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share the joy of Jesus Christ.

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TIDINGS

Ash Wednesday Services **Wednesday, March 6**

7 am Trinity Lutheran Service
12 pm Mary of Magdala Service
6:45 pm St. Paul's Episcopal Service

Lenten Mid Week

Wednesdays March 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10
Supper at 6 pm – sign up to help bring the meal
Worship at 6:45 pm – Holden Evening Prayer

How is God molding you this season of Lent? Come experience *The Potter and Me* - a Lenten drama (written by Pastor John Trump). We will act out this story as Reader's Theatre, with actors and actresses from each congregation. *Help with the Soup Suppers! Sign up sheets are in the Narthex, so sign up to help with meals.*



TLC book Group

Book group will meet on **Monday, March 4**, at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room, to discuss a biography of *Marie Curie: Obsessive Genius* by Barbara Goldsmith, a dazzling portrait of Curie, her scientific success, and the price she paid for fame.

In April we turn to fiction with a novel by Donna Woolfolk Cross entitled *Pope Joan*, based on a legend of a female who served as Pope in the Middle Ages.

Questions? Call Nadine Hunt at 825-3730. Come every month, or just come when the book interests you.

Lutheran Campus Ministry

Every week Campus Ministry offers students food for their bodies, minds and spirits. Your prayers, food and financial support make it possible for young adults to explore the gifts God gives and ways to share those gifts. Don't forget that Thrivent members can designate Thrivent Choice Dollars to Lutheran Campus Ministry and those dollars expire **March 31!** Go to www.thrivent.com and sign in to your account to direct your Choice Dollars. To learn about all the ways you can support Campus Ministry please contact Pastor Deb Abbott at Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at University of Northern Colorado by visiting www.lecmgreeley.org or for Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado State University contact Pastor Paul Judson by visiting www.lcmcsu.org. Thank you!

Habitat for Humanity

Our next 3 build days at Harmony Cottages (Harmony Rd. & Taft Hill) are **Saturday, March 30, Thursday, April 25 & Saturday, May 18**. Construction skills not necessary - there is a job for everyone. We would like to have 4 volunteers each of these days. BONUS - lunch is provided by one of the churches each build day. St. Paul's is now joining on the FOCOLU build also. Contact Ron Bend 970-310-3482 or Steph Dugger 970-223-9119 the Sunday before the build if you would like to build with us!

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Pastor Rick's Reflections

“Pastor, why do we clap in church?” –or-- “Pastor, why don’t we clap more in church?”

These frequently asked questions, don't have an easy answer. There are no hard and fast 'rules.' I grew up in church where you sat on your hands, because stoic Norwegian Lutherans wouldn't show joy or appreciation – no matter what. I also have been in a Gospel choir, where every song had a beat that moved us and the audience, and we couldn't help from clapping. I admit that there are times at church, often during a closing hymn, where I want to lead us in clapping, but am hesitant if that is the correct etiquette for Trinity.

I think our clapping in church needs to be held in context. If you are moved by the spirit to clap with the choir and bells, or after a solo in praise to God for the gifts God has given to us – then do it! If the song is a contemplative, reflective prayer, and our best response is silence, then give thanks to God silently.

What we don't do is clap 'just to be polite' or to honor a 'performance.' It should not be obligatory, and you shouldn't have to take cue from the pastor – I know you look over at me to see how I respond! The only performer to whom we give credit is the one who created the heaven and earth, and brings us together in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

It is similar to our Seasons of the Church. We sing more joyous songs in Christmas and Easter, but Lent is more somber and repentant, because our spiritual focus is different. That can happen Sunday to Sunday as well, and it is okay for us to respond in different ways to different moments.

Remember, no matter what we do, or what we fail to do, God has a church, and your part of this church. Nothing will change that, and it is okay for us to respond to the gifts of God in different ways, at different times.

As we get ready for Ash Wed and Lent, and look towards the resurrection, maybe the only rule that I can come up with is don't clap on 'Good Friday.' Save it for Easter.

Peace, Pastor Rick



Faith, Family, Hospitality . . .

supporting families from homelessness to self-sufficiency

Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the February host week. The week offered some special challenges with cold weather and the lack of the church kitchen, but everyone rose to meet them. Our next host week will be **June 9-16**. In the meantime we find that we are in need of additional gently used blankets or quilts. If you have one to donate, place it in the basket in the narthex of the church.

