



Trinity TIMES

FEBRUARY 2018

MINISTRY NEWS AND NOTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Past, Our Present, and Our Future

A new year started January 1, along with the yearly challenge of writing the new calendar year on our checks, tracking down our previous year's receipts for our tax returns, and taking whatever time we usually take to consider the events of the past and our prospects for the future.

We also followed something of the same routine in our Trinity Lutheran congregation. We closed the books for the previous year, assessed our financial position for the upcoming year, started preparing tax forms for our employees, and collected reports from our different ministries, telling us what they've done in the preceding year and what they'd like to do in the future.

While every January 1 prompts us to assess our past and look ahead, we share a date together that defines our past, our

present, and our future. This date tells us who we are and to whom we'll always belong. We begin our preparations to celebrate this date—the day of Jesus' resurrection—as we begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

We certainly have had our share of personal failures throughout the year of 2017. We are well aware of what we confess every time we gather together for worship: the things we have done, and the things we have left undone. But the day of Jesus' resurrection assures us that our sins and the sin of the world do not define our lives. Just as Jesus was raised from the dead, his love for us is alive today. Just as he forgave his tormentors before he died, his resurrection proclaims his forgiveness of our sins today. Because sin and death could not hold him in the tomb, his baptism assures us that we are beloved children of God, now

and forever. And his supper not only calls us to consider his death for us on the cross, but his resurrection calls us to the good news of the present: "This is my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins."

As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' resurrection throughout the season of Lent, our bible readings and worship will cause us to reflect on the power of sin and death in our lives and our need for a savior. But as we encounter these hard truths, we will be surrounded by the good news of the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. And our Easter celebration will be all the more joyous.

God's peace and blessings to you in this new year, and as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

Pr. Bryan



FROM THE WORSHIP & MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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Fifth Annual Spectacular Concert!

You are cordially invited to the fifth annual Trinity Spectacular Concert, set to take place on Sunday, February 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We have an outstanding lineup of musicians and great entertainment planned. There'll be something to please every taste – that's our promise! We have instrumental and vocal soloists, duets, trios, quartets, and all the choirs of Trinity. Back by popular demand, we'll have a visit from Mike Haessler and Chip! Pastor Andy will reprise his role as our astute MC. **The concert is free and open to the public.** Please invite family and friends. Our concert is always a one-of-a-kind afternoon event in Waupaca.

The members of the Worship & Music Committee have produced this concert annually since 2014. It requires many hours of planning, preparation and hard work on the day of the concert. But in

the end, everyone has a great time and that's our main goal!

Following the concert, a reception will be provided by Worship & Music and the Faith Ventures high school members. All proceeds will benefit two important areas of need for 2018: 50 percent will help fund the Faith Ventures trip to Houston this summer and the other 50 percent will help underwrite the cost of replacing and upgrading audio and video equipment in the sanctuary - an ongoing project that benefits all who worship in our sanctuary.

So remember... what can you do the week after the NFL season comes to a close on Super Bowl Sunday? Spend an afternoon listening to great music while having fun, food and fellowship at Trinity! We hope to see you there!

Peace and blessings,
 Wanda



Treasurer's Corner

Attention Thrivent Members!

Starting in 2018, you will need to direct your Choice Dollars each year:

- ◆ Go Online to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice; follow the directions in the Direct Choice Dollars section.
- ◆ Call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836. When prompted, say "Thrivent Choice" to talk to a representative.
- ◆ Talk to your Thrivent agent.

Any dollars NOT designated will go to Thrivent's corporate account and will be disbursed as they see fit, so please designate your Choice Dollars soon! Please make designations by March 1 and consider Trinity as the recipient.

December Memorials

Thank you for the gifts to our ministries in honor of your loved ones. The funds have been designated to the following in loving memory of:

- Mike Townsend, Campership/scholarships
- Dave Forsberg, Building loan
- Lois Thompson, General Fund
- Glenn and Lucille Salter, Global Missions

December Financial Report Snapshot	
Ministry Expenses and Gifts	Building Debt Reduction
Dec. Ministry Balance: -\$21,849.90	Mortgage Principal: \$1,794,896.85
Dec. Gifts: \$90,290.21	Debt Reduction Gifts: \$114,254.83
Dec. Special & Prepaid for 2018 Gifts: \$65,900.00	Debt Monthly Payment: \$11,344.00
Dec. Expenses: \$114,780.77	Principal Reduction: \$105,727.37
Dec. Ministry Balance: \$17,063.52	Mortgage Principal: \$1,689,169.48

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CROSSWAYS
CAMPING MINISTRIES

Camp Sunday February 25!

Come and hear all about summer camp offered by Crossways. Staff from Pine Lake Camp will present February 25 at 9:15 a.m. for about 30 minutes. Sunday school students should report to their classrooms as usual first and then will come up with their class to the sanctuary.

Crossways will also have a display in the Koinonia Room and will answer your questions afterward.

Jake the Pancake Man

Jake the Pancake Man will serve breakfast to the Sunday School students and staff during their regular classroom time on Sunday, February 11. They are able to eat for free!

The congregation and families of the students are invited to join us from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for all-you-can-eat-pancakes. Cost is \$5 per person (under 5 are free). Proceeds go to Pine Lake Camp.



Souper Bowl of Caring

The worship week of Wednesday-Sunday, Jan. 31 to Feb. 4, the congregation is invited to bring a can of soup to church or give a monetary donation, all to benefit the Waupaca Area Food Pantry. A grocery cart will be available for the soup and a "soup pot" for the monetary donations. Let's make it a goal to fill the cart and score points for our local food pantry!

Middle School Lock-in Fun!

We had a full night of fun at the lock-in on January 19! Thank you to all the adult and high school volunteers! We appreciate you very much! A huge thank you to the youth who came (and brought friends)!



Register for Summer Camp!

"This Changes Everything" is the summer theme at all of the Crossways camps. Camp is available for people of all ages and you can register online at www.crosswayscamps.org.

Trinity will once again be offering reimbursement for attending one of the three camps. Forms are available in the church office or upstairs on the Youth and Family counter in the Connection Room. Contact Jean Schwirtz at 715-258-7688 for more information. Register before March 15 and receive an early bird discount!

The current seventh-grade Confirmation students will be attending camp the week of June 10-15 and have special forms that will be mailed to them.

Interfaith Outing February 8

TED Talks and Faith meets on the second Thursday, but on February 8 all are welcome to join them in attending an interfaith gathering at St. Mark's Lutheran (140 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah) from 7-8:30 p.m. This would be a great follow up after hearing the Confirmation panel last month! If you'd like to carpool, please contact Pastor Dione.



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Worship Schedule
Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.
Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.

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Office Hours
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Monday - Thursday

If you have an immediate need outside of church office hours, you can still contact a pastor by calling the church office and leaving a voice message in the pastor's individual voice mailbox. The pastor will be notified by cellphone and will return urgent-need calls as soon as possible.

The next **Trinity Times** deadline is February 13, at noon.



February 14
Ash Wednesday Worship
12:15 and 6:15 p.m.

Lenten Worship
February 21, 28
March 7, 14, 21
12:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.