

# TRINITY TIDINGS



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (Psalm 51: 10)*

**S**o, how's it going? We've been on our Lenten journey just a short while. Sometimes, Lent feels like New Year's resolutions. We're going to do this or give up that and see how well we're able to follow through. Sometimes, we hold on with white knuckles praying that our resolve doesn't slip. Easter comes; we breathe a sigh of relief. We made it!

We might be tempted to look at Lent as a get-your-life-in-order kind of time. Lent can seem like a good time for a new start. It is that... but... Lent is so much more because first and foremost Lent has GOD at the center of it. So, while we might want Lent to be a six-week program to begin that weight control program we know is good for us or stop gossiping because it's a bad habit or give up that food that we know is bad for us... Lent is really about growing more deeply in our relationship with God.

Psalm 51 is the traditional Psalm we hear proclaimed or sung on Ash Wednesday. Essentially, it's the theme for Lent. The season of Lent gives us an opportunity to slow down and take intentional time to name and claim those places in our spirits that block our relationship with God. What in your spirit takes the place of God in your life? What in your spirit are you ashamed of? What in your spirit is broken?

Even more important, though, Psalm 51 tells us we don't go through the process alone. This isn't a case of "roll up your sleeves and get to work! Change!" Instead, we hear GOD creates the clean heart. GOD renews the spirit.

Lent is about nothing less than spiritual transformation. The spiritual practices of Lent, (fasting, prayer, study, giving and service), soften our hearts and place us consistently before God so love CAN change us. We fast, letting go of what gets in the way of God's light and love. We add prayer and conversation with God. We roll up our sleeves and use our time, talent and money to serve our neighbors.

How is God calling you to open your heart for the grace of forgiveness and renewal?

Blessings on your Lenten journey,  
*Pastor Barb*

March 2026



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## Music Notes

I rarely watch tv, but Winter Olympics coverage gets my attention. Like 2026 US men's figure skater Maxim Naumov. His parents died last January in the mid-air collision between American Airlines Flight 5342 and an Army helicopter near Washington, D.C. that killed 67 people, including 28 figure skating coaches, young athletes, and family members.

Max was unsure if he could ever skate again, but with the resilience his parents had coached and nurtured in him, he channeled his grief toward healing, mustering the resolve to return. He told reporters that when he takes the ice, he senses his parents' presence - that he couldn't skate like this on his own except, *"I have the strength, passion, and drive of three people now."*

Most of us will never reach Olympic-level athleticism, but I imagine we all have people - now among the saints - who guided our

endeavors, bolstered our confidence, and even shaped our faith. Lessons indelibly imprinted in our memory that inspire us to do more than we ever thought possible.

Scripture tells us the Holy Spirit works that way, too. Paul prays for the Ephesians (Ch. 3:14-21), that God may *"strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith."*

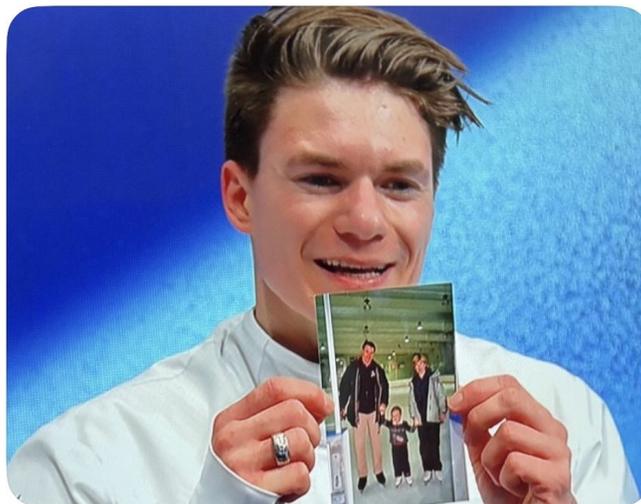
Our Lenten offertory gets to the heart of the matter:

On my heart imprint your image,  
blessed Jesus, king of grace,  
that life's troubles nor its pleasures ever may your  
work erase.

Let the clear inscription be:

Jesus, crucified for me,  
is my life, my hope's foundation,  
all my glory and salvation!

~ On My Heart Imprint Your Image (ELW 811)



After his Olympic debut, Max held a cherished family photo of his first skating lesson. (photo credit NBC Olympics)

## SYNOD NEWS

The Lower Susquehanna Synod has an on-line newsletter that provides information about what is going on around the SYNOD! Just go to the LSS website: <http://www.lss-elca.org/>

# Christian Education Opportunities



## Snax n Study - Spring 2026

by Stacey Zeller

Snax n Study will continue through the Spring of 2026, and we continue watching the very popular series The Chosen. We are currently finishing up our re-cap of Season 4, and we will begin watching Season 5 on Sunday, March 1. Volunteers sign up each week to provide "snax" and to lead the conversation around that week's episode. Our plan is to meet every Sunday except Palm Sunday (3/29) and Easter Sunday (4/5). The schedule and sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!



## Bible Study

will resume on April 15, and is held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. Each week Pastor Barb leads a time of study and discussion on the lectionary readings for the upcoming Sundays. All are invited!



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

continues the fourth Thursday of each month, 8 am at C.C.s Family Restaurant on Main Street, Mechanicsburg. Upcoming dates are March 26 and April 23.

