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## TRINITY TIDINGS

### Trinity Lutheran Church

**Our Mission: "Sharing the Caring Christ with all People"**

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# Trinity Tidings

## Pastor's Pen

MARCH 2019

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### Time for Grazing

I am a sheep. As we profess in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, "the Lord is my Shepherd," and that makes me a sheep. However, when I was a teenager, I probably ate like a sheep too. I liked to graze. Or maybe it was more like a horse. I couldn't get enough. I ate all the time. God blesses many teens in this country with a) the gift of high metabolism, and b) a country where food is rarely scarce.

Ah, the days of grazing. Those days are sadly gone, as the metabolism hasn't kept the same pace. Yet some dieticians still suggest that small meals throughout the day can be an effective way of maintaining proper weight.

The truth is, however, that sheep still need to graze. They need to eat, and eat regularly. The sheep of the Good Shepherd also need to graze. It's about now, in the throes of winter, that the landscape doesn't look so good for cattle grazing. Likewise, for us sheep, the onset of Lent can have us wandering and lean. Our bodies need nourishment and so does our faith.

Food for your faith is being prepared right here at Trinity. It is being delivered to you by the Chef – God Himself – to you through His Word. We will be doing some grazing this month and as we begin to munch on God's Word, Genesis to Revelation, and should find plenty to fill our spiritual stomachs and nourish our souls for life in this world. I hope you are making a plan for getting your spiritual nu-

trients! Six days we read, the seventh we hear it, rejoice, and respond. Sprinkled in to the mix are opportunities for added devotions, Bible study, and hopefully some group and interpersonal discussions. This is our time to chew our food!

And with that in mind, I'd like to encourage you to make it a two for two effort. As we begin Lent, make a pact to spend a Lenten day a week in a fast, or fast for lunch, or take some time away from eating to remind your body of the blessings God provides and your dependence upon His provisions. Then, fill that time normally spent eating, to graze on GOD'sText! If you'd like more information on safe fasting, ask one of us pastors, we'd be happy to help!

GOD'sText will keep us busy, but if you'd like to add a Lenten devotional to your grazing time, we will have a special series available that follows our midweek theme and study of the book of Exodus entitled, "Let My People Go!" If interested, just ask the office.

Shepherd's lead their sheep to grazing pasture each day. The sheep get just what they need *for each day*. Will the Good Shepherd do any less for us each day? I'll be grazing on GOD'sText. I hope to see you in the pasture!

God's peace and every blessing to you as we discover **the LORD, the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness** (Exodus 34:6).

*Pastor Hinz*

## Notes from Our Associate Pastor



### The Satanic Summit

DESPAIR REIGNED IN THE SATAGON. Things were not going as badly for the Church as Satan wanted. The lord of damnation found himself suffering increasing bouts of despair. New ways had to be found to exorcise those eager disciples on earth of their energy and enthusiasm. It was essential that the fiendish forces update their arsenal of demonic tricks, and devise more devilish wrenches to throw into the motivational machinery of the opposition's (namely, "God") operation. Something had to be done! The church must not be permitted to make this kind of progress!

However, what was to be done? New lies! New treachery! New deceit! New dirty tricks! Now, how did one go about finding these? What was needed was a Think-Tank. That was it — a THINK-TANK! Satan sprang from his chair, and hit the direct-dial button on each of the hotlines that linked directly with the three members of the Inner Circle who formed his Low Command. He demanded that they appear in the Satanic Sanctum (known as the Orpheus Office) immediately! They were there within a flash — Satagh, Satogh, and Satugh. Formalities were dispensed with. No small talk! It was business as never before. 'Ideas, fiends! Ideas!'

Satagh fired forth with, "Simple! Let's burn down lots of churches!" The suggestion did not raise so much as a grunt from the others present, who recognized it as hasty, old, antiquated stuff, not worthy of a response.

