

Trinity **SONRISE** News

FEBRUARY

Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2023

STEWARDSHIP

Living with Purpose

We, like most people, enjoy our careers that provide an income to pay for housing, transportation, and other necessities and comforts. We love our families. We try to be good neighbors in our communities, and we make every effort to be upstanding citizens. On the surface, our lives in many ways resemble non-Christians. However, as believers, we live with the awareness that God gives us a purpose that is much more meaningful than having successful careers, being good neighbors, or patriotic citizens.

Through faith, we understand the special purpose that God gives us is to be participants in His mission “to seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10). The Apostle Paul wrote, God “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4). We are His vessels through whom He works. We become His hands, feet, and mouth to share the life-saving Gospel to the world.

Jesus spelled out our purpose: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Speaking to His disciples, Jesus said, “As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.” (John 20:21). The Holy Spirit provides the strength and motivation that we need as we are being sent to witness to others. Paul tells us that we have been reconciled with God through Christ (2 Corinthians 5:16-21) and have been given the ministry of helping others to come to know that peace with God. “You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of His own possession,” wrote Peter, “that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). In what is referred to as the Great Commission, Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20). These verses put an exclamation point in the purpose that God has for our lives. Early in the Gospels, Jesus calls His disciples, and He tells them that they will be fishers of men. The role of the disciples has now passed to us.

God’s Word challenges us to use our time, talents, and money, so we can make an eternal difference in the lives of others. Because God is always with us, we can be faithful in our purpose to be God’s participants in His mission to save all people. May we hear our Lord say, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair



February Mission of the Month LCMS Joint Seminary Fund



The LCMS supports two seminaries — Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN, and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. Gifts to the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund are restricted exclusively to supporting both of our world-class seminaries.

Our LCMS seminaries have only three sources of operating revenue:

- Investment income from endowment
- Tuition paid by students after financial aid is awarded (often in the form of student loans)
- Financial gifts graciously supplied by God's people

The LCMS Joint Seminary Fund helps raise the last type, functioning as a line of defense against passing rising educational costs on to seminary students via higher tuition.

Those who designate gifts and bequests for LCMS Joint Seminary Fund combine vital financial resources, walking together in a way that supplies approximately *\$2 million annually* in supplemental unrestricted funding to help educate our future pastors and other theologically-trained leaders.

If you already support a mission, please continue to do so by designating that particular mission by name on a Mission envelope.

Interim Ministry and Transition

As Trinity Lutheran takes time to evaluate, pray, and gather information as we move toward calling our next pastor, Pastor Schilke has created a Transition Team. The team will work closely with Pastor Schilke to discover the need of God's people in this congregation. The team will consider:

- Who we are as a congregation
- What God calling us to
- The church's strengths
- The church's challenges
- Our hopes for the future

The Transition Team will not be making any decisions or instituting any changes, all ideas and suggestions will be brought to the Church Council and to the congregation.

The Transition Team consists of the following members:

Karen White

Ron Weidenfeller

Sue Barnhart

Bill Francis

Greg Pancost

Dennis Neigh

Ed Pisarski

Janet Ovcjak

Sue Welther

Donna David

Jonalee Engstrom

Ruth Golm

Mitch Davis

Pat Wright



The team will meet about 12 times over the next six months. The first meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29th.



Wayne Fortney



Homebound:

Alice Dettmer – Medilodge

Military: Alex Anderson

Jason Cooper

Courtney Pierce (Army) Stationed in Germany

Karina Pierce (Army)



Winter Weather is Here

If it becomes necessary for us to cancel a worship service, we will use our automated phone system. Make sure we have your correct phone number and email address.



One Worship Service

Sundays

10:30 a.m.

December 25, 2022

through

March 26, 2023

Bible Study

9:15 a.m.



→ Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.

→ Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall. For more information call Ruth Golm at 989-724-5679.

→ Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. in the Sunday School wing.

→ Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. – in the Sunday School wing.



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 February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 11:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to attend!



Begins on Ash Wednesday – February 22nd

Please plan on attending our Midweek Lenten Worship Services beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Midweek Worship Services Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

February 22, 2023
March 1, 2023
March 8, 2023

March 15, 2023
March 22, 2023
March 29, 2023



Lenten Soup Suppers will be held on Wednesdays prior to our worship services. The soup suppers will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will start on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. As with our Advent soup suppers, a sign-up sheet will be provided each week. A group or individual will be in charge each week to ensure that things are set up, that bowls, plates and utensils are available, and that cleanup is done.

Remember – YOU are the cooks!
Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church



2023 Theological Conference

Saturday, February 4, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Livestreamed here at Trinity Lutheran Church

Jesus rebuked the Sadducees saying, *“You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God” (Matthew 22:29)*. The power of God is in His Word: The Word Works.

Come join us for a day of instruction, conversation, and reflection that will enable you to build an ethic of Bible reading.