Thank You!

Thank someone who has lived out their faith by sharing their gifts and made a difference in the church OR community, please email Amanda, amanda@trinitylutheranfc.org. There are so many who are the heart, hands and feet of God.

Trinity Lutheran, At first or in the beginning, I was rather devastated to leave St. Paul's in Campus West after 50 years (I had family christened, confirmed and buried there). Now I am totally thankful to receive the blessings that you have bestowed upon us, by the grace of God. To know that we again have a loving home is so very comforting. Thanks be to God and to Trinity. ~ Sara Frazier

Dear Friends, thank you for renewing your support of Heifer International for 2019! Our year is off to a strong start and it's all because of you. Please know that your recent gift and you're incredible ongoing support mean so much to the families we help, and all of us at Heifer. ~Pierre U. Ferrari, Pres & CEO

Dear friends, we recently received your gift of \$3,000 to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you! I'd like to share with you one way your support is making a big difference. Your gifts fund the "I am Safe" community center in West Mosul, where Zahraa and other children come to get help with their trauma. The first time she visited the center, she was asked to color and drew pictures of death and destruction. With the help of supportive staff and programs designed to help her, now Zahraa is coloring scenes depicting life: birds and flowers and sunshine. Her mother says she plays and smiles more now as well. ~ Daniel V. Speckhard, Pres & CEO

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church, Thank you for your gift of \$6,500 to ELCA World Hunger. Thank you so much for this amazing gift to ELCA World Hunger it will bring light and hope to so many in the new year. Blessings on your ministry! ~ Robin Brown

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church, Thank you for your recent gift of \$500 to the ministries of the ELCA your gift matters. Your generosity embodies God's grace by equipping leaders, positioning communities to grow, serving those affected by disasters and spreading the good news of Christ love far and wide. ~Christina Jackson Skelton, Executive Director, Mission Advancement

Dear Friends at Trinity Lutheran Church, Please accept our most heartfelt appreciation for your gift of \$2,200 to Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA). Your donation creates opportunities that can change lives for generations to come. Since 1965, donations to OBA have funded a wide range of projects in Tanzania, Kenya, and Madagascar. ~Jason Bergmann, Executive Director

CSU LuMin Suppers

Pastor Paul Judson at LuMin hosts Sunday evening worship and a meal for CSU students. Trinity has offered to prepare & serve the meals once a month. Worship begins at 5:15 pm with the meal around 6 pm. It is easiest if we have 2-3 people bring the food. Talk to your Trinity buddies and put together a menu for one of these Sundays: **March 31 or April 28**. Contact Steph Dugger (970) 223-9119 if you would like to host!

Adult Forum Considers Lent & Liturgy

On **Sunday, March 3**, the Adult Forum, led by Kaari von Bernuth, will take a look at our practice of Christian worship and the liturgical year, including a focus on the Lenten season which will begin on Wednesday, March 6. For the first three Sundays in Lent which follow, the class series, *Putting God First in Lent and All Year*, will be led by Stephen and Linn Zink. This will offer some sessions for us to reconsider our Christian commitments and how they can enrich our lives.

At the end of this month, on **Sunday, March 31**, another series, *Facing Loss and Embracing Life*, led by Dan Merz will begin and continue through the end of April (excluding Easter Sunday, April 21). This series will explore some of the many losses that we face throughout our lives both from experiential and theological perspectives, and will include consideration of our Lutheran theological perspective and our liturgies that comfort and support us during our times of loss.

Another Adult Forum series, *Hunger and Homelessness, How Can We Help?* is currently being planned for May. Adult Forum meets each Sunday in the Sun Room from 9-10:10 am. All are welcome to participate regularly or occasionally in this presentation/discussion class.

TGIF

Friday, March 8 at 6:30 pm

At the home of Shelley & Rick Aust
1007 Somerly Lane, Ft. Collins
Water & soft drinks are provided
BYOB and an appetizer to share.

Beating Guns Tour

On **Saturday, March 23 at 11 am**, Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin are taking the "Beating Guns" book and their forge on the road with the Beating Guns Tour, a 90-minute event that will feature music, art, and stories of people impacted by gun violence, culminating with an invitation for the audience to take the hammer and transform a gun into garden tools. The event is free, but space is limited, and tickets are required for entrance. You can find more information at beatingguns.com/tour. To RSVP to the event visit eventbrite.com/e/beating-guns-tour-ft-collins-co-afternoon-tickets-55054900690 OR for easy one click access check out Trinity's e-News!

