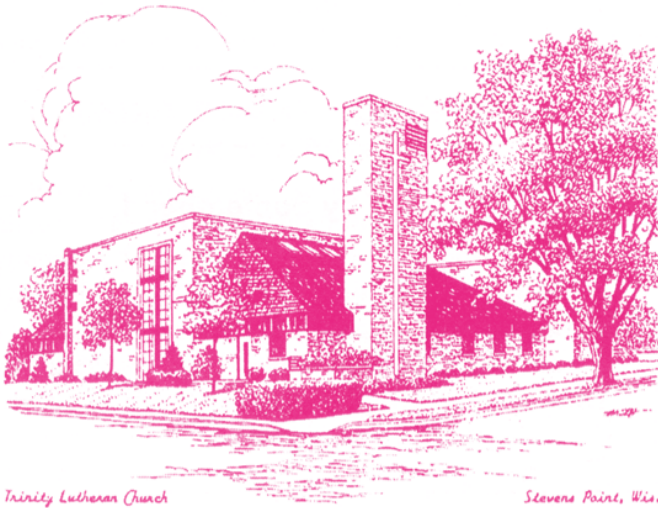


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Holy Week WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday March 25	8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Worship
Maundy Thursday March 29	12:00 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Worship
Good Friday March 30	12:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship
Easter Sunday April 1	7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service 8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Worship

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Staffing UPDATES

As of this week, Trinity will no longer have our beloved **Su Melby** with us in the office. We are celebrating her retirement on Sunday, March 4 at both services, with a coffee hour in her honor between services. It goes without saying that after 17 years of her faithful service, her knowledge and skill will be hard to replace. Happily, we have hired **Doris Way** to take on the role of Administrative Assistant. She has spent 2 weeks being trained and oriented by Su and we trust that this will make for a smooth transition.

Tammy Koch has assumed the role of Financial Assistant (formerly known as “clerk”). She is off to a great start and has been in training with several people to learn the ropes in that side of the office. Doris and Tammy will also be cross-trained so that in one’s absence, the other knows enough to keep the ship afloat. They are a delight to work with and are both very excited to be with us.

I want to thank **Mary Werger** for stepping in as an interim assistant. She has finished her work at Trinity and returns to her work at Redeemer Lutheran Church (The Beloved Community is the new name, now that they have merged with Intercession Episcopal Church), where she has been working all along. She deserves a break after working for weeks at two jobs, and deserves our thanks for helping out in a crunch period since January.

Also highly deserving of our thanks is **Cris Harris**, who stepped in as a volunteer to help with financial matters since Lori Kolodziej moved on to another position in town. It was not an easy job, but Cris did it with confidence, competence, and good cheer. Fortunately for us all, Cris has a great sense of humor. We are extremely grateful to her as well.

As for our search for music and worship leadership, a search committee has been established to review the job applications that have been coming in since we posted our positions a few weeks ago. The committee is open to God’s leading. They have not predetermined the future shape of the staff, and are open to creative ways of filling our needs, including the possibility of multiple persons filling part-time roles. We are hopeful and prayerful, eager to see where the Spirit leads us in pursuit of establishing a distinguished program for worship, music, and the arts at Trinity.

I won’t elaborate on the filling of our school director job because I have reported on that in the past. I’ll only say that **Amy Kurkowski** is proving herself to be the leader we hoped we would find and is doing a wonderful job.

Finally, I want to say thanks to the Personnel Committee. They have worked hard on establishing interviews and protocols for these many searches. We pray that their work is nearly complete as we fill our final openings.

As we continue to move forward, I am always open to feedback regarding these times of transition. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns—and please let the new staff know who you are when you drop by the office. They are eager to get to know the people of Trinity better.



~ Pastor Clay Schmit



Pastor Clay was recently in the Portage County Gazette as the winner of the “So You Think You Can Conduct” competition. If you would like to see the full article, please check it out on the bulletin board by the welcome center. Congratulations Pastor Clay!!



