



# TRINITY TRIANGLE

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## Pastor's Corner

They say March “comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” That proverb might refer to the weather this time of year, but the way the church calendar falls means it will reflect our worship experience this month. As we begin the month, we will be deep into the Lenten season reflecting on the sin and brokenness of our lives and the world in which we live. We will contemplate Jesus cleansing the temple and being lifted up like the serpent in the wilderness. Then, we will move into the depths of Holy Week – Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, and then his betrayal, crucifixion, and death.

Then, on the final day of this month, we will come to the tomb, and it will be empty! We will gather and sing the praises of our God who brings life out of death, and gathers us into that covenant that we might have eternal life. The Lamb of God who comes to take away the sin of the world died and rose again for you and for me.

You are invited to come and walk with us – through the days of Lent, into Holy Week, and then to witness the empty tomb. Share with others what you will be up to this month, and invite them to come on this journey with us. What a blessing it is to share in the depths of Lent and the joys of Easter in Christian community. I hope to see you in worship and at one of the many activities coming up this month!

In hope and expectation,  
Pastor Jason

## What is the Easter Vigil?

Maybe you have been wondering what this Easter Vigil is that we keep advertising! Even if you are not a regular Saturday night worship attendee, we invite you to join us for the Vigil in addition to attending worship on Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil is a special and unique service where we hear the stories of our faith, from the creation in Genesis to the prophecies of Isaiah; we watch the light in the nave grow, and then celebrate the joy of the resurrection. The Easter Vigil Sermon is separate from the message on Easter morning. The service culminates in the celebration of Holy Communion. The pageantry, symbolism, Scripture, and music in this service provides a very meaningful way to mark Jesus’ Passover from death to life.

Please consider joining us this year for the Vigil on Saturday, March 30 at 7:30PM!



## Kid's Corner

Egg Hunt—March 23, 2024

Good Friday Day Camp:

March 29th at 10am

Communion Class:

March 17th at 12pm to 3pm

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

March 23/24 - Passion Sunday/Palms

March 27 - 7pm- Spy Wednesday-

Service of Confession and Forgiveness

March 28 - 7pm Maundy Thursday

March 29 - 10am Good Friday Day Camp

Noon-3pm “Seven Last Words”

7pm - Tenebrae

March 30 - Saturday 7:30 Easter Vigil

followed by Easterfest

March 31 - Sunday 8:15am & 10:45am

Easter Day Services of Holy  
Communion

February 1, 2024



Dear Trinity,

What joy filled our hearts on January 27 and 28, as we gathered for worship with so many people we spent 32 years of our lives with at Trinity. It was an incredible weekend that far exceeded what we were looking forward to and expecting. Pam and I, along with our daughters Emily and Angela and two of our eight grandchildren – Skylar and Hunter, were overwhelmed by the welcome and heartfelt conversations we all had. Michael and his family were not able to attend but did send his greetings!

Gathering together in worship continues to be at the heart of this congregation and we certainly felt God's presence and love gathering with all of you. As I mentioned, my last sermon I preached at Trinity in 2020 was in front of empty pews and a video camera. But to be so blessed to stand in the pulpit this time and see so many of you was an incredible joy. So many wonderful stories and fond memories of each of you, including the many faithful departed saints who are now at peace with the Lord.

I am deeply grateful not only for your invitation but for your thoughtfulness to celebrate my 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. Thank you so much for the beautiful cross you gave me as a gift for this occasion. It already hangs in our house and will be a daily reminder of God's love that shines through this congregation into our home.

The reception (with cookies!) following worship on Saturday and the Potluck (feast with all the delicious food!) following worship on Sunday were such wonderful times to reconnect in very special ways. It was a joy to greet and talk with you all.

Thank you Trinity! We are grateful for the Spirit that continues to fill this blessed congregation and your Pastors Jess and Jason and for all you continue to do to the glory of God. May Jesus' words and life continue to be revealed in your daily life.

Together in Christ,

*Pr. Jeffrey Schock*

Pastor Emeritus Jeffrey Schock





### ELCA World Hunger

*Offerings collected each week go a long way to bring hope to many in need. Thank you!*

**ELCA World Hunger Offerings YTD: \$1,880.84**

### Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

*(located in the front narthex or drop off in the office). In*

**March** we will be collecting *Kleenex* for the Greater Latrobe Food Pantry.

### Thank you, Dan Casko

Dan has been busy making the sanctuary look great and make it safer by installing hand rails on the pulpit and going down the steps from the choir pews. He also put a step coming from the organ. He made the flower stands look brand new by fixing the bases. When you see Dan please let him know what a great job he does.



