

GRACE NOTES

Scripture readings for next week (02/25/18)

Old Testament Reading –Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm – Psalm 22:23-31

Epistle Reading – Romans 5:1-11

Holy Gospel Reading –Mark 8:27-38

Worship Assistants

	02/18/18 First Sunday in Lent	02/21/18 Lenten Mid-week I	02/25/18 First Sunday in Lent
Altar Guild	Dayna VanVleet Denise Wegner	Dayna VanVleet Denise Wegner	Dayna VanVleet Denise Wegner
Audio Video	Gary Somerfeld		Gary Somerfeld
Duty Elders	Len Koelbel Marty Bauer	Bob Nommensen	James Neumann Marty Bauer
Organist	Jeannine Eastley	Anita Chapman	Anita Chapman
Counters	Alan & Denise Wegner		

Today Sunday – February 18th ~ First Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Sunday school & Adult Bible study

10:00 am *Divine Service*

11:15 am Quarterly Voter's meeting

Monday – February 19th

Lamplighter deadline

10:00 am Winkel @ Trinity

Tuesday – February 20th

10:15 am Sing @ Benefis SNC

6:00 pm Handbell Choir

Wednesday – February 21st

9:30 am Ladies Bible study

5:30 pm Middle & High school Youth w/Pastor

5:30 pm Adult Choir

6:00 pm Soup Supper
7:00 pm *Lenten Mid-week I*

Thursday – February 22nd

6:30 am Men's Bible study
9:00 am Quilters @ Peace
10:00 am Sing @ Park Place

Friday – February 23rd

Church Office Closed

1:00 pm Friday Ladies' Bible study
 @ Marge Johnsten's, 3000 8th Ave S

Saturday – February 24th

Nothing scheduled

Next Sunday – February 25th ~ *Second Sunday in Lent*

8:30 am Sunday school & Adult Bible study
10:00 am *Divine Service*

The Endowment Committee has determined that the Endowment Fund has money to be distributed. The congregation is invited to stop in the church office and pick up an application and submit it for the committee to consider. Your project must be outside Trinity Lutheran Church's regular mission outreach programs, be for Christian education, missions and outreach. Deadline for applications is **February 28, 2018.**

Calendar and Card Sales - The Youth Group is selling 2018 wall and pocket calendars along with Christmas and Every Occasion cards. Prices are: \$7 for wall calendars and cards and \$6 for pocket calendars and can be purchased in the church office or ask any member of the youth group. **Help support Trinity's youth at Higher Things!**

Easter Lilies ~ The Altar Committee will once again be placing an order for lilies to grace our altar for Easter. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of these lilies, please make a separate check payable to *Trinity Lutheran Church*, designate on the check **"For Easter Lilies"** and drop it into the offering plate. **If you**

would like your donation in memory or honor of a loved one, please attach a note with the details to your check or contact Cheryl Bauer at the church office 452-2121 with that information.

The Lutheran Witness and Portals of Prayer ~ It is time again to renew our subscriptions to *The Lutheran Witness* and *Portals of Prayer*.

The Lutheran Witness subscription is \$15.96 for a year and the *Portals of Prayer* subscription is \$8.60 for regular size; \$16.00 for digest size; and \$17.00 for large print.

If you are currently receiving these items and wish to continue those subscriptions, please place your renewal check in the offering plate, mail it or bring it to the church office. **Be sure to indicate what you are subscribing to with specifics so that we get the products you want. Deadline is Monday, April 2, 2018!**

Looking for an alternative web-based LCMS supported radio station? KFUO is the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod answer. On the web at www.kfuom.org they broadcast seven days a week from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm Mountain Time (times vary by month). Check them out on the web at www.kfuom.org.

Lutheran Hour - February 25th - "Living and Dying" - Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. Looking at sinful mankind, Jesus found what he was willing to die, and to live for. Are we willing to do the same? (Romans 5:1-11)

Tune in on the radio or at www.lutheranhour.org. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on **KMON, 560 AM Sundays at 7:00 am; or XM Radio 170 at 10:00 am-(EST)**.

Issues Etc. – Equipping the Priesthood of All Believers... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. *This week's teachings include: The Book of Judges, Responding to Objections to the Christian Faith, First Century Pastor & Martyr Polycarp, Paul Sails for Rome and more.* You can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Lutherans for Life - February 18th - “In a sense, that is where man is today ... dead in sin, awaiting the Exodus led by the Son of Man, the new Moses, into eternal life, undoing the separation of soul and body at death. Lent (and the weakness of our mortal flesh) reminds us of this separation, our sin. Easter reveals to us the Exodus, Christ’s life that sets us free and brings us home.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Celebrating a Birthday this Week

<i>February 18th</i>	<i>Michael McPherson, Alexandria Young</i>
<i>February 19th</i>	<i>Travis Copp</i>
<i>February 20th</i>	<i>Jon Schroeder, Laretta Stanfield (80+)</i>
<i>February 21st</i>	<i>Hunter Sharrah</i>
<i>February 22nd</i>	<i>Nolan Joyce</i>
<i>February 23rd</i>	<i>Rayn Ginnaty</i>
<i>February 24th</i>	<i>Austin Webb</i>
<i>February 25th</i>	<i>Jerry Grossnick</i>

This Week’s Baptismal Anniversaries

<i>February 22nd</i>	<i>Kathie Gessaman, Louise Keith</i>
<i>February 25th</i>	<i>Maryann Chapman, Tim Chapman</i>

An Update on Giving

The offering for February 11th ~ \$2,995

Comparison of Income to our Monthly budget needs ~ February

Our Monthly budget need is \$16,450

Actual Giving to date ~ \$8,692

Needed to meet February obligations ~ \$7,758

(\$3,897 next two Sundays)

Trinity’s next payroll is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28th

Thank you Lord! Praise Your holy name! Thank you Lord for providing for Trinity Lutheran Church in 2017. Please continue to include Trinity’s cash flow problem in your prayers each day. Hopefully, the Lord will bless TLC again with the \$16,450+ needed each month. Thank you to all who are so faithfully supporting God’s church.