In the spirit of Isaiah 2:4, "They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks," come and hear stories and music of hope and inspiration to end gun violence, including a live demonstration on the forge – turning a local gun into a garden tool.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
3 9 am Adult Forum 9 am Shared Sunday School 9:10 am Pray & Play 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am New Member Lunch	4 9:30 am TLC Book Group 6 pm Property	5 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 5:15 pm Soc/Eco Justice w/STPE
10 Daylight Savings 9 am Executive Council 9 am Adult Forum 9 am Shared Sunday School 9:10 am Pray & Play 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Worship & Music 11:45 am Faith Formation	11	12 4:30 pm Finance 5 pm Trust
17 9 am Adult Forum 9 am Shared Sunday School 9:10 am Pray & Play 10:30 am Worship	18 Tidings Articles Due 5:30 pm Council	19
24 9 am Adult Forum 9 am Shared Sunday School 9:10 am Pray & Play 10:30 am Worship	25 9:30 am Anna's Circle 7 pm Wom's Bible Study	26
31 New Member Welcome 9 am Adult Forum 9 am Shared Sunday School 9:10 am Pray & Play 10:30 am Worship		

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

Saturday Worship Assistants

Mar 2 Bonnie Bend
Mar 9 Vicki Volbrecht
Mar 16 Ron or Vicky Splittgerber
Mar 23
Mar 30 Teresa Simske

Sunday Lectors:

Mar 3 Jim Rose
Mar 10 Michele Rose
Mar 17 Paul Schairer
Mar 24 Paul Johnson
Mar 31 Lori Schmidt

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Office Closed	2 LuMin Ski Trip 5 pm Saturday Praise
6 Ash Wednesday 7 am Service-TLC 12 pm Service-MoM 5:30 pm Bells of Trinity 6:45 pm Service-STPE 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	7 9:30 am Bible Study	8 Office Closed 6:30 pm TGIF @ Rick & Shelley Aust's	9 5 pm Saturday Praise
13 5:30 pm Bells of Trinity 6 pm Lenten Meal 6:45 pm Lenten Service 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	14 9:30 am Bible Study	15 Office Closed	16 5 pm Saturday Praise
20 5:30 pm Bells of Trinity 6 pm Lenten Meal 6:45 pm Lenten Service 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	21 9:30 am Bible Study	22 Office Closed	23 11 am Beating Guns Tour 5 pm Saturday Praise
27 5:15 pm Soc/Eco Justice 5:30 pm Bells of Trinity 6 pm Lenten Meal 6 pm LuMin at TLC 6:45 pm Lenten Service 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	28 9:30 am Bible Study	29 Office Closed	30 5 pm Saturday Praise <i>New Member Welcome</i>

Sunday Worship Assistants:

- Mar 3** Cherlyn Gorsky
- Mar 10** Nancy Harrison
- Mar 17** Paul Johnson
- Mar 24** Lynn Zink
- Mar 31** Nadine Hunt

**PULL ME OUT! HANG ME UP!!
PUT ME ON YOUR FRIDGE!**

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

A heartfelt “thank you” to all of you who directed your Choice Dollars or your King Soopers Neighborhood Rewards to Trinity! This past year your consideration allowed us to provide educational opportunities, including financial support to Wartburg College when they performed here, a heartfelt farewell and thank you gift to Rev. Lyn Burns, Interim at St. Paul’s, a new laptop for Pastor Rick, and the funding to jump start our Stewardship for all Seasons.

Want to get involved? Here is how; Thrivent Choice members-you can check your eligibility to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt. Remember to set up the direction of your Choice Dollars by **March 31** of each year.

Altar Guild

Altar Guild needs your help. Anyone interested in being an Altar Guild member please contact Mary Ann Miller at 229-9855 for an explanation of what is involved.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Silent Auction and Talent Show

Tuesday, March 5, 5:30-7 pm

Please join St. Paul’s on Shrove Tuesday for Pancakes, Awesome Talent, a Silent Auction and lots of FUN! All proceeds will support the SPE youth mission trip 2019!

