and 15th at 10:30am in the Fellowship area with Pastor Bob. Sixth thru Eighth graders are welcome to attend.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Saturday Evening 5:30pm

Sunday Morning 9:00am

A time of fellowship follows each service

NEWS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Our prayers have been with the following members and friends who have been ill and/or hospitalized: Quincey Haebele, Lynn Rasmussen, Amy Gimlin and Family, Emze, Kris Bruun, , Pastor Iovine, Lori Brown, Alice LaRose, Cash Blanchfield, Henrietta Voss, David & Connie Boden, Norma Larson, Linda Fenwick, Faralyn Koncilia, Shirleen Pape, Mindy, Stephanie Lowell, Roxann, Stephanie Fisher, Brad Ritter, Amy Coulson, Connie Elson, Cathy, Rich Graves, Jacob Freeman, Cindy Schmidt, Rose Sears, Rick & Anita Lawrenz, Marcie Wright, Victor Voss, Ty Butcher, Melanie Trujillo, Joyce Michelli, Lucille Cochran, Adella Schmidt, Sophia DeSalvo, Randy Wilke, Lorna Romero, Christina Pavelski, Gregg Pavelski, Shirley Ranus. May God continue to strengthen and heal them. Let us lift up in joy and thanksgiving to God our Heavenly Father all the families and children in Trinity Lutheran Church, School, and ELA.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1--Charlie Laduke	15—Nancy Meyer
3—Mark Baumann	Linda Sperber
Chris Wiggins	18—Matthew Vail
8—Briain Dilka	23—Aidan Otero
9—Jeremy Halfacre	24—Karla Coulson
Brigitte Juarez	25—Lucille Cochran
11--Adelynn Vigil	Livia Vigil
Joseph Vigil II	27—Michael Aggson
13—Morgan Halfacre	28—Ben Dodson
14—Andrew Crawford	30—Connie Gamache
—Frank Michelli	31—Ryan Schepmann

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

2—Andrew & Maria Cicerello (40 years)

15—Brian & Marissa Dilka (18 years)

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS!

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"ENDURE"

Heb. 12:1-3, "...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and prefecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him **endured** the cross...Consider him who **endured** from sinners such hostility...so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."

EXCITING UPDATES FROM

TRINITY EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY

Happy March!

2025 is in full swing at TELA for our next unit of study—TRANSPORTATION! As we move into March we will be looking forward to the beginning of Daylight Savings Time on the 9th and the first day of Spring on March 20th.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in Trinity Kindergarten in the Fall, there will be an informational meeting on Tuesday March 4th at 6:00pm. At that time, parents will be also sampling some healthier food options that are being considered as a choice for parents to purchase for their student.

Watch for information coming your way soon regarding the Epic Egg-Stravaganza!

WHAT WE ARE DOING IN THE CLASSROOM

The month of March will keep us busy with lots of great ideas to explore. We will remember the classic author Dr. Seuss with some activities as we celebrate his birthday along with National Read Across America Day on March 3rd. Mid-month brings a brief pause from St. Patricks' Day before continuing on with our monthly theme of Transportations. Learning about many different modes that can be used when traveling by land, air, sea and even space holds endless opportunities for increased vocabulary, math, and science concepts, (motion, speed, distance) as well as cognitive skills such as categorizing and sorting.

IMPORTANT!!!!

School will be dismissed for SPRING BREAK during the week of March 24th.

+++Childcare is available for children currently enrolled in our Full Day programs-please be sure to sign up on the roster in the closing classroom at pick up time!

Trinity School will be hosting their 1st annual talent show. We are looking to showcase all types of talent. Students who wish to participate can register with their teacher by Friday, Feb.28th. All performances have a maximum time of 3 minutes and must be school acceptable. Auditions for the show will be held March 6th during normal school hours. **The talent show will be held March 20th, also during normal school hours.** Parents and family are invited to attend and help us celebrate all the talented students here at Trinity.