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Notes of THANKS

To everyone at Trinity Lutheran Church that sponsored my basket. Thank you so much for the Holiday basket! It will help me out tremendously and make my Christmas much happier.

~Name withheld—a recipient of one of our Christmas baskets.

A letter from Hunger and Poverty Prevention Partnership of Portage County acknowledging the nearly \$70 of our contributions to the Mobile Pantry.

The Justiceworks Board of Directors and staff are very grateful for your donation of nearly \$200 to the 2018 Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration event. The celebration is organized by Justiceworks, Ltd., a non-profit community justice organization, and faith-based community volunteer representatives.

~Jamie Kiener, Justiceworks, Ltd.

Thank you for your gifts received by Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you for joining with the whole church in this season of unprecedented generosity, as together we support communities hard-hit by disasters including hurricanes, earthquakes and wildfires.

~Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal.

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers to help me celebrate my birthday. I enjoyed Ron Odejewski's visit.

~Ellie Bjorge

Thank you, I enjoyed the flowers that Mr. Trachte delivered and the nice visit we shared.

~Doris Charlesworth

TRINITY'S 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION FILM FESTIVAL

Attend Trinity's 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Film Festival!

Mark your calendar: The following films will be shown:

March 18: The 1953 Martin Luther film, "Here I Stand"

April 29: "Martin Luther"-the 2003 film

All films will be shown at 6:30 p.m.



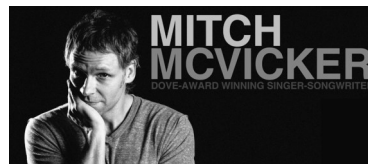
Free popcorn during the movies: Refreshments and discussion after the movies.



Looking for a way to **GROW** your **WORKS OF LOVE**?
Want to get involved, but not sure how?

Come check out the
COMMITTEE OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, March 18th
Middle hour in the Library

Come explore committees' displays and discover opportunities for getting involved. Committee members will be on hand to provide information and answer questions!



MITCH MCVICKER
DOVE-AWARD WINNING SINGER-SONGWRITER

CONCERT

Join us as another incredibly talented and award-winning musician shares of his life, music and faith on Wednesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at Trinity. Mitch's latest album, "The Acceptance of And" will be released soon. Mitch's journey in life has been filled with challenges and the past year is no exception. His genuine honest lyrics speak to his evolving faith and his unique musical style are all his own. Every concert is one you won't soon forget. No tickets are necessary for this Wisconsin stop on his winter tour, but a free-will offering will be taken. CD's and other merchandise will also be available for purchase.



MARK KROOS IN CONCERT

We're excited to announce that guitarist Mark Kroos will be back at Trinity for a special 7 p.m. concert on Tuesday, April 10 in the sanctuary. Mark was the winner of Guitar Player Magazine's 2011 International Guitar Superstar Competition. His skill on the double neck guitar and his finger tapping technique have to be seen to be believed. He has shared the stage with legendary guitarists Mike Stern, Lee Ritenour, Phil Keaggy and Stanley Jordan over the past 8 years of full time touring and sharing concerts at churches, schools, music stores and theaters. He has released three full-length albums. Mark currently resides in North Carolina with his wife Nora. A free-will offering will be received the evening of the concert. Mark your calendars for Mark!

GROCERY DONATIONS

Mobile Pantry will be the recipient of our grocery donations during the month of March. If you remember, last November a member of our congregation donated a huge amount of paper products to the Pantry. Marcy Ferriter, the Mobile Pantry coordinator, heard comments, such as, “How did you know that I needed these things?” from the recipients. The Mobile Pantry clients were truly excited to receive these items. Thank You!

Right now Mobile Pantry’s recipients are mostly of single, elderly women with a few elderly men and a number of families with young children. They welcome the usual food items such as cereal, peanut butter, and macaroni and cheese. (In fact Marcy has been running low on mac and cheese.) But their highest need is personal care items. These are the items that can’t be purchased with Food Share vouchers. They include: shampoo, conditioner, hand soap, body wash, brushes and combs, and wash cloths. Monetary donations (you can place them in the little blue box on the counter in the Narthex) are used to provide perishables such as dairy, meat, fruit and eggs.