Satogh thought a little longer before he opened his mouth. "Let's be realistic! There's no point in trying the 'oldies.'" Burning churches accomplishes nothing. Trying to get them to believe that the Nazarene-whose-name-we-never-mention down here did not really rise from the dead is also out. However, how about seeing to it that Bibles cost more to print, to make it more difficult for the masses to buy a copy?" The others present pondered for a minute or two. Eventually, they responded that the procedure would be slow, of doubtful outcome, and what were they going to do about the millions of Bibles already scattered around the world, and those homes which had a shelf full of different translations?

Satugh thought that they might work a little harder in seminaries, and get even more agnostics and secret-atheists on to some faculties. These men were experts in using theological words that sounded good, but did not mean what the Bible said. The others thought longer before they responded to this suggestion. However, they felt the idea would be limited in its effects, for too many of the not-to-be-named-Nazarene's followers were becoming quite expert in seeing through that kind of trickery.

Finally, Satan himself warmed to the occasion and rose from his chair in excitement. "I've got it! We won't burn their churches. We won't meddle with the economics of Bible printing. We won't try any more fifth column work in their seminaries. But what we WILL do is this! We'll work like the demons that we are to confuse them into thinking that they can get their Christian education act over by the time they are twelve or so! We'll secretly foist on them a silent motto like: GRADUATE FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL! That way they'll think they've learned all there is to know about that not-to-be-named-Nazarene by the time they are twelve or so! But they won't have! They'll boast about having a CHILDLIKE faith, when they really mean CHILDISH! That way the country will be covered with kiddi-Churches, with spiritual kids teaching literal kids! And they'll get nowhere fast! What say you, fiends?"

"Brilliant, your lowness! Brilliant, as always!" (copied from *Adult Talk* by Rev. Harry N. Wendt)  
*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes... Take... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."*

Ephesians 6:10-11,17

**Are you skillful or clumsy with the sword of God's Word?**

## Highlight...

### Cemetery Board

The Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, although owned by the church is run totally independent from the church and is not included in the operating budget of the church. It is run by a volunteer board of directors consisting of 5 members. Tom Machula is the chairman, Russ Kath is vice chairman. Other members are Lee Gratke, Jim Gerchy and Jeff Snyder. The cemetery is funded and maintained entirely by lot sales and burial fees. People don't often ask questions about the cemetery until a time of need. The prices are as follows: Single space \$400, half lot (4 graves) \$1500, Full Lot (8 graves) \$3000. Trinity members get a reduced cost of \$100 per grave. These prices are very favorable compared to other cemeteries. You must be a Missouri Synod member to buy plots. A person must have at least 4 grave spaces to have an upright monument. Any less than 4 and a flat marker is used. There can be up to 3 cremations on one grave space, there is an additional charge to open and close a grave at the time of burial. A link to who is buried is available at [www.trinitysr.org](http://www.trinitysr.org). Many people ask what happens to unused grave spaces. The ownership goes to the oldest child of the owner. As a matter of fact, we have many unused spaces that were bought years ago and we have no idea who the descendants are. Many times family members move away, etc. These spaces lay unclaimed until someone comes forward to claim them. We are not the business of reselling lots. This can be handled by the owners on an individual basis. Questions or concerns should be directed to Tom Machula at 320-248-4389.

## Lenten Soup Suppers

Will begin Wednesday, March 6th, served from 4:45 to 5:45pm. Volunteers needed for set-up, serving, clean-up or to make soup. Sign-up sheet to bring desserts is on the kitchen door. To volunteer, talk to Sue Bragelman at 252-9618 or Joann Kath at 251-0405. Come to enjoy great soup and fellowship before the 6pm Lenten worship.



### Easter Flowers



The altar guild will be ordering lilies for Resurrection Sunday. Watch for details in the bulletins in the coming weeks. We will be printing a "Memorial/in Honor of" folder again this season. Any questions call Evora Sorokie @ 291-0740 or Sue Kulzer @ 248-9783.

### TRANSFER THE BLESSINGS



Applications are being accepted for a distribution from the Transfer the Blessings account. The monies from this fund are designated for new internal and external projects or activities that are beyond the day to day function of the church -- not included in our church budget.