### Treasurer's Report for January 2024

#### Current Month

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	47,342.71	44,983.00	2,359.71
Total Expenses	49,674.50	56,183.00	(6,508.50)
Cash Flow	(2,331.79)	(11,200.00)	8,868.21

#### Year to Date

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	<u>47,342.71</u>	<u>47,342.71</u>	<u>47,342.71</u>
Total Expenses	<u>49,674.50</u>	<u>56,183.00</u>	<u>(6,508.50)</u>
Cash Flow	<u>(2,331.79)</u>	<u>(8,840.29)</u>	<u>53,851.21</u>

Please note:

- Income includes \$11,155.00 per month taken from endowment interest. There was an additional \$1,100.00 received from Head Start. Due to the holiday schedules, December's check was not deposited until January.
- Thanks to everyone for their continued financial support. The warm weather reduced our utility costs by \$2,360.00.

### Communion Class

#### Sunday, March 17, 12-3:00pm

This year, we'll gather for a Communion Class for children in grades K-6 who are ready to receive communion and those who already communed. This class is intended to be "first communion" instruction for children who have not yet communed. **First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7PM.** This class is also meant to help engage all children in learning more about this sacred meal and what it means for our lives. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the Lounge, or on the events pages of our website.

### "Top O' The Day"

#### Social Chit Chat is Back



We return after a cold and snowy hiatus to enjoy the many traditions and stories of Ireland and St. Patrick. If you visited Ireland bring your photos and memories to share. Otherwise come, wear green, and enjoy our Irish treats and friendship. March 11 from 10am to noon.

### Blessing of the Purls of Prayer In Worship March 2 & 3

Join us as we bless the lap robes, shawls, walker caddies and more made by our Purls of Prayer group. They meet at the church every Thursday at 1PM for crocheting and fellowship!

### Have a 2024 Graduate?

Please call the office with name of student and school of 2024 graduating high school and college students. Christian Education is planning a special gift for each and we want to make sure that no one is missed!

### Attn: Parents of College Student(s)

Christian Education is anticipating gifting our college students prior to Finals week. **Please call the office ASAP** with their name, school address, and a phone number of a parent and/or the student. We don't want to miss anyone!

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### **START YOUR ENGINES!**

Yes, indeed! The **Car Hop Committee** is revving up for the annual Car Hop set for **Sunday, June 2nd**. This is an event we all look forward to for the good food, great music, community-wide fellowship, and cars, cars, cars. If you would like to be part of the committee and help out, their first meeting is on **Sunday, March 3rd at 12:00pm in the Lounge**.

### **Still Seeking Adult Sunday School Office Help**

Do you have **1 hour on Sunday** morning during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30) to take attendance and count offering in the **Sunday School Office**? **2-3 adults are needed** and training is available beginning January 2024.



## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Annual Mother's Day Dinner**

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Fellowship Hall

3:00pm – 5:15pm

Choice: Stuffed Shells

Spaghetti w/Meatball

Fettuccine w/Alfredo Sauce

Watch Trinity News for Details!

Tickets available April 7th – 21st



### **MORNING DEVOTIONS WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

Join us on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8am during Lent to hear about the encounters of women who interact with Jesus in our holy scriptures. **If school is on a delay or cancelled, our service will be cancelled.**

### **Everyone is invited to Easterfest after the Vigil!**

Following the Easter Vigil, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for Easterfest. This reception is sponsored by the Fellowship Committee and will have punch, finger foods, desserts, and Easter bread along with time for fellowship and conversation. You and your family are encouraged to join us for this beloved Easter tradition.

### Updates from the February 20, 2024 Council Meeting

- Shared a thank you card from Pastor and Pam Schock for the celebration weekend of his 40th Anniversary of Ordination, the lodging, the luncheon, the cross, and the countless memories the weekend provided.
- Ministry Report
  - ◇ Pastors' Reports:
    - \* Pastor Jess went to New Orleans to engage in workshops to discuss ways to engage youth in our churches since the Covid pandemic; visit the area where the National Youth Gathering will take place this July
    - \* Good feedback was shared from the Council/Committee Retreat
    - \* There are five upcoming baptisms
    - \* New Members Class will begin in April
    - \* A Communion Class for all children will take place on March 17th, during and after the Annual Ministry Meeting
- Council members were updated on the work of: Standing Committees, updating the Continuing Resolutions for each committee, plans for the Annual Ministry Meeting on March 17, upcoming Blood Drives hosted at Trinity, and the roof Inspection/wind damage
- Council members approved:
  - ◇ Motion from the Finance Committee and Special Gifts Committee for Withdrawals from endowments for use in Meeting cash flow needs to be made as specified on the "Mission Endowment Funds 12/31/2023 spreadsheet".
  - ◇ Motions - 1) Authorize the sale of stock gifted to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. 2) Authorize First Commonwealth Bank to initiate the Direct Transaction Request Form to gain Medallion Guarantee Stamp and the sale of donated stock. Such signers authorized are to be Donald H. Harris (Treasurer), Lucinda L. Nicely (President), Pastor Jason N. Felici, Pastor Jessica L. Felici; and authorizes Kathy Ferlin to sign and send a letter with these authorizations to First Commonwealth Bank.
  - ◇ Motion—that we encourage the Fellowship Committee to hold a free will offering for the benefactor they intended, instead of the Rummage Sale.