Offering Counters are needed to assist the Treasurer and Assistant Treasure count and record the offerings following each Sunday service. No experience is needed. Please call the church office (452-2121) or sign-up on the Chapel doors in the Narthex if you are willing to assist.

Read through the Gospels or New Testament in Lent ~ Last year you were challenged to read through the New Testament during the 40 days of Lent **OR**, if you found that to be too daunting a challenge, read through just the Gospels. Some of you took that challenge. We are again throwing down the challenge to Trinity to read through and be in God’s word during Lent. What better way to prepare for Easter than to read the complete story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection? So dust off your Bible as we read God’s Word through these 40 days of Lent!

Read through the Gospels or New Testament in Lent		
Day	Gospels only	New Testament
February 18	Take a Break	
19	Matthew 13-Matthew 14	Matthew 25 - end
20	Matthew 15-Matthew 16	Mark 1 - 5
21	Matthew 17-Matthew 18	Mark 6 - 11
22	Matthew 19-Matthew 20	Mark 12 - end
23	Matthew 21-Matthew 22	Luke 1 - 4
24	Matthew 23-Matthew 24	Luke 5 - 8
25	Take a Break	

PRAYER REQUESTS

*For prayer requests, please call the church office 452-2121
or email us at trinity@trinity-mt.org*

We pray for:

Elizabeth Cromwell (Boyce's daughter); **Ellen Carpenter; Louise Keith; Jay Schlecht; Ruth Waetzig; Kay Kessel; Emil Neumann; Sammy Phillips and baby Ezra; Vanessa** (friend of Alan & Denise Wegner); **Peggy** (friend of Pam Grosenick); **Nellene Hickel** (Rachel Keeley's daughter); **Taylor Wojak** (Shelden's grandson); **Marek & DebbeWojak** (Shelden's son-in-law and daughter); **Herman Trautner** (Len Koelbel's cousin's husband); **Terrie Craven Green Jones; Chris Wallace** (past LWML District President); **Jereme** (Sarah Lautenschlager's cousin); **Jessica Heiser**, (daughter-in-law of Ardyth Jeszenka); **Derek Boyce** (Boyce's son); **Jennifer** (friend of Judy and Keener Boyce's niece); **Betty Adelmeyer** (Mike Adelmeyer's mother); **Harry & Jerry Schlehr**, (Penny Hill's brothers); **Kim Mansch** (Scott Mansch's sister in law); **Reverend Erich Kaelberer; Kristal Dawson** (Jenny Shaw's sister)

We pray God's peace and comfort for our members who continue to battle health issues and for our shut-ins:

Gary Adams, Paul Birkholz, Alice Irion, Rachel Keely, Lydia Laubach, Ilene Leishman, Richard Mauseth, Evelyn McNaight, Emma Millet, Alene Morrell, Gladine Nehus, Alvina Presler (Millie Birkholz's mother), **Bud Quickenden, Ruth Schwartzenberger, Gordon Stach, Myrtle Storhaug, Juanita Winter and Ted Young**

We pray for those serving in the military:

Jaymes Crumley USAF; Tech Sgt Jared Dudden USAF; Joshua Graham USA (Sherrie Blomstrom's grandson-in-law); **Clifton Grilley USN** (Gary & Janet Headington's son); **Jared Grina USN** (Janet & Gary Headington's son-in-law); **Steffen Meeks USA** (Sherrie Blomstrom's grandson); **Private Brendan Murphy, USMC** (Gary & Sylvia Adams grandson); **Michael Somerfeld USN** (Gary & Mary Somerfeld's son); **Tech Sgt Tanner Tilton USAF** (Millie Birkholz's grandson); **Senior Airman Brady Toole USAF**

Dear Congregation,

Our congregation is participating in the LCMS *re:Vitality* Lutheran revitalization program. “Vital” is the key component of “revitalization.” Wherever the Word is proclaimed in its purity and God’s Sacraments are rightly administered, there is spiritual vitality. *Re:Vitality* builds upon spiritual vitality and guides the church in positive action for sustainable, adaptable, focused, and healthy ministry for years to come. The first step in the *re:Vitality* process is to submit honest feedback about our congregation from everyone involved. I want to encourage every adult (18 years and older) to fill out this simple online questionnaire. Simply click this link when you are ready to begin: www.lcms.org/survey/revitality and enter our congregation code: **C376019**.

You may also pick up a paper copy of the assessment in the church office and return it there by **February 27th**.

We need to hear from everyone, individually. That means husbands and wives should both fill out a questionnaire separately. We want to hear from you whether you’ve been a member here your whole life, or you’re brand new to Christianity; Whether you’re a member, frequent attendee, or occasional visitor, we want to hear from you.

Your responses are completely anonymous. No one will know your name, and I will not see individual responses. It is important to be honest in your feedback so that we can have an accurate assessment about where we are as a congregation, and how we can grow.

Help us find the answer to, “Where are we...*really*?” Thank you for submitting your responses by **March 4th**.

Blessings,

Pastor Gerald Paul