These clients are so appreciative when they receive their monthly box of food and other items. Let’s fill the cart with personal care items as well as food. Thanks for sharing with the Mobile Pantry recipients!

LENTEN COINS 2018

By now you should have received your Lenten Coin Offering Folder in the mail. For many years Trinity members have generously responded to the needs of our friends and neighbors both close to home and beyond.



During this Lenten season, we reflect on the power of God’s self-giving love that transforms and challenges us! This year your Lenten Coins will support Crossways Camping Ministries and ELCA World Hunger’s 40 days of Giving.

At Crossways Camping Ministries half of our gifts will be used to renovate cabin interiors at the various camp sites, specifically painting and replacing old carpet. The other half will benefit five ELCA World Hunger programs in India, Malawi, and the United States that urgently need our support. (Check the February Tower or ELCA.org/40days for more information.)

Let’s remember these ministries in our prayers and by sticking a quarter in each of the slots in the Lenten Offering Folder. (If you’d prefer, you may insert a check or bills in the “special offering” slot at the bottom of the folder.)

SPARE A DIME FOR REFUGEES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

For the month of March, our coins will support Lutheran Disaster Response: the Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis. The need is still great. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), a record number of people have fled from war and poverty in the Middle East, especially persons from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and, most recently, Yemen. A high percentage of them are the most vulnerable—women and children. They live in camps, tents, makeshift shelters and destroyed homes throughout the region.

“The deadliest conflict the 21st century has witnessed so far, ” the Syrian civil war has driven millions from their homes in seven years of unspeakable brutality. As of February this year, the UNHCR has registered over 5.5 million refugees, while it estimates another 6.5 million have been internally displaced within the country’s borders—in all some 65% of the country’s pre-war population. Most of those fleeing live in camps in Lebanon, Turkey, and Jordan, but some attempt journeys onwards to Europe, risking their lives in search of safety and better conditions.

What is Lutheran Disaster Response doing? Since the conflict in Syria began, it has committed over \$1 million to help Syrian refugees who have been displaced because of bombardment, civil war and the threat of ISIS. Working with trusted partners, The Lutheran World Federation, and companion churches, it provides such items as food, diapers, blankets, water, health kits, hygiene kits and psychosocial services to those who have fled. It also brings them something crucial but intangible—hope for a brighter future.

The ELCA promises that donations designated for the Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis “will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those directly impacted by this crisis.”

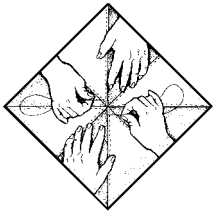
Let’s pray for those who are affected by violence and are vulnerable, that they may be granted peace and healing.

And please give generously.

2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications are available in the church office. Ottem and Rasmussen forms must be returned by April 30. To qualify for the Ottem, you must be a Trinity member attending a Lutheran college or seminary full time. For the Rasmussen, you must be a full time student at a public or private college or technical college, and a member of Trinity.

Endowment and Memorial Gifts



Trinity Quilt Makers

Our Quilting group was blessed with a huge box of quilting fabric. Thanks to Beversdorfs who mentioned to someone that we make quilts at church. A lady had died and her husband was trying to find a place for his wife's fabric stash. By mentioning our project, we were given a wonderful gift. Another person dropped off a very big box of fabric at the church. All of this fabric has been washed ironed and cut into blocks. Now we'd like to pass them on to those who like to sew. Let me know if you are interested in helping. We THANK everyone who donates fabric and sews quilt tops.

From Faith in Action - Lutheran World Relief: *"The work is truly a ministry. We are providing comfort to people we've never seen and people we're never going to see but we know they are God's creations and He wants those people to have a warm quilt too. We don't need to know them. God created them. That's enough. We don't care where they live. If a quilt is going to make them more comfortable, that's why we do it."*

WANTED: Someone who will come on Quilting Days and sit and hem quilts on the machine. We can't keep up and need more sewers. Besides Frieda and Diane, Katie, Nina and Bea have all helped, now we need one more person to operate a sewing machine on Quilting Day.

