

# Trinity **SONRISE** News



Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2022

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR AZZAM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am currently looking out the window at the icy wonderland created by the storm of 2/2/22. Everything is sparkling as the sun has come out...even the blades of grass that were blown clear of their snow before the storm arrived. Even Christmas scenes from the best of the Hallmark channels seasonal line up could not hold a candle to the wonders of what God did in one afternoon. Not only does God make things beautiful, He is also able to make people just stop and notice. First the ice, then the internet, then the power all shut down until 11 PM in our neighborhood. The lights turned back on just in time to turn them off and the heat back up. When morning came every tree, every inch of my driveway, every edge of the house was lined with identical 4-inch icicles like crystals from a chandelier.

The scriptures say, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they are red like crimson, they shall be white as wool. For our Lord is like a fuller's soap and it is his plan to purify his children that their offerings might be righteous in the Lord's sight.

If the Lord can make a crummy day, like the one we had on 2/1/22 and make it beautiful, what can he do for you and me. If you are too busy to notice, he will shut things down around you so that you cannot help but see. The Lord is doing a new thing. He is reconciling the world to himself through the offering of Jesus. He is forgiving the sins of all who put their trust in him. He is making the faithful shine like the sun.

In a few hours the trees will have shed the icy straws from around their branches. The needles on the red pines will cease to glisten, and all those crystals will fall from the rails and roofline of our porch. But our forgiveness remains. His love endures and his mercy continues.

In His Service,

Pastor Timothy Azzam



**Lent Begins Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022**  
**Midweek Lenten Worship Services Begin at 7:00 pm**



## **Lenten Midweek Worship: A Lenten Journey with Joseph**

Joseph was the child for whom Jacob and his first love: Rachel, had always hoped. But his birth did not occur until Jacob had fathered eleven sons by three other women: 6 by Rachel's sister, Leah, to whom he was also married, and 2 by their two handmaidens each and another by Rachel. Being the favorite did not guarantee an easy life for Joseph. God's plans for him differed greatly from what Jacob and Rachel might have imagined. But God used Joseph mightily, every obstacle along his path had a purpose, one of which was to illustrate to his contemporaries, and to all of us the Lord's plan for his promised Christ. This Lenten season, we will look at Joseph's life and the events in it to help us consider the way of the Cross our Savior walked.

**Ash Wednesday:** March 2, 2022

A Lenten Journey with Joseph: **The Genesis of Joseph**

Joseph's journey begins with God remembering his mother, Rachel.

Our journey also has begun with God remembering us. Amid our sinful and fallen state, as dust we are and to dust we shall return, we come before the Lord with the words of the Psalmist:

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and He will hear me.

**Lenten Midweek 2:** March 9, 2022

A Lenten Journey with Joseph: **A Wondrous Silence**

Joseph's journey, amid injustice and abuse, brings to question the perceived silence of God amid trials. We, too, in our experiences, seek God's voice and presence for our peace and hope. Even when not heard, we with the psalmist are affirmed in the ever-present voice of our Lord:

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Lenten Midweek 3:** March 16, 2022

A Lenten Journey with Joseph: **A Miracle of Miracles**

Joseph's journey, with temptations and unfair accusations even amid faithfulness, calls us to seek the Lord for strength and steadfastness. We respond with the psalmist:

O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to You!

**Lenten Midweek 4:** March 23, 2022

**A Lenten Journey with Joseph: Wait for the Lord**

Joseph's journey brought him to prison, though he had done nothing wrong, and he had to wait—wait for justice, wait to be remembered, wait for truth, wait for hope. We, too, find ourselves waiting for many things and waiting on the Lord. We respond with the psalmist:

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**Lenten Midweek 5:** March 30, 2022

**A Lenten Journey with Joseph: Chased by a Dirty Conscience**

Joseph's journey in Genesis came full circle when his brothers journeyed to Egypt in need of food as a famine struck the land. With their sinful actions from decades prior left unresolved, they and their consciences bowed down before their brother Joseph. We, too, know what a guilty conscience feels like, yet we also are given the knowledge of where to bring our sin and shame. We respond with the psalmist:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Lenten Midweek 6:** April 6, 2022

**A Lenten Journey with Joseph: God Does Have a Plan**

Our journey with Joseph draws to a close as he reveals his identity to his brothers in Egypt. Through many events of injustice, unfairness, silence, waiting, and ultimately being raised up in the land, God had a plan. We respond with the psalmist:

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

# STEWARDSHIP

## Trust Prompts Giving

Jesus tells an amazing story about a poor widow who places all of her trust in the Lord. The Gospel of Luke (also in Mark) records Jesus' observing a poor widow putting two small copper coins into the temple collection box. At the same time, He saw some wealthy individuals giving large amounts of money. Jesus said something surprising when He said that the widow *"has put in more than all of them."* (Luke 21:3). We are told that the wealthy *"contributed out of their abundance."* (verse 4). These people made a show of their wealth by dropping large coins in the box so others could hear as well as see their giving. The rich gave abundantly, but their giving didn't cost them that much, because they still had plenty left over for themselves. The poor widow's giving witnessed to her trust in God and in His ability to care and provide for her. With her trust and faith in her heavenly Father, she gave everything she had with joy and confidence. She didn't have money for her next meal, but she gave willingly. In a sense, she was giving herself. She knew that God would supply the provisions that she would need.

When is the last time, you've given your entire paycheck to God through your church, or when is the last time you've given away all of your savings? Most of us would say that this has never happened. While God may not be calling most of us to give all that we have away, He does want us to give regularly and generously of all we receive. Why do many of us fail to give in proportion to what we earn to the Lord through our church and other Christian organizations? Each of us has different and unique circumstances, but the one common element that keeps most of us from giving freely and generously is fear. We hold tightly onto our money because we are afraid that the money we've accumulated may not be enough. We allow the money and stuff that we accumulate to become our security. The poor widow had little, but, if she had any fear, she overcame it. She gave all that she had out of trust in the Lord.

Jesus spoke a lot about giving because giving is an important part of our lives as God's people. Whether we have little, like the poor widow, or much, like the "wealthy" we read about in Luke, God calls us to give regularly and generously. Giving expresses our gratitude to God for Who He is and what He has done for us especially through His Son, Jesus. Everything that we have has come from the Lord. *"What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?"* (1 Corinthians 4:7). By grace, God gives each of us life, and He provides everything we need for our lives. All that we are and have are gifts from God. Giving is one of the many ways that we express our thanks and our worship of Him.

May God help us place our trust in the Lord and demonstrate that trust through our generous giving.

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair



### March Mission of the Month Lutheran Hour – Local Broadcast

**Lutheran Hour is an** outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide. Locally, The Lutheran Hour airs on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on WKJC 104.7 FM and WKJZ 94.9 FM.

You can use a mission envelope that can be found in your envelope packet. If you already support a mission, please continue to do so by designating that particular mission by name on a Mission envelope.



Joan Abney, Arlene Coles, Annette Dennis  
Wayne Fortney, Jan Groves, Ron Kaiser,  
Rev. Dean Muhle of Hale, Ed Pisarski, and Ron Weidenfeller



**Homebound:**

Alice Dettmer – Medilodge

**Military:**

Alex Anderson (Navy)  
Jason Cooper  
Courtney & Karina Pierce (Army)



Mia Lucci Ludeña, daughter of Alex and Melissa Ludeña, was brought into the loving arms of our Savior through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, February 20, 2022. May God bless Mia and keep her in his loving care.



**SERVICE TIME**

**One Service  
at**

**10:30 a.m.**  
(through March 2022)

**Bible Study  
at 9:15 a.m.**

COME JOIN OUR



- Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study meets via Zoom. For more information call Ruth Golm at 989-724-5679.
- Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. – meets in-person in Sunday School wing.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



**Daylight Savings Time Begins March 13, 2022**

Don’t forget to set your clocks **AHEAD** 1 hour!

## Soup Suppers

At its February meeting, the Church Council voted to hold off on soup suppers at the present time. However, the subject will be on the agenda for the March 10<sup>th</sup> Church Council meeting. If local Covid-19 numbers are low enough, soup suppers might become a possibility.

## Spring is Slowly Approaching

The church will be having a garden work bee sometime in April. Watch for dates and times to beautify the Lord's gardens! When you are getting your gardens ready for summer, please keep in mind that our memorial garden needs some flowering perennials that like shade.



## Trinity Bells of Glory

The Trinity Bells of Glory have outgrown their storage space. We are very grateful to be able to move our supplies and equipment to the former nurse's office. The Bells of Glory appreciate the support of our congregation! We hope that our bells provide a joyful and expressive means of bringing praise to Almighty God!

*Thank you!*

Thank you to my church family for the many prayers, cards, and calls I received during my recent illness. They were all greatly appreciated!