Any member of the church can fill out an application found in the church office or on the church website. The deadline for 2019 applications is March 15th. The Transfer the Blessings Committee will make recommendations to the Voter's assembly and a final decision will be made by May 1, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Transfer The Blessings committee members.

Dennis Miller, Dennis Bacon, Mark Helgeson, Lori Zipp, Carol Truenow, JoAnn Evenson, JoAnne Keck, Rev. Paul Cloeter





## Prince of Peace News

The date for the annual Prince of Peace Legacy Dinner and Auction is set – Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. It will again be held at our main campus with a delicious meal followed by both a silent auction and a live auction. Tickets will be available at the school office as well as each of the Association congregations beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our goal this year is to raise \$50,000 for the support of the general operational costs of the school as well as some special designated projects. At the end of the day, these funds will help to keep the tuition rates affordable so that as many families and children can have the opportunity of the Christ-centered education offered at Prince of Peace.

Please plan now to attend. And, if you are unable to attend that day, please consider providing a financial gift to our school where each day students receive “Learning for Life, Centered on Christ.”

Prince of Peace Dine to Donate:



**Panera**

March 25<sup>th</sup> from 4–8pm  
15% will go to our school!

**Memorials,  
Endowments and  
Thank Offerings**

**By Carol Behrendt  
In memory of Shirley Koprek**



## Severe Weather Alerts

Listen to WJON—1240 AM  
Online at [www.wjon.com](http://www.wjon.com)  
Or check out our Facebook page and website for the latest announcements regarding cancelled events at Trinity this winter.

## Sewing and Crafts –

Will resume on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 – noon. If you enjoy a creative outlet, join us for the fun and fellowship!

*Confirmation Class will consist of worshiping together on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. But we will continue with our class time after worship on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March.*

## ATTENTION—

EACH individual in possession of a church key **MUST** contact the church office. We are updating our keyholder roster for security and organizational purposes. If you have a key and no longer use it, please turn it in. Any questions or concerns, contact Bob Koroll or Katie Dusing.



## GOD'sText

A **life-changing event** hits Trinity on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Join Pastor Hinz as we read through the Bible every week for two years. **IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.** You can join us in reading, worshiping on Sundays, and/or go to Trinity's website, [www.trinitysr.org](http://www.trinitysr.org), to get the readings. God bless you as you dive into His Word!

## Our Youth...



In March our Youth will meet to go skating and sledding at Val Smith Park.

Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
After Pancakes until 3:00pm  
Join us!



## LET MY PEOPLE GO!

**Is our Lenten Theme this year.**

**Join us each Wednesday at 6:00pm for worship.**

**Ash Wednesday is March 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**This service will include  
Imposition of Ashes and  
Communion.**



## Thrivent Action Teams:

Think about an unmet need in our community and apply for an Action Team to help! A leader must be a Thrivent Member, in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days.

For example: Provide a meal for the community, host a spaghetti supper to raise funds for your favorite organization, etc.

Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:

- Promotional banner.
- Invitations and thank-you cards.
- Thrivent Action Team T-shirts.
- A \$250 Community Impact Card you can use as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials.
- Team Leaders can have 2 community projects a year.

Thrivent Action Teams make it easy to bring people together to make a positive change in our community. Thrivent believes being wise with money and living generously go hand in hand!

Call Thrivent at: 1-800-847-4836

Or visit: [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) to check it out!



The parking lot lights have been replaced. These new, energy efficient bulbs are being billed each month over the next several years. The Hospitality Guild has donated the first year's payments. Thank you! If your group would like to donate to this cause, the monthly cost is \$50.92. (\$611.04 per year)

## Worship and Music Notes

***In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.***

***When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive  
and fears annoy;  
Never shall the cross forsake me, lo! it glows with peace and joy.***

When the World Trade Center collapsed following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, workers excavating the site found a cross-shaped beam that, standing upright amid the ruin and debris, became a make-shift center of worship. The picture of that cross was published around the world and served as a symbol of hope.