We have two quilting days in March. They will be **Tuesday, March February 13th and Thursday, March 22nd from 9-3 in Fellowship Hall.** Coffee, tea, and treats are served mid-morning. Come and join us, if you can tie your shoes, you can tie a quilt. You would be most welcome!

~ Lois Hagen

SNOW POLICY

If school is canceled due to the weather on a Wednesday, Confirmation classes and Cherub and Youth Choirs will be canceled. Listen to radio stations WSPT & WYTE or check the Trinity website at www.trinitysp.com for cancellation information.

EASTER DECORATIONS

One of the most meaningful symbols of Christ's resurrection is the lily. If you would like to contribute to the flowers and decorations for Easter morning, please return this form to the church office by March 25, 2018.



NAME _____

_____ plant(s) at \$20each = \$ _____

Given in Memory of:

Given in Celebration of:

_____ Please deliver my plant to a shut-in.

_____ I will pick up my plant immediately following the 10:45 a.m. service Easter Sunday.

_____ I will help with flower delivery.



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THE THREE R'S AT TRINITY

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle are the three R's that are found and in action at Trinity.

MATTER OF FACT LET'S SHARE SOME TRINITY EARTH-FRIENDLY EXAMPLES:



- Extra pews went to the summer chapel Camp Cleghorn
- Rummage Sales
- Donated plastic containers for sharing food with our shut-ins and the Salvation Army
- Composting Trinity's grass and leaves
- Youth book sale
- Eye glasses for the Lion's Club
- Paper bags for Operation Bootstrap
- Blankets, sheets and cloth used by the quilters
- Used baby clothes for layettes
- Lights to Nicaragua
- Old hymnals shared beyond our walls
- Donated clothes for TLC&P children for winter outdoor play or if clean clothes are needed during the day
- LED lights
- Sanctuary fans
- Recycling metal
- Fixing things
- Christian Ed. and TLC&P creating something new out of something old or used

We are sure there are many more examples. And by reusing items we are contributing to reducing trash!

AT TRINITY WE RECYCLE:

- Clean cardboard and paper
- All aluminum cans collected are a Youth fundraiser
- Plastics, #s1-7
- Glass
- Tin cans

TRINITY RECYCLING LOCATIONS:

- There are blue, 13 gallon recycling receptacles throughout the building for loose paper, glass, plastic and aluminum cans.
- There are 3 aluminum can receptacles; one in the Welcome Area, one outside the Youth Room and one in the basement, southeast stairwell by the kitchen.
- Large quantities of paper and flattened cardboard go in the basement, southeast stairwell by the kitchen.

It is up to each one of us to do our part to be good stewards at Trinity, home and in the community. Let's continue our earth-friendly work together.

Earth-Friendly Friends,
Your B&G Committee



Dear friends,

The New York Times recently picked up on an issue which is now in the news in South Africa every day: "Day Zero for Cape Town."

The city of Cape Town with four million residents is experiencing the worst drought in over a century. Dams are dangerously low and if the rains do not come soon the city may have to switch off the taps in April. Residents will then have to queue to collect their ration of water at 200 distribution points which will have major logistical, health and security issues. Already the price of bottled water has spiked.

South Africa, along with many other rain-scarce countries in Africa, is vulnerable to the effects of climate change and faces a long-term challenge with providing enough water for its people, agriculture and industry. This crisis highlights the fact that policies and practices by governments, businesses and ordinary people regarding water usage will have to change not only in Cape Town but around the world.

The watchword for the year 2018 from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (ELCSA) Almanac is from Revelation 21:6b *"To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."* ELCSA Presiding Bishop AM Mnisi writes in the preface to the devotional booklet, "Christ is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, everything belongs to him. He sees that we are thirsty and offers fresh water for all to drink at no cost... Salvation is given freely, without price." The LWF subthemes marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 were "Salvation is not for sale!", "Human beings are not for sale!" and "Creation is not for sale!"