- What does it take to develop a habit of daily bible reading?
- How long would it take to read the whole Bible in a year? Is that a good idea?
- What is the point of reading the Old Testament when there is a New Testament?
- What tools and options are there?
- What difference does thorough Bible reading make in our lives and our witness?

God works through His Word – Jesus, the Word made flesh – the Word, the Bible given for us to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest. What kind of People of Hope would we be if together we gave ourselves over to reading through the entire Bible in 2023?

Keynote Speakers

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey J. Kloha

Rev. Dr. Mark R. Hoehner Dr. Thad A. Polk

Rev. David A. Davis - Moderator

If you would like to attend this livestreamed conference, please place your name on the sign-up sheet on the table in back of the church, or email us at churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org. We will come up with a plan for lunch that day.



Trinity Bells of Glory



The Trinity Bells of Glory resumed practice on Monday, January 16th. After five weeks off, we were all happy to be back at it! We are pleased to report that Kay Sherman is playing with us again after her bout with pneumonia. Unfortunately, Penny Zacharias broke her arm and will have to take several weeks off. We have a great group of ringers and an exceptional director! Thanks to Dave Sherman, our bells shine brightly as he makes sure they are polished after each use. We do plan to play in church on February 19th! As always, we thank the congregation for your support!

Did you know that the 1988 Rose Parade was opened by the English Guild Marching Handbell Choir.

Newsletter

If you have any information that you would like included in the monthly newsletter, I would appreciate hearing from you. The deadline for newsletter articles is the third Sunday of each month. It would be great to include pictures of activities going on in the church. Photos and articles can be emailed to churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org, or left in the secretary's mailbox.

Church Directory



I just wanted to update you on the status of the church directory. Phone numbers and contact information have been updated. Of course, we cannot update the information if we do not have it. Some of the photos we have need to be adjusted, and this will take a little time. Other photos are old, but will be included because they are the only ones we have.

Please be patient. Directories will be delivered to your mailbox here at church as soon as possible.



- 2/4 Barb Neigh
- 2/5 Bob Slater
- 2/10 Marc Alvarez
- 2/10 John Douglas
- 2/10 Katie Douglas
- 2/10 Kevin Gresens
- 2/10 Ted White
- 2/10 Leslea Witter
- 2/12 Mike Seidel
- 2/12 Cindy Slater
- 2/22 George Moran
- 2/23 Melania Ludeña
- 2/23 Anna Roy
- 2/24 Mark Faught
- 2/24 Maxwell Schmidtt
- 2/25 Charles Kreuger



No wedding anniversaries this month

Know the Elders

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

Their phone numbers can be found in your church directory.

- Mitch Davis, Jr.
- David Golm
- Roger Tack
- Ron Weidenfeller



Thank you to all that join in taking down the Christmas decorations here at church.

Thank you to Greg Pancost for taking care of the messages on the sign in front of the church!



Meeting

Thursday
February 9, 2023
2:00 p.m.



Thursday,
February 9, 2023
1:00 p.m.

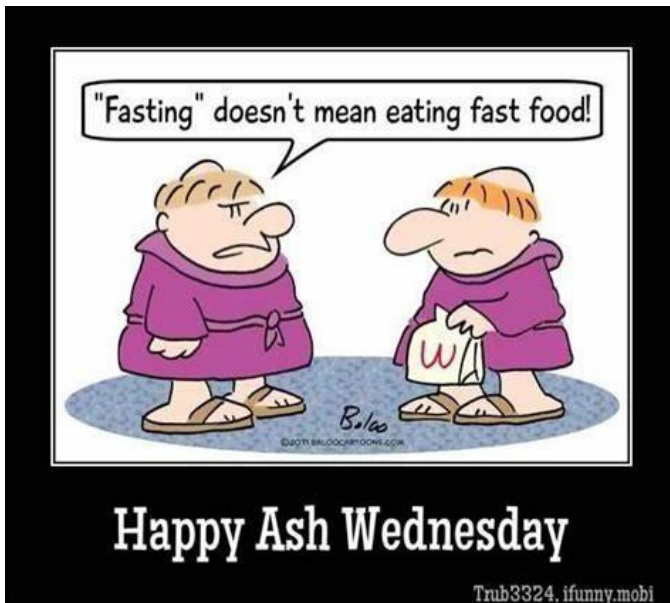
QUIZ

1. What color is traditionally associated with Lent?
2. Maundy Thursday commemorates what?
3. What word is not meant to be said or sung during Lent?



- We know when Ash Wednesday falls on the calendar because the date for Easter has been set for thousands of years. The Day of Ashes always lands forty-six days before Easter.
- There is no mention of Lent in the Bible.
- Valentine's Day was first celebrated around the year 500.

HUMOR



DEADLINE

The deadline to submit articles for the March Newsletter is February 19, 2022.



- Answers to Quiz
1. Purple – it means both sorrow and royalty.
 2. The Last Supper
 3. Alleluia – this exclamation of praise was not said so it would remain special and used to celebrate and praise God on Easter Sunday.