



TRINITY TIDINGS

February, 2018

*Believing in Christ, we are called to grow
and are sent to serve.*

Thinking Out Loud With Pastor Josh.

I am a child of the 80's. And there may be nothing more transcendent from the 80's than the power ballad. Other than Hammer pants and banana clips, naturally.

Screaming guitars wheeling behind a big haired singer belting out his or her love for whomever they were imagining at the time. All those instruments slowed to a pace specifically designed for awkward, arms-length dancing in the gymnasium. Bon Jovi, Whitesnake, Poison, Cinderella (you know the one!). Romance was in the junior high air with the Aquanet and Drakkar.

February is our month for love I suppose, what with Valentine's Day stamped down right in the middle on the 14th. A day for flowers, candies, cards and that classic date night event, the school dance. Okay, the school dance probably gets pushed to a Friday or Saturday night.

I say this all in jest and also with a healthy dose of reality that, even though this might be a fun mid-winter day for some of us, for others of us, this day is frustrating. Our culture puts an obnoxiously high value on coupling, implying that any of us who walk in the world on our own without a life partner or even a nearby close friend are somehow missing out. Which is bogus and we know it. I hope we know it. It can be a rough day.

Ultimately what I'm thinking about, besides power ballads, is the interesting fact that Feb 14, Valentine's Day, also happens to be Feb 14, Ash Wednesday. Yeah, that Wednesday. The one where we gather for worship in the middle of the week and seek repentance for our sinful natures, trusting in Christ's mercy. We are marked with a cross of ash, receive communion, and offer quite a bit of praying around forgiveness and redemption.

There's no rock opera for that. At least, I don't think. So what's the deal? Why ruin Valentine's Day with ashes? Or maybe you think to yourself, typical church messing with the calendar.

Mostly its pure luck, if you will. Ash Wednesday is based on Easter, which is the Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox. Yeah, I know. Fun fact: Easter this year is April 1. April's Fool's Day. Don't we have a fool's tale to tell that morning.

Anyway, count back 6 weeks from April 1, get to the next Wednesday back, carry the 2, and there it is, Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2018. What we might call Valentine's Day.

This is our reminder that some Christian churches operate on a different schedule than the traditional calendar. We call it the "liturgical calendar." We mark our lives by Sundays and reflect the changing seasons with different colors throughout the worship space. Our seasons even have different names: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost (or "Green Season"). Each season represents another aspect of our ever renewing relationship with Christ.

We're not trying to be counter cultural or stubbornly cut off from reality. Our intent is to reflect our human life and the breadth of God's love within a 12 month span. It means there will be overlap and once in a great while, a little scheduling confusion. Is Feb 14 Valentine's Day or Ash Wednesday? For us Christians, it is both. In worship, we need our day to receive ashes, to remember that Christ's love surpasses our frail humanness, and forgiveness is not stopped by who we are and what we do. Of course, if you wish to listen a power ballad on the way home from worship, you should definitely do it.

Trust in God's Grace.

RESPONDING TO GOD: SHARING OUR GIFTS

Our Mission Support dollars are used by the ELCA churchwide organization to fund global ministry work, including the support of the Lutheran Church in Cambodia. The full story appears in Stories of Faith in Action, an ELCA publication.

With approximately 350 baptized members, two congregations, two new outreach ministry sites, multiple ministries and big dreams, “the Lutheran Church in Cambodia (LCC) is a young church that is on the verge of doubling its mission outreach with great zeal,” said Franklin Ishida, ELCA global mission director for Asia and the Pacific.

In this mostly Buddhist country, growing the church through direct evangelism isn’t effective, Orn said. Instead, the church attracts people to the faith through the caring way its members live and through its holistic, innovative ministries. One such example is the LCC’s hostel project and congregation in Phnom Penh.

The hostel met a critical need for the LCC’s first congregation in Kruos Village, which had six university students looking for affordable housing. Now the hostel has a congregation of 100 members aged 19-through 30 that represents 10 of Cambodia’s 25 provinces. Most are university students like Sareoun Chum, a young adult leader and hostel volunteer.

