

Trinity SONRISE News



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Trinity Lutheran Church -- On the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2018

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR AZZAM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It has once been said that when March comes in like a Lion, it goes out like a Lamb. I want to spend a few moments with you talking about that today...but it won't be about the weather. The last week of March will be Holy Week. The month concludes with the people of God thinking about the Lamb of God who has taken away the sin of the world.

March 25 is Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday. Though we celebrate the triumphal entry of the Lamb of God into Jerusalem...there is no doubt about the fact that he is coming to save. His salvation, however is not what the people were anticipating, but instead he would be betrayed at the hands of sinful men, be turned over to the elders, the high priests and the scribes, and then be delivered to the authorities who would pronounce a sentence of death. Not that Jesus deserved any of it...but like the ram caught in the thicket, He will die, so that the sons of Abraham might live. He is truly the Lamb of God, as John the Baptist pointed him out to be.

The last day of the month is that fateful Saturday, the Sabbath where our Lord's followers feared what might happen to them. The Lamb of God was also their Shepherd, and the Shepherd was struck down and the people of God did not know what to do. They did not remember what Jesus had told them...or if they did, they did not believe it.

According to the ancient Roman historian, Josephus, at some time, between 66 and 70 AD, some 256,500 lambs were slaughtered over one Passover week. And while all faithful Jews slaughtered a first born lamb for their annual rite, the blood of one Lamb, Jesus, was spilling his on the cross so that all who believe in him might be saved from eternal death.



An old Lenten hymn written by Isaac Watts has us sing these words

Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heavenly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

March truly goes out like a Lamb this year...only to welcome the Lamb, Victorious, on April 1.

Yours in His Service

Pastor Timothy Azzam

Sundays

(until March 18)

- 8:30 am--Sunday School (Sept. - May)
- 8:30 am--Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 am--Worship Service

(March 25 and after)

- 9:15 am--Sunday School (Sept. - May)
- 9:15 am--Adult Bible Class
- 8 & 10:30 am--Worship Service
- 1-3 pm--Bells of Glory Practice

Tuesdays

- 8 am--Men's Bible Class
- 9:30 am--Ladies Bible Class
- 10-Noon--Parish Nurse Office Hours
- 10:30am-2pm--Crafts & Quilts
- 7 pm--Adult Bible Class

Thursdays

- 10 am--Bible Class

Winter Worship Schedule



We will be going to one service for the winter months. Bible study and Sunday school will begin at 8:30 am and Worship service will begin at 9:30 am.

This schedule will be in effect

until March 18, 2018.

On March 25th, we will resume our normal worship times at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.

Daylight Savings

Time Begins

Sunday, March 11th!

Set your clocks ahead

1 hour!



2018 Lenten Series: Return

- Mar 7: God Raises up
- Mar 14: God Never Changes
- Mar 21: God is calling Always

Please plan on attending our Midweek Lenten Series at 7:00 pm

Soup suppers will precede each Lenten Service beginning at 5:30 pm – Please look out for additional information.



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LENTEN FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

5:30 p.m.

- March 7 (Sign up)
- March 14 (Sign up)
- March 21 (Sign up)

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS

People interested in learning what it means to be a Lutheran or wishing to renew their confirmation instruction are invited to attend Adult Classes on Sunday mornings after worship at 10:45 AM.

Remaining Lessons will focus on Holy Communion, Baptism, the Holy Christian Church, and Prayer.

Thanks, *Pastor Azzam*

We Welcome New Members

- ✝ Stephen and Karen Lipsey – Received by Transfer from First Lutheran Charlotte, MI
- ✝ Adam and Samantha Travis – Will be received by Adult Baptism March 25, 2018
- ✝ Chris Exnowski – Will be received by Adult Baptism, March 25, 2018

TLCW/LWML

(Trinity Lutheran Church Women and Lutheran Women Missionary League)

TLCW-Collecting Easter Goodies until Sunday March 18th

We will be collecting Easter baskets, grass and goodies (candy, small reading books, coloring books, crayons, etc.) for foster children in North Eastern Michigan, please place Easter baskets, candy and grass etc. in box provided in Fellowship hall. Baskets will be put together on Tuesday, March 20th after the TLCW meeting and taken March 22nd.

Please read LWML news about spring rally.

Welcome to our March 20th meeting at 11:00 am. Our guest speaker will be from the Women's Shelter. Please plan on attending and finding out more about this program.

Thank you, Lord, for continually sustaining us throughout each day of our life. Amen.

President,
Henrietta Fortney

Great Job!