We need your help with donations of time and/or talent. Visit docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1X8iGJcn93Bmc2-n3GZRfnMZU3EK26IWq5bQU6ZCriFo/edit#gid=0 here for a google document and sign up to contribute. Hot items in the past have been: weekend get-aways, lessons, food, art, crafts, etc. If you have a talent that you would like to share, there is place on the document for that information. As we approach the date, more information will be coming!

Altar Flowers

The 2019 flower chart is posted on the bulletin board behind the Welcome Center in the narthex. If you would like to share a special occasion or memory with flowers on the altar, please sign your name on the date preferred and Mary Ann Miller will contact you before the date. Any questions, call 229-9855.

King Soopers Neighborhood Rewards

King Soopers shoppers; you can get a King Soopers Neighborhood Rewards card from Marilyn Hartig (phone 970-443-7224). The cost is \$3 which you can use for groceries or at King Sooper’s gas stations. Once you get the card from Marilyn, you can then add more funds to your card at King Soopers Guest Services, or with one of their cashiers.

Donate to charity through your IRA & save taxes!

If you are age 70.5 and up you can take advantage of an IRS provision that provides tax savings on withdrawals from Individual Retirement Accounts when combined with a donation to a qualified charity. Trinity qualifies! The Charitable Rollover Provision for Individual Retirement Accounts allows individuals aged 70.5 years and up to make a donation to charitable organizations directly from their IRA. Please consider making a transfer from your IRA to Trinity Lutheran Church as you update your financial plan for this and future years.

Benefits:

- * Contributions from your IRA up to \$100,000 are not included in taxable income
- * Contributions from your IRA sent directly to a qualified charity can count towards satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- * Contributions from your IRA are not subject to the 50% deduction limits on charitable gifts
- * Great way to further the mission of Trinity Lutheran Church

*Requirements:

- * Donor must be age 70.5 or older
- * The donation must be transferred directly from your IRA to a qualified charity (Trinity qualifies)
- * Your gift cannot exceed \$100,000
- * Since your gift will not be included in taxable income, no charitable deduction is allowed

For more information, contact your tax advisor, financial advisor and/or the financial institution that administers your IRA. You can arrange the direct transfer to Trinity via your financial institution. Banking information for wire transfer to Trinity can be obtained from our Financial Manager at dschwartz@trinitylutheranfc.org.



Birthdays

Timothy Dolan	3/1	Helen Hansen	3/11	Caden Keller	3/21
Brenda Walberg	3/1	Tyler Borkowski	3/12	James Montague	3/22
Jean Purath	3/3	Karen Akin	3/13	Ricky Perkins	3/22
Michael Remmers	3/3	Dale Gorsky	3/15	Lynn Schwebach	3/22
Karel Waltermire	3/4	Otto Sauer	3/15	Uriah Jackson	3/22
Dean Neuenschwander	3/4	Joyce Lee	3/16	Alec Schilling	3/23
Diane Streb	3/4	Kurtis Keller	3/16	Gabrielle Dolan	3/23
Ashton Helton	3/4	Gayle Currie	3/17	Lisa Kurth	3/28
Donna Flint	3/7	Kira Meyer	3/17	Kim Anderson	3/28
Kaitlin Thompson	3/7	Elaine Nielsen	3/20	LouAnn DeLozier	3/29
Daniel Dauner	3/8	Bonnie Bend	3/20	Lea Seim	3/29
Brandon Gorsky	3/9	Kevin Dryg	3/20	Jill Layden	3/31
Ilene Drews	3/10	Kara Stewart	3/20		
Samantha Staggs	3/11	Colleen Thogerson	3/21		

Anniversaries

Pat & Wallace Jungmeyer	3/10	Betty & Jacob Hautaluoma	3/24
Mary & Gregg Hargis	3/14	Karen & Jerry Akin	3/25
Anna & Phillip Chapman	3/15	Charety & Jeffery Aristoff	3/26
Jennifer & Oren Anderson	3/20	Lois & Howard Smith	3/29

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2019

Present: Dave Karst, Scottie Moore, Lisa Dunworth, Betty Wagner, Jodie Burgoon, Ron Bend, Pastor Rick, Richard Morton, Steve Dugger, Andrea Sauer

Absent: Stephen Zink, Don Heyse

Devotion – Pastor Rick (distributed devotion sign-up sheet)