Chum appreciates that his church not only “works with the soul” but also focuses on serving the poor. The ministry has helped the village become more food secure, Ishida said. Aware of its roots as a mission start, the vibrant church is looking ahead to a time when it will engage in global mission work too. Orn said the LCC hopes “to send missionaries to serve to restore Christians in Europe in the next 20 to 30 years.”



THANK YOU TO OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

During the January 28th Annual Congregational Meeting, the following four Council members whose three year

terms were completed, were thanked for their dedication and service:

Ellen Finrock
Joshua Keene
Ron Lewis
Rob Urish

STUDY SMALL CATECHISM WITH COUNCIL

The Council has completed our walk through the 10 Commandments. We continue through the Small Catechism with the Lord’s Prayer. Some of us may know this prayer so well we can recite it without a thought. We’ll take some time with this prayer, which reflects how we communicate with God and how we imagine God responding to us. Everyone is invited to read through the petitions of the Lord’s Prayer in our Small Catechisms alongside the Council.

Lord’s Prayer, Introduction: Our Father in heaven.

Lord’s Prayer, First Petition: Hallowed be your name.



Who Is My Neighbor?

DEEP DIGS

SPECIAL

PRESENTATION

**Please Note: Rescheduled to February –
There’s still time to participate!**

Sunday, February 18, 2018

11:00 am

Topic: My Muslim Neighbor

You will want to clear your calendars for this important conversation with Rev. Brant Clements about our relationships with people of the Muslim faith.

Rev. Clements, well versed in Islamic traditions and practices, has taught a recurring course on the topic at Sauk Valley CC, has spoken at synod events and would love to share his wealth of knowledge and experience with us. Rev. Clements will worship with us, then we’ll reset our worship space for his discussion. Come with your questions and your readiness to learn.

COUNCIL LEADERS’ RETREAT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018,

9 am - 12 pm Mt. Morris Senior Center

All newly elected and returning council members will gather for prayer, election of officers and planning for our 2018 year at Trinity.

We appreciate your prayers!



LENTEN THOUGHTS

by VICAR KARYN

“We don’t go to seminary to fix things, but become someone,” said Prof. Filipe Maia from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. I try not to get on Facebook more than one time per day because it seems to easily consume a lot of my time without me realizing it. However, it is one way for me to stay connected with friends who live all over the world and sometimes it gives me something useful. Today is one of those days.

I stumbled across this quote by one of my friends’ professors while browsing my newsfeed. For those of you who have not gone to seminary, it may not give you as much pause as it gave me, but I think plenty of people go to seminary intending to leave seminary to “fix” things, only to realize in the process that the journey is not about “fixing” things and that instead of learning to fix things we have been transformed.

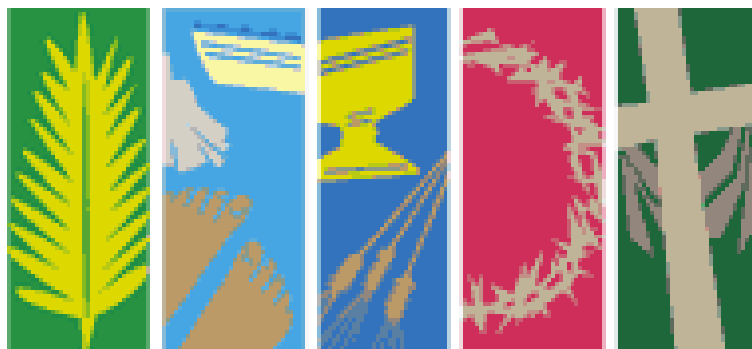
Pr. Josh has given me the opportunity to plan the worship services during Lent this year, so I have been thinking a lot about the upcoming Lenten season. It feels like I blinked and Christmas zoomed by, so Lent is just around the corner. If I am honest with you, Lent is not one of my favorite seasons. Most of the reasons stem from not understanding traditions as a child and therefore not seeing the value in those traditions.

