

Trinity Tidings

March
2015

Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 Sill St, La Crosse, Wisconsin



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Ecclesiastes 3:1 "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven"

This time of year, we Midwesterners say it something like this:

"If March comes in like a lion, will it go out like a lamb?" Sandy Duncan, from The Farmers' Almanac answers this question this way:

"Is there any truth to this saying??? Weather sayings are as colorful as our imagination. While many

sayings are based on careful observations and turn out to be accurate, others are merely rhymes or beliefs of the people who came before us.

Those people often believed that bad spirits could affect the weather adversely, so they were cautious as to what they did or did not do in certain situations. Those beliefs often included ideas that there should be a balance in weather and life. So, if a month came in bad (like a lion), it should go out good and calm (like a lamb).

With March being such a changeable month, in which we can see warm spring-like temperatures or late-season snowstorms, you can understand how this saying might hold true in some instances. We can only hope that if March starts off cold and stormy it will end warm and sunny, but the key word is hope. However, this saying seems to be more of a rhyme rather than a true weather predictor."

While we can't predict the weather, we can proclaim that no matter how March comes in, it's going out with a lamb – the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! The end of March leads us into Holy Week, beginning with the Triumphal entry of Jesus on Palm Sunday, through the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the celebration of this resurrection on Easter Sunday! And that makes the weather pale in comparison!

May March bring you the weather you've been hoping for, but more importantly, may your Journey to the Cross this Lenten Season bring you closer to the heart of God and give you the joy only Jesus can give.

In Christ,
Pastor Erik

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Worship

40 Days of Lent—the Journey to the Cross and Empty Tomb

Midweek Lenten services focus on Prayer, one of the disciplines of Lent.

Wednesday at 11:00 am we gather to learn about and pray the Lord's Prayer. At 7:00pm we gather to participate in the ACTS method of prayer: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication, and learn a creative prayer method that can be used to enhance our prayer lives throughout the week. Adding to the sense of community, there is a light lunch served after the 11:00 service and supper at 5:30 before the 7:00 service. All are welcome to attend!

Services during Holy Week

Palm Sunday services will be held Saturday evening at 5:30, and Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:30., March 28/29. A special jazz celebration service is on the schedule for Sunday at the 8:30 service—mark your calendars and bring your friends and family! Maundy Thursday services will be held at 11:00am and 7:00pm on April 2nd, with the stripping of the altar at the 7:00 service only. On Good Friday, April 3rd, the sanctuary will be open from 5:00-7:30 for you to come experience and pray around the Stations of the Cross. Easter services are April 5 at 6:30am, 8:30 and 10:30. Save the dates and make plans to join the community of saints to walk the footsteps of Christ together!

Communion Worship Services during Lent and the spring

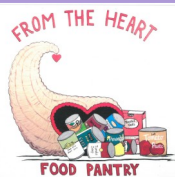
Beginning March 1, the first Sunday of the 2015 Lenten Season, the Trinity Senior Choir will be leading the congregation in singing Marty Haugen's communion liturgy, "Now the Feast and Celebration." We will continue to use this liturgy for communion Sundays until the completion of the choir's spring secession which ends on Sunday, May 17.

We will be using this worship setting at both Saturday evening and Sunday morning early worship services, as we once again prepare to travel together on our Lenten journey. All are invited to participate in this wonderful musical experience!

It is our sincere hope that everyone will find this a joyous worship experience.

Jan Thaldorf, Worship & Music

Service Groups



From the Heart Food Pantry is in need of **canned fruit**. There is a box in the narthex to collect the food, which will be used to help our neighbors.

Blood Drive coming soon!

On March 16th, the blood drive will be at St James church from 2-6pm. Please consider taking time to donate to this cause – you can save a life! You can register ahead of time by calling Julie Thoftne at 317-5854.

Blessings, Kathi Volden & Social Ministry committee

Service Groups, cont.

From the Heart Food Pantry

We are blessed to serve the community, and in January 217 people came to the pantry and received a little food and a lot of love! Thanks to everyone who helps with guest relations, food pickup and distro, and generously donating to this wonderful ministry. Please come and see Jesus in action, every Monday evening from 5-8pm and the last Saturday of the month from 10-1. We're located in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity.

Gene and Pat Rochester; 608-780-1283

Monday Meals

"Who's in the kitchen in March?"

3/2 Wesley United Methodist

3/9 Ladies Day Group

3/16 North Presbyterian

3/23 First Congregational

3/30 Faith United Methodist

Monday Meals is a free community meal served every Monday in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity from 5-6pm. If you are interested in being a greeter or helping with a meal talk to Kathi Volden (783-1184). Or stop on by, grab a plate, sit at a table with someone you don't know, and extend some hospitality Jesus style to the community that gathers every Monday.