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- **THANK YOU** to Connie Heinrich for the coffee hour and all the goodies and for Ed helping her carry all those goodies in for us to enjoy.
- **THANK YOU** to Wayne for always shoveling that extra snow on the sidewalks for Bible Study classes on Tuesday and Thursday morning. Thank you Sue Pisarski for making us spring flower table centerpieces.

**1st Day of Spring
March 20th**



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LWML

This month's mite monies will continue to enable **MOST MINISTRIES MISSION TEAMS** to purchase computer equipment and IT services which would allow MOST to communicate with missionaries and national church leader's via-mail. Skype and web-conferencing. This is a Michigan LWML grant proposal goal to raise \$15,000.

PLEASE be generous with your mite donations.
~Ruth Golm

Trinity Lutheran is giving up food for the F.I.S.H. Organization for Lent. Every time you come to church, give up some canned goods or non-perishable items from your pantry to donate to Fish's Food Pantry.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. *1 Peter 2:24 (KJV)*

During Lent we hear many people talk about what they gave up; very few times do we hear what people have taken on for Lent.

I am asking you as a congregation to take on, during Lent, the people who don't have enough food to eat by bringing in food for F.I.S.H. You will have two opportunities to bring your items in and worship during the Lenten season both on Wednesdays and on Sundays. Any questions, speak to Kathy Azzam.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25:40 (NIV)
~Kathy Azzam



Thank you

Thank you to all who have been ushering. Please talk to Wayne Fortney about helping for an hour on Sunday morning. Anybody can do this. Just smile and pass out a bulletin, people will teach you how to do communion. It's not difficult and the elder's are always willing to help.

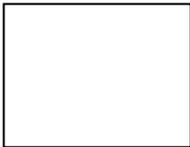
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We are in need of ushers, especially when summer hours start back up.



Lenten Soup Suppers

Please sign up to bring soup, salad, bread or dessert by Sunday of each week, for planning purposes. Signup sheet on bulletin board by mailboxes for your information. Soup suppers begin at 5:30. Thank you.



We are in need of several women to join our Altar Guild. You would set up communion, clean up communion, check candles, pick up flowers ordered, clean pastor, elder and acolyte robes, if necessary. Only takes about an hour a week. Please speak with Henrietta Fortney (739-5613) to donate an hour of time. Anyone can do this. You would serve once or twice a year.

Sunday School News

We have been studying the Ten Commandments, Jonah and the Whale, now we are moving into the New Testament, we made Centurion helmet wore them and acted out how Jesus helped save the soldier and his family. We had a Valentine's party and learned of the Love God has for us. We made valentine's for our parents and shared our Love with them, which Jesus made possible thru His love for us. We will be studying the good Samaritan, how Jesus healed the sick, how he walked on Water and fed over 5000. Have you been checking out our bulletin boards Ms. Henrie and Ms. Joanne have been helping us decorate them every month.

If you have any neighbor friends, invite them to join us on Sunday mornings. We have a lot of fun learning about our Savior.

Ms. Henrie-Sunday School Teacher



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EASTER FLOWERS will be available for the same price as last year. \$8.00 for lilies, tulips, daffodils and hyacinths.

Order forms will be printed up and placed beneath the bulletin board.

Orders due by Sunday, March 4th. Remember, we need 8 lilies for our cross display. Thank you.

Henrietta Fortney

Worship God  through Music!

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See Donna David or Susie Manning if you would like to join the Bells of Glory.



Here We Stand

Michigan District, LCMS

A "By the Numbers" look at *Here We Stand* through February 7, 2018

| | |
|----------------|---|
| \$5,103,009.95 | Total campaign gifts, pledges, and goals |
| \$3,711,523.87 | Cash received which includes \$300,000 CEF Matching Funds |
| \$1,072,373.33 | Outstanding commitments (pledges) |
| 1,199 | Total Contributors |
| 1,086 | Individual Contributors |
| 113 | Congregations Contributing |
| 30.4 | % of Michigan District Congregations currently participating |
| 7,023 | Participants in the "Crafted By Truth" Bible Reading Program |
| 800 | Participants who have completed the Bible Reading Program |
| \$1,065,100.63 | Total given/pledged for Professional Church Worker Scholarships |
| \$1,783,649.95 | Total given/pledged for Innovative Missional Ministry |
| \$789,465.47 | Total given/pledged for Michigan District Endowment |
| \$1,145,681.15 | Total given/pledged for International Ministries |

O God, You have taught me from my youth, And I still declare Your wondrous deeds. And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to all who are to come....

Psalm 71:17-18

Mark your calendars! Tell your friends!! Just 3 months away!!!