One of those traditions is when something is given up for the season of Lent. When I was a child, I thought that giving something up for Lent was a way to break a bad habit or to “fix” oneself in preparation for Easter. As I understand it now, the practice of giving something up for Lent has evolved over the years. Fasting became a practice to model after Jesus who fasted in the wilderness. Over the years the number of fasting days and what was allowed to be eaten during the fasting days has changed, but the focus of Lent has not changed too much. Lent is a time to repent of our sins and renew our faith in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

In thinking about Lent while reading this quote from Prof. Maia, I couldn’t help but wonder if I have been thinking about and approaching Lent the wrong way for many years. Lent is not about fixing ourselves or the people around us. We don’t give things up for Lent because we need to be fixed. Lent is about becoming someone, or maybe a better way to say that is to say that Lent is about re-becoming someone. You see, in the promises made at our baptisms, our old selves have died and God has made us new people. Lent is a time where we set aside time to rediscover our baptismal promises and ask God to help us live into our baptismal callings.

This likely looks different for each of us. Some may set aside time to pray in addition to the daily prayers one already says. Some may give up chocolate as it has proven to have a hold on one’s life. Some may decide to track one’s work hours more closely so that intentional time can be set aside to spend with kids or grandkids. Some may even decide that being more intentional with one’s giving (to the church or other community organizations) is what God is urging them to do. Some may even simply ask God to make one more aware of God’s presence in one’s life. Whatever you do, or don’t do during Lent, I hope that you are able to recognize God’s grace in your life and can hear God calling you to be the you God created.

We do not go into Lent to fix ourselves or others, but to recognize how God is making us new...again and again!





LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Every week of Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14, we gather for worship on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm.

A light meal is served from 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm in the basement Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to eat.

We use a unique prayer service for midweek worship and our messages are shaped different from a weekend sermon. This year we will have assistance from our youth in various leadership roles.

Lent Midweek Worship begins Ash Wednesday February 14, at 7:00 pm and continues every Wednesday night up to Holy Week.



Holy Week Worship begins March 26

Maundy Thursday March 29 7:00pm
Good Friday March 30 7:00pm
Holy Saturday Storytelling March 31 7:00pm
Easter Morning April 1 9:30am

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER SCHEDULE

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the church office, if you would like to sign up to donate soup.

Amount needed: 1-2 double crockpots and 2 single crockpots. The Council committee responsible for each supper is listed below. Questions? Please contact a committee member or the church office. Thank you!

Wed. February 21st - Finance

Wednesday, February 28th - Worship & Music

Wednesday, March 7 - Outreach/Social Ministry/
Stewardship

Wednesday, March 14 - Property

Wednesday, March 21 - Education/Youth

TREATS FOR NACHUSA

TWELCA will be providing treats to the children of Nachusa for Valentines Day. They would appreciate your help! Please have your donations to the church **No Later than Tuesday, Feb 13th.**

Suggestions Below. Sorry, **No** Homemade Treats

Cheetos	Candy	Potato chips
Assorted snacks	Peanuts	Pretzels
Popcorn, Popped	Microwave popcorn	
Purchased cookies	Purchased brownies	

T.W.E.L.C.A. BASKETS OF PROMISE

Each Lenten Sunday, TWELCA is sponsoring Health Basket items through Lutheran World Relief. You are encouraged to bring one item for the basket each week. The following is the schedule:

- Feb 17/18 - Two, Bath size Bars of Soap (4-5 oz. in original wrapping)
- Feb 24/25 - Toothbrushes (adult size, in original pkg)
- Mar 3/4 - Nail Clippers (metal, att. File optional)
- Mar 10/11 - Comb
- Mar 17/18 - Bath Towel (light-weight maximum size 52" x 27", plain, - no symbols, dark color preferred. **No hand towels.**)

Baskets are located in entry to Worship Space and in the Bell tower hallway.

T.W.E.L.C.A. NEWS

T.W.E.L.C.A. stands for Trinity Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Dorcias group meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am. at the church.

They are studying A Stand-up Comic Sits Down with Jesus, a devotional booklet.

Naomi group meets the 4th Monday at 1:00 pm from April through November at the church. Their studies are taken from *Gather* magazine (publish. by ELCA.)

Both groups invite all women to join them!

FAITH5 -

"EVERY NIGHT IN EVERY HOME"



- Share**(highs and lows).
- Read** (a Bible verse or story).
- Talk** (about the Bible reading).
- Pray** (for each other).
- Bless** (one another).