A similar story is associated with this hymn. On the island of Macao in the region of Hong Kong, a magnificent cathedral was destroyed. Only the front wall remained. Atop it was a great metal cross, blackened with age, silhouetted against the sky. It is said that hymnist John Bowring was so inspired by the story of this cathedral that he wrote the hymn, "In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time." (Taken from "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan)



***When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way;  
From the cross the radiance streaming adds  
more luster to the day.***

***Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross  
are sanctified;***

***Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through  
all time abide.***

God's peace to you throughout this Lenten season,  
Ruth Immerfall, Contemporary Music Director  
320.291.9293/[ruthimmerfall@gmail.com](mailto:ruthimmerfall@gmail.com)



The LWML is requesting help in gathering items needed at Anna Marie's Alliance of St. Cloud. This appeal will continue until the league's March 14th meeting. Items needed are: personal care items, children's hats, mittens, gloves sleepwear, blankets, games and puzzles. Gift certificates from stores are welcome. The basket to gather donations is in the narthex. A listing of items needed is posted on the kiosk, and a basket will be available in which to place your donations. Thank you!!!



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"Which weather app are you using? Mine is forecasting a plague of locusts and scattered showers of fire and brimstone."

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## "Lower Your Nets Fish Fry"


Sunday, March 31st  
following the second  
service.

Join us for fun and  
a great meal!

More details to come.



## Events at Trinity in March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Lent Begins Ash Wednesday</p>					<b>1</b> 9:00am Parish Workers 6:00pm Narcotics Anon (CM)	<b>2</b> 9:00am Altar Guild
<b>3 Transfiguration</b> 8:00am Worship (HC) Z1 9:15am Bible Study & SS 10:30am Worship Z2 12:00pm Anyuak Worship 11:30am Pancake Breakfast Youth Sledding <i>until 3pm at Val Smith Park</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00am Circuit Pastor's Meeting at TLC 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W)	<b>6 Ash Wednesday</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS 4:45pm Soup Supper 6:00pm Lenten Worship Z3 <b>CONFIRMATION CLASS @ WORSHIP</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00am Sewing and Crafts 5:30pm Parent Conversation Meeting 6:00pm Worship Team	<b>8</b> 9:00am Parish Workers 6:00pm Narcotics Anon (CM)	<b>9</b> 9:00am Altar Guild
<b>10</b> 8:00am Worship Z4 9:15am Bible Study & SS 10:30am Worship (HC) Z5 11:45am Voter's Meeting 2:00pm Anyuak Worship 4:00pm Creative Crafts	<b>11</b> 6:00pm Bev's CC (CM)	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W)	<b>13</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS 4:45pm Soup Supper 6:00pm Lenten Worship Z1 6:45pm Confirmation Classes 6:45pm Celebration Ringers	<b>14</b> 1:00pm LWML 5:30pm Lay Ministry Mtg. 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Leadership Team Mtg.	<b>15</b> 9:00am Parish Workers 6:00pm Narcotics Anon (CM)	<b>16</b> 9:00am Altar Guild
Prince of Peace Spring Break						
<b>17</b> 8:00am Worship (HC) Z2 9:15am Bible Study & SS 10:30am Worship Z3 12:00pm Anyuak Worship 3:00pm Poland Presentation - <i>Rev. and Sandy Machula</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W)	<b>20</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS 4:45pm Soup Supper 6:00pm Lenten Worship Z4 6:45pm Confirmation Classes 6:45pm Celebration Ringers	<b>21</b> 9:00am Sewing and Crafts 6:00pm Worship Team  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00am Parish Workers 6:00pm Narcotics Anon (CM)	<b>23</b> 9:00am Altar Guild
<b>24</b> 8:00am Worship Z5 9:15am SS & Bible Study 10:30am Worship (HC) Z1 12:00pm Anyuak Worship 12:00pm Private Event 4:00pm Creative Crafts	<b>25</b> 9:30am Parish Workers NL 6:00pm Bev's CC (CM) <i>4-8pm POP Dine to Donate at Panera</i>	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Friends in Harmony	<b>27</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS 4:45pm Soup Supper 6:00pm Lenten Worship Z2 6:45pm Confirmation Classes 6:45pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>28</b> 9 - 12noon Thrivent Engaging Generations Workshop in St. Cloud	<b>29</b> 9:00am Parish Workers 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 6:00pm Narcotics Anon (CM)	<b>30</b> 9:00am Altar Guild  2:00pm Messerich/Wollack Wedding
<b>31</b> 8:00am Worship (HC) Z3 9:15am Bible Study & SS 10:30am Worship Z4 11:30am "Lower Your Nets Fish Fry" 12:00pm Anyuak Worship	<b>Room Reservation Key</b>  <b>O=Overflow</b>	<b>W=Worship Space</b>  <b>F=Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>Scl=Small Class Room</b>  <b>Lcl=Lg. Classroom</b>	<b>M=Music Room</b>  <b>Y=Youth Room</b>	<b>Lcf=Large Conf Room</b>  <b>Scf=Small Conf. Room</b>	<b>CM=Care Ministry</b>  <b>K=Kitchen</b>



# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Collins	3/2
Yeamet Ongwach	3/2
Tyler Haffner	3/3
Greg Sornberger	3/3
James Stuart	3/3
Athena Swenson	3/3
Jaden Evenson	3/4
Wendy Lovitz-Gilbert	3/4
Craig Richards	3/4
Hope Schroeder	3/4
Judy Lazer	3/5
Enok Oman	3/5
Anam Omot	3/5
Cade Paul	3/5
Katlyn Philabaum	3/5
Marjorie Smolnik	3/5
Lewis Walker	3/5
Nicole Helgeson	3/6
Tyler Kardell	3/7
Eric Stay	3/7
Zachary DuChene	3/8
Gavin Fuchs	3/8
Miranda Friedrichs	3/9
Justin Hackett	3/9
Brenda Johnson	3/9
Jim Gerchy	3/10
Steven Oltz	3/10
Alisha Frey	3/11
Blake Keske	3/14
Jackson Herbst	3/15
Menna Opiew	3/15
Richelle Peacock	3/15
Julie Roesch	3/15
Andrew Behrendt	3/16
Judy Behrens	3/16
Cole Kaeter	3/16
Dawn Larson	3/16
Marie Mendel	3/16
Madison Molitor	3/16
Gary Rolfzen	3/16

Paul Butkowski	3/17
Angela Abfalter	3/19
Tyler Benoit	3/19
Keith Bjorklund	3/19
Nancy Sunstrom	3/19
Susan Vanvickle	3/19
Delores Volkers	3/19
Carol Wendt	3/19
John Beck	3/20
Shelly Keske	3/20
Kyle Zimmer	3/20
Sandra Fleck	3/21
Vicki Novak	3/21
Karen Petron-Broda	3/21
Jeff Snyder	3/21
Clara Ireland	3/22
Jennifer Heyne	3/23
Adut Michael	3/23
Peter Omot	3/23
Abigail Roering	3/23
Nancy Michael	3/24
Robert Neils	3/24
Janet Renn	3/24
Timothy Thole	3/24
Raquel Alstrup	3/25
Loretta Klug	3/25
Jami Novak	3/25
Katelyn Woitalla	3/25
Dan Larsen	3/26
Dawn Linkert	3/26
Zach Milner	3/26
Theresa Wainright	3/26
Jonna Copeland	3/27
Peggy Oltz	3/27
Caleb Ramler	3/27
Gordon Rehder	3/27
Julee Weber	3/28
Paul Schmidkunz	3/29
Jesse Freborg	3/30
Kaylah Larson	3/30
Jamison Reginek	3/30

Brandon Voss	3/30
Michaela Wurdelman	3/30
Hayle Buttweiler	3/31
Brittany Homan	3/31
Eric Nieters	3/31
Judith Oltz	3/31
Pat Reberg	3/31
Kenzington Wenger	3/31