### **EASTER FLOWERS / HUNGER MEMORIALS**

We invite you to adorn our Chancel or bring blessings to a hungry family. I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ flower(s) at \$12.00 each for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I wish to make a hunger donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate if, after our Easter Sunday services, you will:**

in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ take my flowers home

\_\_\_\_ donate my flowers to a local nursing facility

given by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to the church office with your  
donation **no later than Sunday, March 13th.***

# MARCH 2024

# HAPPY EASTER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 12:00 AA Mtg	<b>2</b> 9:15 Fellowship 5:30 Spoken Communion <b>Blessing of the Purls of Prayer</b>
<b>3 Blessing of The Purls of Prayer</b>  8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Car Hop Mtg	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:00 Communion/ Devotions 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 11:00 Pericope 6:00 Executive 7:00 Handbells	<b>6</b> 8:00 Communion/ Devotions 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA Mtg 2:00 Grief Group  6:30 Lenten Svc NO Line Dancing 7:15 Choir	<b>7</b> 8:00 Communion/ Devotions 1:00 Purls of Prayer 6:00 Young Marines 6:00 BPW 7:30 AA Mtg	<b>8</b>  12:00 AA Mtg	<b>9</b>  <b>Temple Talk</b>  5:30 Spoken Communion
<b>10 Temple Talk</b>  8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion 12:15 Drive Thru Communion	<b>11</b>  2:00 Social Chit Chat	<b>12</b> 8:00 Communion/ Devotions 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 11:00 Pericope 6:00 Finance 7:00 Handbells	<b>13 Council Deadline</b> 8:00 Communion/ Devotions 9:00 WELCA Quilters 11:00 NCR 12:00 AA Mtg 2:00 Grief Group 6:30 Lenten Svc 7:00 Line Dancing 7:15 Choir	<b>14</b> 8:00 Communion/ Devotions 1:00 Purls of Prayer 4:00 Club FRED 5:30 Worship & Music 6:00 Young Marines 7:30 AA Mtg	<b>15</b>  12:00 AA Mtg  1:30 Esther Circle	<b>16</b>    5:30 Spoken Communion
<b>17</b> 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00-3:00 Communion Class 12:00 Annual Ministry Mtg (Soup/ sandwich)	<b>18</b>  2:00 Loyalhanna Church Svc	<b>19</b> 8:00 Communion/ Devotions 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 11:00 Pericope 6:30 Council 7:00 Handbells	<b>20 Triangle Deadline</b> 8:00 Communion/ Devotions 8:30 Special Gifts 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA Mtg 2:00 Grief Group 6:30 Lenten Svc 7:00 Line Dancing 7:15 Choir	<b>21</b> 8:00 Communion/ Devotions 1:00 Purls of Prayer 4:00 Club FRED 6:00 Young Marines 7:30 AA Mtg	<b>22</b>  12:00 AA Mtg	<b>23</b>   Easter Egg Hunt  5:30 Spoken Communion
<b>24 Palm Sunday</b>  8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion 12:15 Drive Thru Communion	<b>25</b>  <b>Holy Week</b>	<b>26</b> 8:00 Communion/ Devotions 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 11:00 Pericope 7:00 Handbells	<b>27 SPY WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA Mtg 2:00 Last Grief Group 7:00 Confession & Forgiveness NO Line Dancing	<b>28 MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 1:00 Purls of Prayer 6:00 Young Marines 7:00 Maundy Thursday First Holy Communion 7:30 AA Mtg	<b>29 Mail Triangle Good Friday</b> 10:00 Good Friday Day Camp 12:00 AA Mtg 12:00 Seven Last Words 7:00 Tenebrae <b>Office closes at noon</b>	<b>30</b>    7:30 Easter Vigil & Easterfest
<b>31 EASTER</b>  8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion						



# Shrove Tuesday Dinner



# Loyalhanna Care Center



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We had a great Valentine's Day party with the residents today! A big thank you to Thrivent and Trinity Lutheran Church for their donations. They enjoyed their day. ❤️❤️❤️



# Valentine's Day Party