As ELCA Global Mission we are privileged and challenged to walk with our companions in Southern Africa in God's mission through programs that support evangelism outreach, leadership development, theological training, health care and sustainable development including strategies to provide safe, secure water supplies and mitigation of the effects of climate change and poverty.

Thank you for your prayers and support and for your participation in God's mission locally and globally. Peace and blessings.

Yours faithfully,

Collecting well water at Munene Clinic in Mozambique

Philip Knutson

Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson, ELCA Global Mission Regional Representative, Southern Africa Johannesburg, Feb. 2, 2018

My blog page address is:

<https://southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com/>

Please note the link to my online giving page on www.elca.org:community.elca.org/SouthAfrica



Students recently learned more about their faith studying about Jesus walking on water and Peter's trust through experiments with raisins, pennies, and oranges. The children also put on a play re-enacting the story.

During March, the students will walk with Jesus to town. A palm parade will be held on Sunday, March 18. We will meet in the narthex at 9:30 a.m. All families are invited to participate.

There will be no Sunday School classes on March 25 or April 1 due to Spring Break and Easter. Classes will resume on April 8. We look forward to seeing everyone.

~ Christian Education Committee



Place your order soon and pick up some fresh Lone Elm pizzas on Sunday, April 8th. Our pizzas are the perfect meal for

family, friends or even hungry trivia teams. Help support Trinity youth attending this summer's ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. Complete the order form below or pick up one in the narthex at church. Advance orders need to be received by **Wednesday, March 28th**. A limited number of additional pizzas may be available for purchase the day of the sale. All pizzas can be picked up in Fellowship Hall any time after first service that morning. Thanks for your continued support!

Name: _____

of Pizzas

_____ Cheese X \$6.00/each	_____
_____ Sausage X \$6.00/each	_____
_____ Pepperoni X \$6.00/each	_____
_____ Sausage/Pepperoni X \$8.00/each	_____
_____ Brat Sauerkraut X \$8.00/each	_____
Total Due	_____

CONFIRMATION CAMP REMINDER

Trinity 7th and 8th Graders who will be attending our week of Confirmation Camp at Imago Dei Village, June 10th- 15th, please have your completed registrations and deposits returned to Trinity no later than **Wednesday, March 7th**. Additional forms are available if you have misplaced yours. Please see Todd if you have any questions.

SYNOD YOUTH BOARD

Congratulations and thank you to Trinity senior Reid Larson who recently wrapped up his 3 year-term on the East Central Synod of Wisconsin Youth Board at the Junior High Youth Gathering in Manitowoc, February 17th-18th. Reid has been a dedicated and valuable member of the group, having served as the board's president throughout the past year. If you have the chance, be sure to thank him for representing our congregation so well and ask him all about the experience. Trinity will continue to be represented on the board by sophomore Maddie Benser. She joins with group members from other congregations in helping to plan and carry out Synod Youth Gatherings over the next two years. A huge shout out to all of our youth for all they do in service to others!

EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter will be here before you know it, so we're hoping you will make plans to join us for Trinity youth's annual Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 1st beginning at 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. This year's menu will again feature pancakes, sausage links, fresh fruit, coffee, juice and milk. Pick up your complimentary ticket from the Information Center in the narthex or the church office (so we can better plan to feed all those in attendance). A free-will offering will be received that morning to benefit our youth traveling to Houston this June for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Hope to see you Easter morning!



Wednesday night Confirmation students have been attending mid-week worship services throughout Lent and contributing pictures representing the theme of the previous week to the display in the narthex. Stop by and check out the images they have selected. You might even consider what image you might choose for yourself?