5 formative steps that may take 5 minutes or much longer before supper or getting into bed. Look for the book marks in the pews and take one home for your own use. Use the verse of the week found at the top of every Refrigerator Reminders as a way to open the Bible together. Take 5 to Faith 5 as a family, with friends, on your own.

NOISY OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY Lutheran Disaster Response

The purpose of our Noisy Offering is to teach the joy of giving to God.

A few places where Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is currently at work:

Texas – hurricane relief
Louisiana - Gulf Coast flooding
Western States - wildfires
Haiti – hurricane relief
Mexico - earthquake
Nepal – earthquake
Middle East Nations – refugee support and relocation

LDR has an international reputation for showing up shortly after an event and staying longer than most other organizations to aid in rebuilding lives and communities. LDR is committed to directing nearly 100% of funds designated to a particular event to arrive onsite and benefit local agencies.

You are invited to make direct donations to LDR via their website. Google “ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response” and you will find the link. Thank you for your gifts.

**Results of the Collection for LDR in
January = \$ 71.77 (thru Jan 21, 2018)**

Congregational Resourcing Event SATURDAY, MARCH 10 Kishwaukee College, Malta, IL

This year’s Northern Illinois Synod Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE) will be held at Kishwaukee Community College (east of Rochelle)

Our keynote speaker will be Professor Nathan Frambach of Wartburg Theological Seminary.

You are invited to attend CRE, a day filled with breakout sessions, resources, ministry ideas, and meeting fellow Christians from across the northwest corner of Illinois. This event regularly involves over 300 participants. Worship opens the day, followed by the keynote speaker. With nearly 50 learning sessions to choose from, good food, and lots of folks to meet, it is guaranteed to be a faith building day.

Interested in going through Trinity? Call the church office or stop by during the week. We’ll get you registered at no cost to you. We will even coordinate transportation to make it easier.

A full listing of the workshops will be posted in the display cabinet in the bell tower hallway.

The full listing of workshops is also online at nisynod.org/cre

THANK YOU



“Thank you to all of the wonderful carolers who sang to us on December 17th. It was beautiful and so thoughtful!”
Nelson & Joanne Miller

“Dear Karen, Thanks to you and the Trinity Carolers for your visit to my home on Dec 16. It was a delightful experience for me.”
Irene Rahn

“Thanks so much to the carolers who stopped by to give us a concert. It was wonderful. Also, we appreciated receiving one of the beautiful Poinsettias that so beautifully graced our chancel area on Christmas Eve. May 2018 be a good year for all.”
Warren & Carol Reckmeyer

“Dear Congregation of Trinity,
Thank you all for the lovely pj’s and hoodie. Merry Christmas!” Melody, Tom & Sofia Dula
Alex & Ashton Persinger
Breanna Messenger & Kurtis

“Thank you Trinity members for all the Christmas cards, cookies and candy. Thank you to the Chancel choir for all of your music and preparation during the last months, and thank you too for the Merlin’s gift card. You know it is one of my favorite stores.

We were blessed with wonderful music from our choirs and so many others this holiday season. Thanks especially to Avery, Carolyn, Kendra, Caleb and Nellie for adding so much to our Advent and Christmas services.

And thank you to Lisa Suttman and Carol Reckmeyer for leading worship while I am on vacation.”
Shalom, Karen Larson



the family of
Lois Horst, who
passed away at

Pinecrest Manor on January 11. Her visitation was held on Friday evening, January 19th and her funeral service was held here at Trinity on Saturday morning, January 20, 2018.