New Business

- **Approval of November 2018 Minutes:** Jodie moved to accept the November 2018 Council minutes as amended. Ron seconded. Motion passed.
- **Approval of the Finance Report:** Betty noted TLC ended 2018 \$50,000 in the black, in large part because several staff members left, additional funds from our partner congregations, and stewardship/matching campaigns. Giving was around \$404,000 in 2018. Finance suggested we put \$20,000 in a separate fund for a new staff position, knowing that giving will need to increase to sustain a future full-time position. Council will discuss this in February. Ron made the motion to approve the Finance report. Dave seconded. Motion passed.
- **The 2019 Council members are:**
 - ◇ Scottie Moore - President
 - ◇ Stephen Zink - Vice President
 - ◇ Don Heyse - Social and Eco Justice Chair
 - ◇ Jodie Burgoon - Music and Worship Chair
 - ◇ Ron Bend - Faith, Study, and Service in Community Chair
 - ◇ Lisa Dunworth - Faith Formation Chair
 - ◇ Steve Dugger - Property Ministry Chair
 - ◇ Betty Wagner - Finance Chair
 - ◇ Andrea Sauer - Council Secretary

Each new member received and signed a copy of the Council covenant agreement.

- **Hospitality question:** Art Klinzman (deacon in training and member of Spirit of Joy) conducted interviews and meetings to understand TLC's strengths and opportunities for improvement to become a more welcoming faith community. He will present his findings to Council in March.
- **Visioning for 2019:** Pastor Rick led the discussion about TLC's priorities for 2019, which include those identified from the Stewardship for All Seasons campaign in Fall 2018:
 - ◇ Faith formation & education (\$25,000): Council agreed this was a good priority that once filled could lay the foundation for further growth opportunities.
 - ◇ Hiring a part-time volunteer coordinator (\$10,000): Council prefers someone inside TLC who knows everyone well and can build relationships. Pastor Rick has resources to put together a job description. Volunteer Coordinator would be in charge of all areas of volunteer needs at Trinity, empowering others with their gifts, and being mindful of coordinating with those who are currently leading volunteer efforts in certain areas.

Old Business

- **Line of final draft:** The group reviewed the final draft which was approved in November 2018 and simply reformatted for easier reading and flow.
- **Scouts recap:** Danielle is looking for two more girls to join by February 1. She also asked for two representatives from Trinity to participate in a seminar about resilient communities on a date to be determined. PR will follow up with her. Steve asked Council to consider allocating \$1,000 for new shelving in the FFH storage room. Shelving was removed in the furnace room to make space for the new solar electrical unit. Council will discuss further in February.

Ministry Reports

- **President's Report – Scottie Moore/Dave Karst**– Thanked Council for the \$1,000 for the McBackpack program. Bike to Work Day is scheduled for December 12. A task force is planning several social and eco justice adult education events in 2019.
 - ◇ Capital Campaign update: The kitchen and bathroom remodel is scheduled for completion in the next two weeks. Dave suggested a big reveal and blessing after the February 17 joint worship.
 - ◇ Lease extension with partner congregations St. Paul's Episcopal (SPE) and Mary of Magdala is underway.
 - ◇ SPE gave TLC some thank you cards in December.
 - ◇ Scottie asked Council to notify him of conflicts with the March Council date, which is currently schedule the week of Spring Break.
 - ◇ Scottie thanked Dave and Richard for their support and participation in Council as they end their terms.
- **Pastor Rick –**
 - ◇ Installation date for 2019 Council members will be February 2/3 or 9/10.
 - ◇ Gary Schwarz is looking for another member to help with the memorial garden.
 - ◇ The discernment team distributed a survey to congregants to obtain feedback about a new family ministry position. They will present findings to Council and at the annual meeting in February.

Jodie moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Sauer, Council Secretary

Budgeted Finances for the month of January and for year-to-date as of January 31, 2019

	January	Year-To-Date
Receipts:		
1) Building Use	\$ 2,873	\$ 2,873
Offerings	55,066	55,066
Total Receipts:	57,939	57,939
Expenditures:		
Operating and Support	21,686	21,686
Ministries	9,188	9,188
Benevolence/Gifts (Synod, Sky Ranch, etc)	2,939	2,939
Total Expenditures:	\$33,813	\$ 33,813
Receipts less Expenditures:	\$24,126	\$ 24,126
1) Includes St. Paul's and Mary of Magdala's monthly building use payments plus other outside groups.		



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