COME TO TRINITY YOUTH'S COMMUNITY IMPACT NIGHT @ PIZZA RANCH

Enjoy dinner at Pizza Ranch in Plover (1300 Commerce Place) on Monday, March 19th from 4:00 PM-8:30 PM and a percentage of all sales will benefit our trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer. A buffet (pizza, broasted chicken, potatoes, vegetables, salad bar, dessert and more) or menu ordering are both available. Adult buffet price is \$9.79. Children's buffet prices range from Free (ages 0-3) to \$6.99. Soft drinks are \$1.89. Menu items vary in price. Hope you can make it out!

TRINITY LEARNING CENTER NEWS

I would like to introduce myself as the new director at Trinity Learning Center & Preschool. I have been a teacher at the learning center for the past 14 years, and I am excited to start my new role as being the learning center director.

We are very busy getting ready for our annual art show, this is a great time for families and church members to come and see the beautiful creations made by the children. The art show will be **Thursday, March 22** from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** It will be open for viewing thru **Sunday, March 25.**

I would like to thank everyone for your support as I start my new role as the learning center director.

Amy Kurkowski



March Acolyte Schedule

	8:15 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
March 4	Adam Rust Kade Smigaj	Allie Bena Ashton Smola
March 7 (6:30pm)	Alex Thompson	Anna Meilahn
March 11	Taylor Moe Jack Kienbaum	Tatum Thielman Colton Thielman
March 14 (6:30pm)	Laura Rogan	Ashton Smola
March 18	Aileen Winn Caelen Bolton	Zach Kolodziej Ethan Thomas
March 21 (6:30pm)	Grace Hydingen	Henry Kerske
March 25	Allie Bena Laura Rogan	Nathan Saari Alex Thompson
March 29 (6:30pm)	Jack Kienbaum	Elizabeth Oakland

TRINITY LIBRARY

March Madness and Lent - quite a combination for the month of March. Our library has these books on the subjects:

"Athlete vs. Mathlete" by W. C. Mack (Int Mac)
Basketball hotshot Owen's geeky, tall brother Russell is recruited for his school's basketball team. A great book about sibling rivalry, and how the twins work through it.

"Sacred Hoops" by Phil Jackson (796.3 Jac)
The full title of this book by Phil Jackson, coach of the Chicago Bulls, is "Sacred Hoops: Spiritual Lessons of a Hardwood Warrior." Read how this leader was influenced by his religious experiences to shape a winning team.

"Love One Another: The Last Days of Jesus" by Lauren Thompson (Pri Tho)
A book about Jesus' teachings, and how his last days before crucifixion left his disciples with understanding and hope.

"The Easter Story" by Brian Wildsmith (Pri Wil)
A beautifully illustrated book about the events of the last week of Jesus, as retold by the little donkey that Jesus rode to Jerusalem.

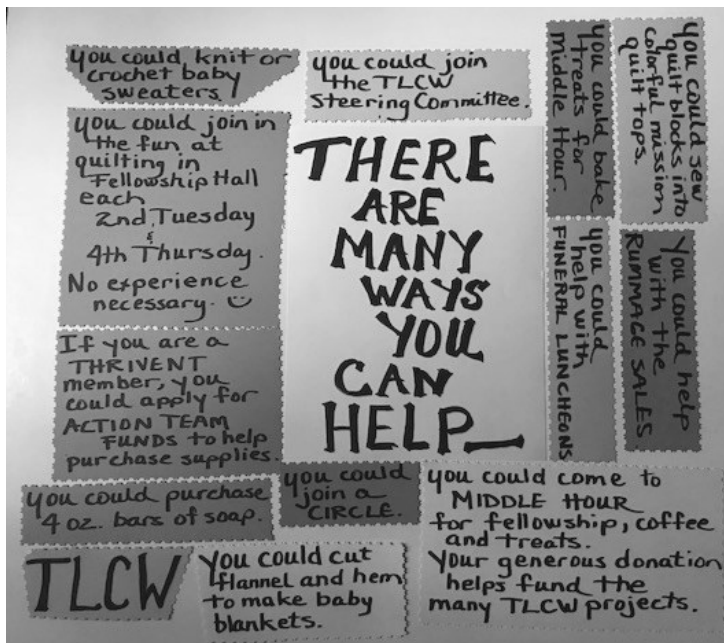
"Chicken Sunday" by Patricia Polacco (Pri Pol)
Read how the children in this story overcome racial and religious differences in their quest to buy their grandmother a beautiful Easter hat.