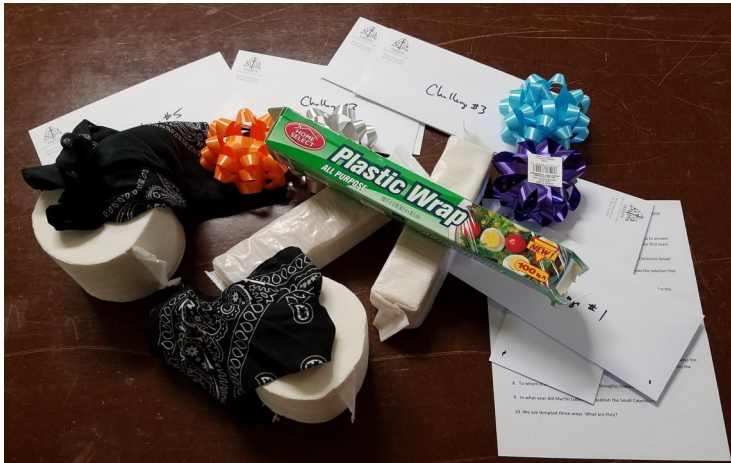


YOUTH LOCK-IN

For: 7th — 12th Graders

When: **Sat. Feb 17, 7:00 pm**
until Sun. Feb 18, 9:00 am

Bring: **Sleeping stuff (just in case)**
\$10
A board game
Musical instruments
A snack to share
A friend, too!



All of the above items were major components for one of December's Youth Confirmation classes. For more details, talk with one of our youth in grades 7 or 8.



Above, Trinity's youth are busy planning for Lent, 2018. To the right, Avery, Caroline & Whitney practice for Lent 2017.



You are invited to Trinity's Mid-Week Lenten services. Come, see what Trinity's youth are up to.

YOUTH URBAN IMMERSION RETREAT

February 24 & 25 to Chicago

We're really excited for this trip to Chicago for anyone in grades 7th-12th, as well as parents/guardians. Saturday, Feb 24, we leave for LSTC in Hyde Park (Pastor Josh's seminary), where we will stay at their Youth Center overnight.

Our agenda is to visit a couple ethnic museums, stroll around Hyde Park (also the home of University of Chicago) and spend the evening with our friends at Shekinah Chapel in Riverdale. Trinity youth have made this trip three times already, you won't want to miss it. Sunday we worship at Shekinah and head home after a hearty meal. Registration cost of \$60/participant covers housing, food, museum fees and a gift to Shekinah for their hospitality. Talk to Pr Josh ASAP if you're not signed up yet.

Yes, you can bring a friend.

MONTHLY THIRD FRIDAY

FREE MOVIE NIGHT

Fri. February 16, 7:00 pm



Disney's ALEXANDER & the Terrible, Horrible, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY!
(with Steve Carell & Jennifer Garner)

This is for Everyone of Any Age!

We meet in basement Fellowship Hall.

Free Popcorn & Kool-Aid or Juice!

Doors Open at 6:45 pm & Close promptly at 9 pm

Please note, this movie is rated PG. If your child is under the age of 18 and will be attending without a parent, he/she **must have** a completed Permission Form **when he/she comes that evening**. Children who come without a completed form will need to go home to have one completed.

Permission forms are on the church's website each month. www.trinitymm.net & on bulletin board next to Gathering Space.

We are in need of adult chaperones. Interested? A sign up sheet is posted in the hallway (on bulletin board next to Gathering Space).

Questions? Contact Melody Dula or church office

LIFELINE FOOD PANTRY NEWS

LIFELINE is located in Conover Square at 203 N 3rd St, Suite 6, Oregon, IL. (old piano factory)

Hours are: Tues 9:30—Noon*;

Thurs 1:30—4:30 pm

Fri 1:30—4:30 pm*; Sat 10:30—1:30 pm.

*Food is available on Tuesday & Friday.

Thanks to all the volunteers that sort the clothing, put food on the shelves, tidy up our working areas and help unload our deliveries. We couldn't do it without YOU! Thanks!

We invite you to consider volunteering; we are able to be flexible with your schedule.

In November, we served 264 clients and for December we served 299 clients. We are in need of hand soap, kidney beans, canned soup, macaroni & cheese, hamburger helper and cereal.

Questions? call 815-222-6712 and ask for Sharon.



LOAVES & FISH FOOD PANTRY SERVING MT. MORRIS AND LEAF RIVER

The Pantry is located on the lower level of the Church of the Brethren:
409 W Brayton Rd, Mt. Morris.

Hours are:

1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month: 4:30 – 7 pm

2nd & 4th Mondays of each month: 2:00 – 4:30 pm

For December, the pantry served 111 households, comprised of 281 individuals. Nine new families were served, representing 30 individuals.