Ascension Episcopal Church is looking for students 5-12 years old to join their choir. Practices began February 12th and run through April 9th, Wednesdays 4:15-5:15pm and Sundays 8:30-10:00am. It is not too late to join. If you are interested you can call Barb at (719)568-9826 or email csch1945@comcast.net.



CAPTAINS Meeting-March 6th at 3:30pm in Fellowship Hall. These meetings are for all Trinity adults, (Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunts, Uncles and Friends.) Goal is to support the school and staff through volunteering, fund raising, and organizing events.

SCHOOL BOARD Meeting March 6th at 5:00pm.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE: Dr. Ibarra has announced that the school's new website is up and running! He has coordinated with contractors to start the building updates, focusing on painting and flooring. Exciting times are ahead!

PARENT/ADULT VOLUNTEERS are being sought. Short term tasks include Readers, Reading Buddies, passing out lunches, picking up lunches, etc. Have some free time contact the school office: 719-544-1864



Hello! The annual Epic Egg Hunt preparation will begin March 13th with an afterschool Egg Matching event. These bags of eggs will be put out for church members, school and ELA families to take home. The families are asked to fill the eggs and return them to Trinity by April 10th. Donated prizes like chocolate bunnies, filled Easter Baskets, stuffed toys are **ALWAYS** welcome.

The Epic Egg Hunt will be held at Epic Entertainment, 701 S. Pueblo Blvd, on April 12th (Saturday) @9AM.

All ages are welcome! This is a community outreach. The hunt is free. It includes toddlers through 8th grade. Please be a part of this fun event!

THANK YOU!!!

2025 Lent, Holy Week, & Easter Schedule

THE PRODIGAL GOD

Ash Wednesday- March 5th

Trinity Lutheran Church - 12:00pm
Bethany Lutheran Church - 7:00pm

Lenten Midweek Services

(6:00pm Dinner | 7:00pm Worship)

March 12th | Our Savior's Lutheran Church
March 19th | Trinity Lutheran Church
March 26th | Bethany Lutheran Church
April 2nd | Our Savior's Lutheran Church
April 9th | Trinity Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday - April 17th

Bethany Lutheran Church - 7:00pm
Trinity Lutheran Church - 7:00pm

Good Friday - April 18th

Our Savior's Lutheran Church - 7:00pm
Trinity Lutheran Church - 7:00pm

Easter Vigil - April 19th

Trinity Lutheran Church - 5:30pm

Easter Sunday - April 20th

Our Savior's Lutheran Church - 7:00am
Bethany Lutheran Church - 10:00am
Trinity Lutheran Church - 7:00am & 10:00am

MEALS ON WHEELS is looking for volunteer drivers to help deliver over 350 meals to Homebound Seniors Tuesday-Thursday. Please call Dorothy Tracey at 719-533-3425 if you are interested in volunteering.

PORTALS OF PRAYER located by the mailboxes.

CHURCH ENVELOPES for the New Year are ready by the WELCOME COUNTER by the entrance.

2024 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS have been mailed or are in your church mailbox.

CHURCH CHECK UP

Please let the Church Office know of any changes in address, phone number, member status, etc. so that the Church records can be updated and current. Most of the time you can make changes on the Member Church Attendance Card.

Thank you very much for taking the time to pass on the changes.

I want to thank everyone for filling out the church attendance cards on Saturday and Sunday. I have been keeping track of attendance and communion participation.

In order to keep accurate records (to the best of my ability) of attendance and participation in communion it is important to fill the attendance card with each family member's name and mark communion participation. I do not make guesses because I am usually wrong, I use the information on the card.

Please let me know if I have neglected you or someone in the listing of our JOYS and CONCERNS.

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THOUGHTFUL THINKING

Total honesty with ourselves enables us to acknowledge our spiritual failures and, therefore enables us to own up to our need for God's forgiveness.

~Anonymous

Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

~St. Augustine

Take the first step I faith. You don't have to so see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

God has a work to do with us that will not be done without us

~St. Augustine

Praying without faith is like shooting without a bullet; it makes a lot of noise but does no execution.

~Francis Burkitt