An Invite to the Kingdom of God

I had every intention of following up the food pantry thank you's and statistics with something about how wonderful it is around Trinity on Monday night. How great it is to see people helping people and how thankful everyone is for the help we give. Then I would say how great it would be to have more of you helping. If only we had some more help and maybe we could even make some plans and start to organize it even better. But as soon as I started to write that down, it hit me. Maybe that's where we keep going wrong. Trying to organize everything. Every time Jesus shows up in our world things tend to get really messy and confusing, people are unsettled, lives are changed. Not because we are organized or have a great program to help people, but in truth because He is right there among us, confounding us and shaking up our world.

Sometimes even when I think I "get it", I still miss the whole point. Every Monday night Jesus makes an appearance. Sometimes he may go by the name of Marston, other times it is Robin, or Marcos or Gene. But trust me, He shows up each and every week, and as soon as I start worrying about how to better plan and organize, I miss him.

So here is my plea to you. Won't you please join me some Monday evening? For nothing other than to see, and not miss what Jesus is up to right here at Trinity. It is usually very chaotic. Sometimes it's too hot, and sometimes it even smells a little. But one thing is for sure. When we let Jesus in the door it is going to get a little crazy, and lives will be changed. Mark Mitchell

Love Thy Neighbor Jar? What's that? A unique giving basket provided at each weekend worship service with money gathered going to different ministries outside of the church each month!

The Love Thy Neighbor jar for March is for **Hunger Task Force**.



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Congregational Life

Congregational Life Ministry

Beloved, since God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. (1 John 4:11) Our goal as Congregational Life Ministry is to help us get to know and love each other so that we may be there for support in time of need, to celebrate in times of joy and to gather together to praise God as a loving family. We hope you will join fellow worshipers in the Lenten meals being served throughout March. And we encourage you to try to meet someone new each time you attend.

Soup and Sandwich LENTEN LUNCH, March 4, 11, 18, & 25 following 11:00 a.m. church service. All lunches are \$5.00. Sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee.

Light Lenten Dinner, March 4, 11, 18, & 25 from 5:30-6:45. Each dinner is \$5.00. The February 18 Baked Potato Bar was sponsored by the Congregational Life Ministry and the February 25, Tatertot Hotdish Plus, was sponsored by the Trinity Choir. March dinners are as follows:

- March 4, Sloppy Joes, Worship and Music
- March 11, Taco Bar, Social Ministry
- March 18, Pizza, Cathy Butterfield's Confirmation class
- March 25, TBA, Stewardship, Personnel, Properties, and Evangelism

A special thank you to all those who have already served Lenten lunches and dinners and to those who will be preparing and serving the March lunches and dinners. For those of you who attended, we hope you enjoyed the fellowship opportunity and will do so throughout Lent. Invite someone else to join you.

Calling All Graduates - Spring brings new growth, new hope and anticipation. As members of Trinity, you are important to us and we have watched many of you grow up and will now see you off in your new phase of life. So that we may wish you well on your new phase of life we would like to take an opportunity to recognize you in our June newsletter, and on our Facebook and web page. Graduates (or parents) of Trinity please submit a digital picture to: bonniejeranek@gmail.com by April 30. Please use the following format of information:

- Graduate name
- School
- Plans after graduation
- Parent/s name(s)

If you cannot submit a digital copy please put a hard copy in an envelope marked for: Bonnie Jeranek, Congregational Life with the requested information and drop it off at the church office also by April 30.

Sunday Brunch There will be NO Sunday Brunch in March because of all the Lenten meals being served. But thanks to Sandy Thompson, Vicky Helfrich, Bernice Arentz, and Cathy Butterfield for making February's happen!

Help Wanted: You may have seen our Help Wanted Meatball and Lefse Dinner Coordinator sign at the Service Fair. Unless someone steps up to coordinate this event it may not happen in 2015. The 2014 dinner was very successful raising \$2500. We have extensive and detailed records to help whoever might be willing to step up to the plate. If you can't do it alone, perhaps you have a friend or relative that would share the coordination with you. There are **lots** of people who are willing to work. If you are interested, please call Bonnie Jeranek at 784-2996.

Next meeting for Congregational Life Ministry is March 9 at 7pm in the library.

Children, Student & Family Ministries



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The Confirmation Lenten Journey

Confirmation is taking on a little different schedule over the Lenten season: 7:00 pm each Wednesday, Kids & Families attend worship (there is a pre-worship meal available for those of you coming from practices and other busyness) Following worship, confirmands will either have an instructional time with Pastor Erik or study sessions with their small groups until 8:00.

Sunday School Lenten Journey

Christ in Action, CIA, is in full swing on Sunday mornings. Our recent missions have included quests to find out more about John the Baptist and the Transfiguration of Jesus, as well as focus on our traditional goals of learning more about using the Bible, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. Since the mid-week Lenten Services will be formatted to look at being more prayerful, we will also look to incorporate this in our CIA missions.

In recognition that families will be celebrating Easter and our risen Lord, there will be no classes on Easter Sunday morning.