JUNE 25-28, 2018
Vacation Bible School
@ Trinity Lutheran Church, Oscoda
SONTREASURE ISLAND THEME
Where Kids Will Discover That God's Love
is Kind
Mark 5:21-43 NIV

LOOKING FOR ADVENT DEVOTIONS FROM Lutheran Indian Ministries?

Lutheran Indian Ministries will no longer be shipping devotion booklets to congregations.

In order to be the best stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, we realize it is not fiscally responsible for us to print and ship bulk orders.

If you would like to share these devotions, here are a few options:

PRINT THE BOOKLET AT HOME

This also allows you to print the devotions in large print. Available online at:

LutheranIndianMinistries.org/devotions#1ent

SIGN UP FOR THE DAILY EMAIL

Never miss a day when they come directly to you each morning. You can sign up here:

LutheranIndianMinistries.org/devotions#email

Thank you for your understanding, and we hope these Lenten devotions renew your faith and commitment to serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In His Name,
The Lutheran Indian Ministries Staff



STEWARDSHIP

Are You a Giver or a Taker?

Even though we know that God wants us to give generously and, when we do, we derive great joy from our giving, oddly enough, we still often hold back in our giving. Perhaps some of our reluctance to give stems from a fear that something will happen, and we will need that money we've given away. This is simply lack of faith, isn't it? God promises to provide for our needs, but we're just not sure He means it.

A second reason for not giving is that, through most of our lives, we've gotten into the habit of taking rather than giving. We have become more comfortable in acquiring things not giving things away. We are taught how to get friends, how to influence people, how to make money, how to invest so that we make more money, and how to hold on to things. Yes, it is natural that many of us are more skilled in getting and keeping than in giving.

By God's grace, we don't have to remain selfish hoarders of God's gifts to us. As we read and study God's Word, we must be struck by His giving nature, starting with His very Son! *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16). Through His perfect life, death, resurrection, and ascension, He has given us all we need. *"He Who did spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?"* (Romans 8:32). Through His Word, we are given confidence that He will provide for all our needs (Matthew 6:25-34); we're promised that He will always be with us (Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 28:20). He has promised to give us joy in our giving (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

God frees us from the selfishness and fear that keep our hands clenching our wallets and opens our hearts to give as we've received: *"Freely you have received, freely give"* (Matthew 10:8 NIV). Prompted by the Holy Spirit to give generously and cheerfully, we begin to understand why Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35).

~ Bill Davis



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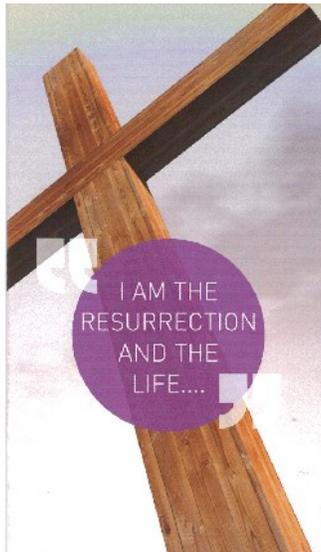
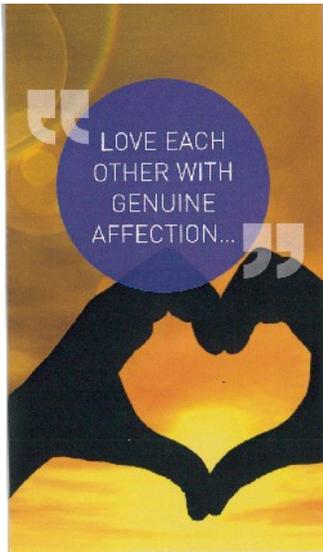
STEWARDSHIP - Mission Support

March "Mission of the Month" is the Lutheran Hour - Local Radio Broadcast.

You can use a mission envelope that can be found in your envelope packet or pick one up from the ushers stand at the back of the sanctuary.