Loaves & Fish could use volunteers to help unload food deliveries and help in the pantry. The dates are listed on our monthly calendar.

If you would like to volunteer to help unload food deliveries or help in the pantry, please contact Trinity's Pantry Representative: Barb Diehl 815-734-4011.

WORSHIP CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER

It's that time of year! If the weather turns troubling and you are not sure whether or not we are gathering for worship, here are your information options:

- **Check local (Rockford) TV stations WREX (NBC 13), WIFR (CBS-23), WTVO (ABC-17) or WQRF (Fox 39).** Channel numbers may be different pending your video provider. Cancellations will scroll across the bottom of the screen.
- **Check Trinity's Facebook page.** Will say "Cancelled"
- **Check local Radio Stations: WRHL 1060 AM, WIXN 1460 AM or WSEY 95.7 FM**
- **When in doubt, stay home.** Thank you for your love for worship and yet, please keep yourself safe. Ice and snow do not discriminate by age or ability.



LADY'S BOOK CLUB NEWS

The Lady's book club has disbanded.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the group.

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB



There will **NOT** be a breakfast in February, due to low attendance. If you are interested in continuing this group, please talk with Ron Bjorklund.

CONGREGATION LENT EVENT

Sunday, February 11, 10:30 am Fellowship Hall

Everyone, young and old, is invited to gather in the basement immediately following the worship service for refreshments, and activities to celebrate the season of Lent! (please note, No Sunday School or Choristers. Children will be included in this event!)

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



- Devotions were from Exodus 20. 1-17. Luther's Small Catechism, 9th and 10th Commandments
- Guest Speakers, OHS students Josie Fox, Logan Lazansky & Ashley McCormick presented their Open Program project ideas for their Summer Camp Program. They are raising funds through the sale of custom made t-shirts.
- A formal meeting in December did not take place, due to lack of majority in attendance. No formal minutes to approve
- Pastor reported he has applied to the Congregation Leadership program for a grant to be applied to the summer camp programs. He will apply for two more available grants.
- Pastor reported University of Illinois Extension representative plans to speak at February council meeting about their Catch Club Program.
- Finance Committee reported they will introduce the proposed budget to the congregation.
- Property Committee reported current security camera system is not functioning properly. Motion passed to approve a new wireless security system recommended by the Technology Committee, of up to \$1,000.
- Education/Youth committee asked for motion to approve funds to pay for a portion of Leadership Lab tuition for each of Trinity youth representatives. Total not to exceed \$1,000. Motion approved.
- Motion to defer Pastor Intern for the coming school year while replenish resources. Plan to re-apply for an Intern for the 2019/2020 school year was approved.
- Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT DECMEBER, 2017

Total Monthly Budget Income \$ 19,309.00
 Total Monthly Budget Expense \$ 18,771.69
 Year-to-date Budget Income \$224,296.30
 Year-to date Budget Expense \$ 224,249.02
 Year-to-date Surplus (Deficit) \$ 47.28

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Many of us find it much easier to make online transactions than to use cash or checks. If you use direct deposit or electronic bill pay on a regular basis, please know that Trinity offers that option for regular giving as well. Talk with the church office for details and to receive the form needed to get started.

TRINITY'S DONATIONS DISPERSED FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

From the Operating Budget

Northern Ill. Synod Benevolence	\$ 5,004.00
Pinecrest Manor	250.00

From the Offering Envelope Donations

Northern Ill. Synod World Hunger	\$ 380.00
Loaves & Fish Food Pantry	455.00
Loaves & Fish Food Baskets	92.00
Lifeline	145.00
Family Assistance Fund	491.00
TELC Pajama/Book Project	954.00

From Other Resources

Family Assistance Fund	
Thrivent Choice Funds)	\$1,437.00
Our Saviors Church-Rocky Boy (TWELCA)	25.00
LSSI - Nachusa Home (TWELCA)	100.00
WELCA (TWELCA)	50.00
Loaves & Fish Food Pantry (TWELCA)	75.00
Compassion International - (Thrivent Choice Funds)	114.00
Hiteman Scholarship Awards	2,250.00
Vacation Bible School (Noisy Offer.)	194.76
Loaves & Fish Food Pantry - (Noisy Offering)	379.44
Loaves & Fish Food Pantry (Cantata Offering)	812.64
Lifeline (Cantata Offering)	812.64

