

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

March Monthly Announcement Sheet

OFFICE HOURS AND INFORMATION

The church office is open Monday-Thursday from 9-3.

Sunday School for youth and adults: 8:45am

Sunday Services: 10am

Bell choir practice: after service on Sundays as scheduled

Bible study: Tuesdays at 10:30 (except 3/5)

Choir practice: Wednesdays at 7:00

Holy Week Services – March 28, Maundy

Thursday Service at 7pm

March 29, Good Friday Service at 7pm

March 31, Easter Sunrise Service in the columbarium at 6:45am

March 31, Easter Reception at 8:45 – Bring your favorite dish to share.

March 31, Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00

March 31, Easter Festival Service at 10:00 am.

LENTEN MUSICAL SERVICE

Our worship service on March 17 will be a special musical service centered around our journey of faith. We will hear scripture and reflections, sing hymns, and the Chancel Choir and Trinity Ringers will present several anthems reflecting on God's help and guidance through all of life's journey. Please plan to join us for this meaningful Lenten worship experience!

PALM TREES AND LILIES

Please consider purchasing an easter Lily to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Lilies are \$14.00 each. Please see bulletins for order form. Also, we will be looking for 2 people to rent a potted Palm for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday's worship services. These are \$20.00 each. Forms are in the narthex. If you have any questions or would like to order over the phone please call Sharon . She may be reached Mon – Thurs 9 am – 3 pm at 757-245-

7861. All orders are due by March 18th!

RED FOOD BOX UPDATE

Please don't forget to bring in items for our Little Red Food Box! We're looking for items that are nutritious and taste well but that are also easily accessible. Examples would be the envelopes of variously-flavored tuna and chicken items, six packs of fruit (applesauce works best and does not draw "critters), crackers or chips, peanut butter cups, potted meat cans, Vienna sausage cans, etc. Nothing wrong with an occasional sweet "treat," either! Also, water bottles are welcome, and various kinds of nutritious drinks, as long as they're well-packaged and don't leak.

Be creative! What would *you* like to munch on your way down the street or home from work?!

Please do NOT bring large cans, items that must be heated or otherwise prepared, or cans that require a can opener. Those items are welcome in the Thrive food basket!

Thank you for helping to brighten the lives of our siblings in Christ!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

An Important Note Regarding Offering Envelope Boxes

The Post Office will no longer deliver the offering boxes for those who do not pick them up, citing "security concerns." This means that boxes that are not picked up from the library not only cost us in excess postage but will also now cost us in time away from the office.

Please pick up your offering boxes from the library in person if at all possible. If you cannot do so, perhaps a friend or family member will pick them up for you.

Thanks so much for your attention to this and please note, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14, and the offering boxes contain Lenten envelopes for your Lenten discipline of giving.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

There are comment/question boxes in the Narthex, lobby, and Sacristy hallway. We like hearing from you! All are welcome to join; you do not have to be part of the core group.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study will meet Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in Library or on Zoom while the parlor is under renovation.

CANNED GOODS FOR THRIVE

When you go to the grocery store, please remember our neighbors being helped by Thrive. All canned goods as well as personal care items can be left in the basket in the narthex. These items will be given to those in our community who are in need. The food will be delivered to Thrive. Please do not leave clothing and other items for the homeless. THRIVE will not take them. They would need to go either in the yard sale or taken to LINK who will accept them.

FRESH FOOD DONATIONS

For all our gardeners out there... if you have an overabundance of fresh produce from your gardens and you want to donate it to Thrive, please drop off the produce in the cooler located in the narthex. We will run the produce up to Thrive for you, along with the produce we are growing here at Trinity.

CARDS FOR HOMEBOUND

We are renewing the cards for homebound members effort. If you find cards in the Narthex, please feel free to sign them and share a happy message. We will mail them to our members who can't be with us in person.

A NOTE FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thank you to all the members of Trinity who are generously responding to the approval of the 2023-2024 Ministry Spending Plan by increasing their regular offerings to the general fund. Growing support of our financial goals helps Trinity become a powerful force for good in our community and world, a living example of "God's Work—Our Hands."

As you prayerfully consider your own ability to increase your financial response, please remember that the amount of increase doesn't matter. What matters is the desire to contribute time, talent, and treasure to grow in our service to God and to our siblings, both in our community and in a world where our love and support are desperately needed.

YOUTH CORNER

On March 10 the youth will meet after church to participate in a community service project. Please meet in the youth room after church. Bring money for a fast food lunch, and we will participate in service that afternoon. Parents can pick up youth at 4 PM.

We are collecting Easter candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to donate candy, please drop off all individually wrapped candy in the church library or the youth room. Make sure that the candy can fit in a small egg, and avoid all hard candies like jawbreakers. Please drop off all candy in the youth room by Palm Sunday, March 24.

March 2-3: All 5th and 6th grade students are invited to register for the Seventh Day overnight event which takes place at Eagle Eyrie on Saturday March 2 - Sunday March 3. Join Kelly Rummel and Kathy Stevens who are serving on the planning team for the event for a fun filled weekend at beautiful Eagle Eyrie. If you are interested in attending, please make sure that you sign up on the youth group Facebook page, and that you complete all paperwork and payment through the VA Synod website. Cost is \$115, and registration is due February 7.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

March 17 - Special musical service for Lent at 10am

March 24 - Palm Sunday service at 10am

Have you been spring cleaning at your house? If so and you find unwanted vases, please bring them to church. Large ones, big enough to hold the Sunday morning chancel flowers, may be left in the sacristy kitchen so members may take their bouquets home. Currently these flowers are transported in plastic bags, which works; but large vases would be nicer. Of course, small vases may be left in the container outside the sacristy kitchen for Simple Sunflowers. Thank you.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 23. It's PIZZA AND POLISHING DAY. It's time to polish our brass and dust our chancel, sanctuary and narthex for Easter. Extra hands can also dust our library and nursery. Bring your favorite dusters and polishing cloths. Meet in the church library at 9am - or later if you need to sleep in that day. We'll finish up at noon and share pizza before heading home. Many hands make light work. Can you lend your hands? Cleanliness is godliness. Thank you from the Worship and Music Committee.

ARCHIVERS CORNER

Thank you to all who have contributed photos and information from past and current church events. Keep sending those current photos to Sandy Cobb or Judy Hunt via email or text so we can add them to our collection. Any other memorabilia may be dropped off in the church office in the Archives box. If you are interested in the latest pictorial history book, 2008 - 2023, note that we have 4 books left at a cost of \$35 each. Let Sandy or Judy know right away if you want to reserve a copy. Also, we have 6 Trinity plates, 3 with a photo of the old church building and 3 with a picture of our current church. There is no charge for a plate; just let us know you want one. If you are looking for historical information about our church, you are welcome to visit the Archives Room any Tuesday morning or by appointment. The Archives Room is kept locked. Finally, if you are interested helping us file and research information to be saved for future generations, we work almost every Tuesday morning. Just let Sandy or Judy know you want to help. There's always something to do.