"Our Hope for Years to Come" by Martin and Micah Marty (242.34 Mar)
A thought-provoking book of one-page meditations, inspiring reflections on your Lenten journey this year.

More good books for Lenten meditations:
"Take Up Thy Cross" by Arndt Halvorson (252.6 Hal)
"Six Hours One Friday" by Max Lucado (252.95 Luc)
"Bread and Wine" - various authors (242 Bre)
"The Path of His Passion" by Bill Crowder (232.96 Cro)
"The Last Week" by Marcus Borg (232.96 Bor)

Sharon Rothman for the Library Committee





STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH TLCW

Have you thought of getting more involved with the Trinity Lutheran Church Women? It's fun to help out on the many projects that the women work on. As you are **giving**, you are also **getting**. You are **getting** new friendships, support and the feeling of accomplishment. With so much happening, much help is needed. Here are some ideas of things YOU could do. Won't you think about it and join in please?

You could purchase 4 oz. bars of soap.

⇒ Two bars are needed in each Personal Care Kit and Baby Care Kit.

You could help with the Rummage Sales.

⇒ Help is needed for set-up on Thursday, selling, cashiering, bagging, etc. on Friday and cleanup on Saturday. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Upcoming sale dates are April 12-14, May 3-5, Sep. 13-15, Oct. 4-6

You could join the TLCW Steering Committee.

⇒ Join in and help plan and coordinate the workings of TLCW. The Steering Committee usually meets once per month.

You could help with Funeral Luncheons.

⇒ Contact Lois Hagen to get your name on the volunteer list.

You could sew quilt blocks into colorful mission quilt tops.

⇒ Do you like to sew? There are many fabric blocks all ready and waiting to be sewn together by you.

You could join the fun at quilting in Fellowship Hall.

⇒ Quilting is each 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of the month. No experience needed!

You could cut flannel and hem to make baby blankets.

⇒ We need two blankets for each Baby Care Kit.

You could knit or crochet baby sweaters and hats.

⇒ There are patterns and yarn available.

You could join a Circle.

⇒ Joy Circle meets at church at noon on the second Monday and Charity Circle meets at 7:00 p.m. at members homes on the first Monday of month.

If you are a THRIVENT member, you could apply for ACTION TEAM FUNDS to help purchase supplies.

You could come to MIDDLE HOUR for fellowship, coffee and homemade treats.

⇒ Not only do you get to interact with fellow Trinity members, but your generous donation helps fund the many TLCW projects.

You could bake treats for Middle Hour.

⇒ Do you like to bake cookies or bars? Contact Jane Goudreau.

Adopt A Grandparent

Willow Brooke Point Senior Living

Willow Brooke Point Senior Living is seeking volunteers to Adopt a Grandparent! Anyone of any age can adopt a grandma, with whom he or she will visit with regularly. So many of our residents lived fascinating lives—serving in the Vietnam or Korean War, teaching students, raising eight children, and so forth. Your time will help bring a smile to a senior's face, and a smile may appear on you too! Call Activity Director Jackie at 715-343-9530 or stop by for a volunteer application. Willow Brook Point is located at 1800 Bluebell Lane in Stevens Point. Laugh with you soon!

April 7
Tomorrow River Conference Spring Event
Good Shepherd in Plover



Save Your Items for Our Rummage Sale

April 12-13—Rummage Sale
May 3-5—Rummage Sale
September 13-15—Rummage Sale
October 4-6—Rummage Sale

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 All Committee Night.....Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m.
 Church Council.....Monday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m.