--Edna Rainey

## Volunteer Needed for Cradle Roll Program



Miriam Kuhlmann has been Trinity's Cradle Roll Coordinator for many years. Since the Kuhlmanns plan to move in the near future, we are looking for someone to take over these duties so we can continue with the program. Cradle Roll is a ministry for the families of infants and toddlers following their baptism. During the first three years of a child's life, resources and encouragement are sent to parents on a regular schedule. This can include Bible story books, information about the child's spiritual, emotional, and physical development, and music. The support of these parents in the early years is critical. Concordia Publishing has a program that can be purchased - Parents & Toddlers Family Materials - "Enduring Faith Beginnings." Another option would be to set up your own program if you are so inclined. If you would be interested in taking on this important role, please speak with Pastor Azzam or Council President Ted White.



## T.L.C.W. News

Trinity Lutheran Church Women (TLCW) meet the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend. The March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

TLCW is selling all occasion greeting cards for 50¢. Cards are on display on the table in the fellowship hall. You can put your money in the cash box on the display case.

TLCW also has some tables of things for sale in the fellowship hall. Everything is free will donation. Please put your money in the money box. There is one table with many free items on it. Please take a moment to look at these items – there just might be something you can't live without.

## Community Garage Sale



It's that time of year again to be thinking about the TLCW Community Garage sale. While you are doing your spring cleaning, please consider what household items you wish to part with and SAVE them for Trinity's annual community garage sale. This year the sale will be held on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Proceeds from the sale are returned to various community organizations. If you have any questions, call Karen White at 989-739-0774 or Ruth Golm at 989-724-5679.

## Easter Flowers

TLCW will be offering spring flowers for sale to display in the church on Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Flowers and prices will be published in an upcoming bulletin, so keep a lookout!



## Altar Guild Schedule for 2022



January – Sue Welther  
February – Jonalee Engstrom  
March – Teri Westburg  
April – Henrietta Fortney  
May – Sue Welther  
June – Carolyn Lindhorst

July – Teri Westburg  
August – Jonalee Engstrom  
September – Henrietta Fortney  
October – Teri Westburg  
November – Jonalee Engstrom  
December – Sue Welther

## Church Directory

We would like to update the church directory, and would appreciate a photo of you and/or your family for inclusion in the directory. You can email a photo to:

[churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org](mailto:churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org) or you can bring in a photo for us to scan.

Please check the list of names and phone numbers on the table next to the office door. Let us know if your information is incorrect. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you to members that have confirmed their information and submitted pictures!







Merlissa Ludeña 3/8  
 Sylvester Peca 3/9  
 Nancy Kerentoff 3/10  
 Alycia Dettmer 3/11  
 Margaret David 3/12  
 Hunter Gerow 3/12  
 Randy Rourke 3/17  
 Bradley Curley 3/18  
 Karen Dettmer 3/20  
 Dick Audritsh 3/23  
 Karen Abee 3/26  
 Janet Krueger 3/27  
 Evan Agtergael 3/28  
 Jason Ogden 3/29  
 Kay Ruckle 3/29  
 Stacey Curley 3/30  
 Evan Dennis 3/30

Tim & Kathy Azzam 3/10  
 Dick & Judy Audritsh 3/16  
 Robert & Cynthia Slater 3/17  
 Theodore & Karen White 3/20

### *Know the Elders*

The Board of Elders concerns itself with the wellbeing 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  
 David Golm – 989-724-5679  
 Roger Tack - 989-293-8050  
 Ron Weidenfeller - 724-7701

Elders		
March 6		David Golm
March 13	Communion	Mitch Davis
March 20		Roger Tack
March 27	Communion	

**Church Council Meeting**  
 Thursday  
 March 10, 2022  
 2:00 p.m.



**Tuesday**  
**March 1, 2022**  
**2:00 p.m.**

# QUIZ

1. What name was given to the Jewish ruling council that plotted Jesus' death?
2. How did Jezebel die?
3. How many books did Paul write in the Bible?



"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt."

Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday, the last day of feasting before the fast and penitence of Lent.

The first story of a rabbit (later named the "Easter Bunny") hiding eggs in a garden was published in 1680.

## HUMOR



## DEADLINE

The deadline to submit articles for the April Newsletter is March 20, 2022.



- Answers to Quiz**
1. The Sanhedrin
  2. She was thrown out of a window.
  3. 13