Thrivent Choice Donations Received Quarter Ending December 31, 2017

Thank you to the following individuals who designated Thrivent Choice Dollars to Trinity during the previous quarter:

Dan Dilbeck
 Louise Suttman

TRINITY'S SERVANTS FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Altar Guild

All month: Melody Dula

Acolytes

4 Ashton Persinger
11 Laura Wright
18 Laura Wright
25 Alexys Davis

Ushers/ Greeters

All month: Kevin Nelson—Sat.
Tom Dula, Sofia Dula,
Alex Persinger,

Song Leaders & Cantors

4 Mary Jo Dilbeck
11 Linda Borneman
18 Lily Welp
25 Linda Borneman

Assisting Ministers:

3 Arika Black 4 Carolyn Dilbeck
10 Arika Black 11 Carolyn Dilbeck
17 Arika Black 18 Kendra Ehrler
24 Arika Black 25 Kendra Ehrler

Coffee Hour Hosts

4
11
18
25

Blood Pressure Checks

(Normally Last Sunday of Month)

25 Robin Keene

Pinecrest Video Ministry

(2nd & 4th Monday of Month)

12
26

Lector Schedule*

4 Julie Robinson
11 Julie Robinson
18 Julie Robinson
25 Julie Robinson

*Scripture Readings

3/4 Isaiah 40.21-31
Psalm 147.1-11
Mark 1.29-39

*Scripture Readings

(Continued)

10/11 2 Kings 2.1-12
Psalm 50.1-6
Mark 9.2-9

17/18 Genesis 9.8-17
Psalm 25.1-10
Mark 1.9-25

24/25 Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22.23-31
Mark 8.31-38

Altar Flowers

(Calendar for 2018 is on bulletin board in Narthex (back of worship space))

3/4
10/11
17/18
24/25

Home Communion

(Normally 1st Sunday of Month)

Melody Dula
Dave & Cindy Link
Sandra Stengel

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. — Thurs.
8:30 am — 12:00 pm
1:00 pm — 4:00 pm*

Friday:
8:00 am — 12:00 pm

***Closed 12 - 2 pm on
Feb 7th & 28th for mtgs**



LENT BEGINS

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815-734-6358

Chime Choir Director: Matt Guschl

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Email: matt.guschl@gmail.com

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Louise Suttman

815-938-2650

Assist. Financial Secretary:

Linda Duffy

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FEBRUARY 2018

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE (*DETAILS INSIDE)

SATURDAY evening worship service at 5:30 pm

SUNDAY: 9:30 am Worship Service
Fellowship Time following Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:45 am (4 yrs — 6th grade)

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS

Chime Choir: Feb 7: 6:00 pm; Feb 14 & thru Lent:
5:30—6:15 pm

Chancel Choir: Feb 7 F ull Chancel Choir: 7:00 pm
Men rehearse at 6:45 pm; Women rehearse at 7:30 pm
Feb 14— 6:30 pm—7 pm & thru Lent: immediately
after the 7 pm worship service.

Choristers: Sundays at 11:30 during Sunday School

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE (*DETAILS INSIDE)

- Sun Feb 4, Ministry Café 8:30—9:30 am*
- Sat, Feb 10, 9 am - 12 pm Council Retreat, *
- Sun, Feb 11, 10:30 am Congregation Lenten Event* (for all, no Sunday School)
- Wed Feb 14, Ash Wednesday Service - Here
- 15th of each month, Tidings info Due to office.
- Fri, Feb 16, 7:00 pm Third Friday Free Movie Night*
- Sat, Feb 17 7:00 pm to Sun, Feb 18, 9:00 am Lock-In for 7th - 12th graders*
- Sun Feb 18, 11:00 am Special Deep Digs*
- Wed Feb 21 - Mar 21, 6:00 - 6:45 pm Lenten Soup Suppers* & 7:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten Service*