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TOWER DEADLINE: March 20, 2018

FROM OUR CHURCH RECORDS THROUGH THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

	Budget	Actual			
Envelope Offering (YTD)	\$424,452	\$463,501		2016	2017
Loose Offering	\$5,500	\$ 7,313	Baptized Membership (January 1st)	1142	1142
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,000	\$ 818	Confirmed Membership (January 1st)	845	840
World Hunger	\$7,500	\$ 4,581	Average Sunday Worship Attendance	186	194
Seasonal Offering	\$8,500	\$ 9,810	Average Communion Attendance	151	157
Receipts (YTD)	\$459,954	\$507,412	Average Sunday School Attendance	41	31
Disbursements	\$552,443	\$502,252			
Net (+/-)	(\$92,489)	\$ 5,160			
Receipts (Month)	\$45,248	\$ 52,587			
Disbursements	\$41,209	\$ 49,090			
Net (+/-)	\$4,039.	\$ 3,497			

Calendar of Events

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Funeral Lunch Coordinators Nina Heckler 715-341-1840 and Jane Gjevre 715-341-8228				1 6:45 Men's Bible Study 10:30 Northcrest Service 1:00 Brookdale Service 4:00 TCLP Training 5:00 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Stephen Ministry	2	3
4 8:15 Worship 9:30 SS, Turnout, Farrago 10:45 Worship	5 9:30 Women's Steering Committee 1:00 Service Broadcast 95/984 5:00 Exec Committee 6:45 Boy Scouts 7:00 Charity Circle at Johansen's	6 10:00 Whispering Pines 5:30 Personnel Committee 7:00 All Committee Night	7 11:00 Willow Brooke Services 4:00 Knitters 4:00 Cherubs 4:45 Youth Choir 5:15 Soup Supper 5:45 Senior Choir 6:30 Mid Week Worship 7:15 Hand bells 8:00 Service Broadcast 95/984	8 6:45 Men's Bible Study 10:30 Northcrest Service 10:30 Riverview Service 1:00 Brookdale Service 1:30 Wellington Service 3:30 Gluten Free Group (Library) 5:00 TLCP Class	9	10
11  Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:15 Worship 9:30 SS, Turnout, Farrago 10:45 Worship	12 12:00 Joy Circle 1:00 Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 TLC&P Committee 6:45 Boy Scouts	13 9:00 Quilters 6:30 Building & Grounds Committee 6:30 Cub Scouts	14 4:00 Knitters 4:00 Cherubs 4:45 Youth Choir 5:15 Soup Supper 5:45 Senior Choir 6:30 Mid Week Worship 7:15 Hand bells 8:00 Service Broadcast 95/984	15 6:45 Men's Bible Study 10:30 Northcrest Service 1:00 Brookdale Service 4:00 TLCP Training	16	17  Happy St. Patrick's Day
18 8:15 Worship 9:30 SS, Turnout, Farrago and Blood Pressure Screening 10:45 Worship All Committee Open House 6:30 Martin Luther Film (1953 Version)	19 1:00 Service Broadcast 95/984 4:00- 8:30 Pizza Ranch Fundraiser 6:45 Boy Scouts	20 Tower Deadline 9:30 Nursing Home Services 12:00 Lunch Bunch Two Harps Pub 1:30 Library Committee 6:30 Cub Scouts	21 4:00 Knitters 4:00 Cherubs 4:45 Youth Choir 5:15 Soup Supper 5:45 Senior Choir 6:30 Mid Week Worship 7:15 Hand bells 8:00 Service Broadcast 95/984	22 6:45 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 10:30 Northcrest Service 1:00 Brookdale Service ← TLC&P ART SHOW (March 22-26) →	23	24
25  PALM SUNDAY 8:15 Worship 9:30 Turnout, Farrago (No Sunday School) 10:45 Worship TLC&P ART SHOW (March 22-26)	26 1:00 Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 Church Council 6:30 PCCCA 6:45 Boy Scouts	27 9:30 Nursing Home Services	28 6:00 Hand bells 7:15 Senior Choir 8:00 Service Broadcast 95/984	29  MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 TLCP Training 10:30 Northcrest Service 12:00 Worship 1:00 Brookdale Service 6:30 Worshi	30  GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 TLCP Training 12:00 Good Friday Worship	31