~ Bill Davis

**Tribute Cards
are available
for Lutheran
Bible Translators.**



**If you'd like to donate to
Lutheran Bible Translators
in memory of a loved one,
please pick up a card in
the fellowship hall.**

PREVIOUS YEAR OFFERINGS TO DATE = \$ 47,421.28

THIS YEAR: OFFERINGS & Other

| | | |
|--|--------------|--------------------|
| Revenue to date | \$ 49,169.63 | |
| EXPENSES to date | 49,288.67 | |
| SUBTOTAL income (loss) | | \$ (119.04) |
| Restricted Revenue to date | \$ 4,951.01 | |
| Restricted Expenses to date | 1,974.57 | |
| SUBTOTAL Restricted income (loss) | | \$ 2,976.44 |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | | \$ <u>2,857.40</u> |

NEED \$3,236 PER WEEK TO MEET BUDGET

FINANCIALS (JANUARY 2018)

| | | |
|---|-------------|----------------------|
| Total Unrestricted Offerings & Other Revenue = | \$ 9,082.12 | |
| Total Unrestricted Expenses = | 12,421.35 | |
| SUBTOTAL income (loss) = | | \$ (3,339.23) |
| Total Restricted Revenue = | \$ 257.00 | |
| Total Other & Restricted Expenses = | 335.53 | |
| SUBTOTAL Restricted income (loss) = | | (78.53) |
| Net Income or (Loss) = | | \$ <u>(3,417.76)</u> |

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**RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES**

|                               |            |              |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Bell Choir                    | \$ 496.01  |              |
| Building Fund                 | 4,287.29   |              |
| Children's Message & Ministry | 2,653.61   |              |
| Choir                         | 460.76     |              |
| Health Reimbursement Account  | 20,508.43  |              |
| Here We Stand Campaign        | -          |              |
| Landscape Fund                | (427.00) * |              |
| Memorials                     | 2,356.03   |              |
| Parish Nurse                  | 151.79     |              |
| Social Ministry               | 166.86     |              |
| The Love Fund                 | 627.19     |              |
| Thrivent                      | 1,899.34   |              |
| Youth                         | 700.43     |              |
|                               |            | \$ 33,880.74 |



*\*The Landscape fund will be replenished when we receive reimbursement from the Church Extension Fund Aesthetic Grant.*

Thank you,  
Kathie Orr, Financial Secretary

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**Altar Flowers for March**  
**No Flowers (Lent)**

# Happy Birthday!

|                  |      |                |      |
|------------------|------|----------------|------|
| Jerry Agtergael  | 3/2  | Bradley Curley | 3/18 |
| Kristen Krahnke  | 3/4  | Karen Dettmer  | 3/20 |
| Merlissa Ludeña  | 3/8  | Dick Audritsh  | 3/23 |
| Sylvester Peca   | 3/9  | Tristan Cooper | 3/23 |
| Nancy Kerentoff  | 3/10 | Karen Abee     | 3/26 |
| Alycia Dettmer   | 3/11 | Janet Krueger  | 3/27 |
| Margaret Davis   | 3/12 | Evan Agtergael | 3/28 |
| Hunter Gerow     | 3/12 | Stacey Curley  | 3/30 |
| Joan Peacock     | 3/12 | Evan Dennis    | 3/30 |
| Charles Urquhart | 3/15 |                |      |
| Randy Rourke     | 3/17 |                |      |

# Happy Anniversary!

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Lee & Ann Dawley           | 3/8  |
| Timothy & Kathy Azzam      | 3/10 |
| Dick & Judy Audritsh       | 3/16 |
| Robert & Cynthia Slater    | 3/17 |
| Ted & Karen White          | 3/20 |
| Jerry & Jennifer Agtergael | 3/26 |



## Greeters

### 8 am

4th NO 8 am Service  
11h NO 8 am Service  
18th NO 8 am Service

### 9:30 am

Bill & Joyce Davis  
Susie Manning  
Nancy Kreuzwieser  
& Edna Rainey

### 10:30 am

Mary Wehrman

25h Terri Westberg

## Funeral Committee

January, February, March

Carol Wenzel, Chr.  
Kathy Boschma  
Carol Jones  
Jonalee Engstrom  
Kathie Orr

## Ushers

### 8 am

4th NO 8 am Service  
11h NO 8 am Service  
18th NO 8 am Service

### 9:30 am

Bill Davis & Wayne Fortney  
Lou & Miriam Kuhlmann  
Bruce & Mike Welther

### 10:30 am

Ann & Lee Dawley

25h Dave & Ruth Golm

## Homebound

Barb Dewald  
Richard & Phyllis Fitzgerald  
Steve Valentine



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## Elders

4th Roger Tack  
Communion 11th Charlie Rainey  
18th Ron Weidenfeller (Worship Assistant)  
Communion 25th Rodger Wenzel

## Know the Elders

The Board of Elders concerns itself with the well being and spiritual life of our congregation and pastor. Pastor Azzam and your Elders are happy and eager to hear from you!

They may be reached at:  
Pastor Azzam - 739-4820  
Mitch Davis, Jr. - 989-820-1469  
Charlie Rainey - 724-6704  
Roger Tack - 989-293-8050  
Rodger Wenzel - 724-6800