Future Dates to remember:

March 29th: Palm Sunday-Kids 4K-5th will sing and process with palms at the 8:30 and 10:30 services

April 5th: Easter Sunday-NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 3rd: Confirmation-Affirmation of Baptism

May 10th: Mother's Day-Kids 4K-5th will sing at the 8:30 service

May 17th: Last Day of Sunday School-Kids 4K-5th will sing at the 8:30 service

JOLT Youth Group

All youth grades 6-12 are welcome to join us Sunday nights from 6-8pm (unless otherwise indicated below). For the first quarter of 2015, we will be meeting twice a month. Please note the dates below.

3/1 – No JOLT

3/8 – No JOLT

3/13-14 – LOCK-IN (Rescheduled)

3/22 – Pajama Night

3/29 – No JOLT

Summer High School Service Trip

Want to travel, see a new city and help others? That is what the high school youth could be doing this summer. Our annual, weeklong service trip will be to Kansas City, Kansas from 7/26-8/1/15. There are numerous opportunities for our youth to help and learn more about this community. All youth entering grades 9-12 are eligible to join us. We are hoping to cover most of the costs through fundraisers (including the pancake breakfast) to keep the total cost to the students under \$100. Please contact Laura Cunliffe (784-9134 or cuninlax@outlook.com) for information or with questions on the trip. Please include your name, your child's name and a phone number or email address.

Children, Student & Family Ministries, cont.

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

The youth will again be hosting the annual pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday as a fundraiser for the summer service trip. As always, we are hoping to have as many of the items donated as possible to keep our expenses down. There are 2 ways that the congregation can help. First, please consider donating food, money (to purchase eggs and sausage), or your time. There is a board in the narthex to note your donations. Second, come join us on March 29th from 7:30 – 11:30 for breakfast. The cost is \$6.00 per person ages 13 and over, \$4.00 for children ages 4–12 and free for to children ages 3 and under. Any assistance you are able to provide will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting our youth. Please contact Laura Cunliffe (784-9134 or cuninlax@outlook.com) with any questions.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp

Upcoming Events at Sugar Creek

- Crafters' Retreats - February 26-March 1, April 30-May 3, September 17-20, and November 19-22
- Fireside Bus Trips – April 29 and May 5
- Yesterday's Youth - April 13, October 5, and December 7
- 6th-8th Grade Retreat - March 20-22 and October 2-4
- 3rd-5th Grade Retreat - April 11-12 and November 7-8
- High School Retreat November 13-15

For information call Sugar Creek at: 608-734-3113; email at camp@sgrcreek.org; or web at wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Worship (C) 10:30 Worship (C) No JOLT	2 9:00 TOPS 4-7Kids' Clothes Closet 5-6 Monday Meals 5:30 From the Heart 7Women's Bible Study	3 7 Boy Scouts	4 9:30 Vision Impaired Persons 11:00 Worship 5:30 Parish Ed mtg 7:00 Worship Confirmation	5 5:30 Worship & Music (faith ctr)	6 6:30 Men's Bible Study Office Closed	7 5:30 Worship
8 Daylight Savings Time begins 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship No JOLT	9 9:00 TOPS 4-7Kids' Clothes Closet 5-6 Monday's Meals 5:30 From the Heart 7 Cong. Life (library)	10 1:30 Staff Mtg 5:30 Social Ministry 7 Boy Scouts	11 11:00 Worship 6:00 Properties 7:00 Worship Confirmation	12 Mobile Meals	13 Office Closed JOLT Lock-in	14 5:30 Worship (C)
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22 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship JOLT pajama night	23 9:00 TOPS 4-7Kids' Clothes Closet 5:30 From the Heart 5-6 Monday's Meals	24 1:30 Staff Mtg 7 Boy Scouts	25 11:00 Worship 7:00 Worship Confirmation	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 10-2 From the Heart Food Pantry Helgerson/Kay wedding 5:30 Worship (C)
29  Palm Sunday 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship No Jolt	30 9:00 TOPS 4-7Kids' Clothes Closet 5-6 Monday's Meals 5:30 From the Heart	31 7 Boy Scouts				

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Midweek Lenten Services

March 4 at 11am; Soup & Sandwich lunch after the service
March 4 at 7pm; Sloppy Joe supper 5:30-6:45
March 11 at 11am; Soup & Sandwich lunch after the service
March 11 at 7pm; Taco bar supper 5:30-6:45
March 18 at 11am; Soup & Sandwich lunch after the service
March 18 at 7pm; Pizza supper 5:30-6:45

Holy Week Services

Palm Weekend, March 29,29

Saturday at 5:30
Sunday morning at 8:30: Jazz celebration service
Sunday morning at 10:30

Maundy Thursday, April 2

11:00am
7:00pm with stripping of the altar

Good Friday, April 3

5:00-7:30 Sanctuary is open for you to come experience and pray around the Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 4—no services

Easter Sunday, April 5

6:30
8:30
10:30

Weekend Services

Saturday at 5:30pm
Sunday morning at 8:30 & 10:30
Radio Service broadcast on WKTY
AM 580