**"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants."**

- Deuteronomy 32:2

## Easter Flowers



If you wish to have flowers in the sanctuary this Easter, please fill out the form and return to the church office. When placing your order, make the check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.

**DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, March 22.**

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

6" pot - Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

6" pot - Daffodils \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_

Please pick up your flowers on or after Sunday, April 5!

## Worship



### FIRST SUNDAY KIDS

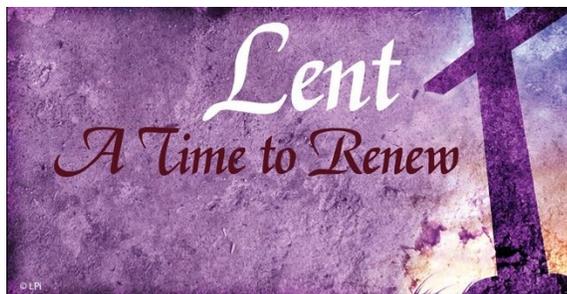
February's kids learned about the miracle of the healing of the ten lepers. Please see the pictures from our class lesson on the bulletin board. For March, the children will be learning about the healing of the crippled man. We hope to see more children join us to learn more about this amazing miracle that Jesus did.

Thank you for supporting our children and this very important ministry at Trinity!

Amy and Ja'net



## Lent & Holy Week Worship Opportunities



### Midweek Lenten Services

Join us each Wednesday, until Holy Week, at both 12 noon and 7 pm.

Soup supper will be served in the fellowship hall at 5:45 pm, before the 7 pm service.

The theme will be Conversations with Jesus. The Sunday readings find Jesus confronting both friends and adversaries. On Wednesday, we'll explore more deeply how each character's struggles and questions might help us in our own walk of discipleship. How might Jesus respond now to our own questions, confusions and need for healing?

### Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers & Worship

Each Wednesday join with others at 5:45 pm, before the midweek Lenten service, for a simple meal of soup, bread, and dessert. Our different ministries will sponsor each week, but you are welcome to add to the table any Wednesday. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the west entrance bulletin boards.



### Save these Dates

- March 29 – Palm Passion Sunday
- April 2 – Maundy Thursday  
12 noon, Worship  
6:30 pm, Meal & Worship
- April 3 – Good Friday  
11 am, Community Prayer Walk  
7:30 pm, Good Friday Worship
- April 5 – Resurrection Sunday  
6:30 am, Sunrise Worship  
10:15 am, Festival Worship

## Holy Week Worship

## PALM SUNDAY



## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**March 29** - Both worship services will begin outside on the front steps, in a procession of "Hosannas" and palm waving to the sanctuary where we will sing, worship and hear the Passion.

### April 2 - Maundy Thursday:

There will be a Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 12 noon.

In the evening, an Agape Meal will begin at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. After a simple meal, Holy Communion will be shared around tables. We will walk in silence to the sanctuary for absolution, and observe the stripping of the altar in recognition of Jesus being stripped of his clothing and life on Good Friday

### April 3 – Good Friday:

11 am - 12:15 Prayer Walk through town with other Mechanicsburg churches. You are invited to gather to walk and pray with others. The walk will end at First Church of God on the square at noon. Look for more information as we get closer to Good Friday.

7:30 pm - Good Friday Worship. This is a quiet reflective service with readings and prayer around the cross to remember Jesus' death and sacrifice for us.

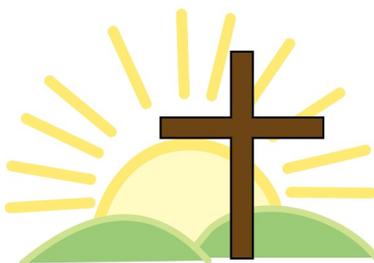
### April 4 – Holy Saturday:

You are encouraged to spend some time in personal reflection and prayer.

### April 5 – Resurrection Sunday:

6:30 am - Sunrise Worship. Gather with us on the steps outside the church. We will light the fire of the resurrection and follow the light and the cross into the sanctuary.

10:15 am - Festival Worship in the sanctuary. Join us as we celebrate the joy of the resurrection, the ringing of alleluia bells, worship with full liturgy, Holy Communion, joyous music, and hymns.



## Women at the Well

As you can see from our bulletin board, we have had a very active year. This month we will be selecting new activities and previous activities to offer to all the women and their friends at Trinity. We welcome you to join/participate in any of our activities throughout our second year at Trinity!

We thank you all for supporting and participating with the ministry of The Women At The Well.

Amy, Ja'net, and Patsy



## Property Committee

As the age of the church increases, so does the need for additional care and maintenance. The Property Committee is looking for a few good men and women to join the team and help keep the church in the best condition possible. I have divided the responsibilities into categories, so if you have any interest or skills (not required) in a particular area, please let me know. Some areas already have a person taking care of it, but I know they would welcome any and all help offered!

General Maintenance -

Snow removal -

Plumbing -

Electrical -

Painting -

Lawn care and equipment maintenance -

Jim Lynch

Landscaping - Alice Metka

Computers/Wi-Fi - Jon Hartman

Security cameras - Jon Hartman

Generator/sump pump - Tyler Hoffman

Projects, contracts and outsourcing -

Mike Hartman"

If you would like more detail regarding a particular area, or if you just want to know more about the Property Committee in general, please contact me and I will be more than happy to meet with you and answer any questions.

Mike Hartman



# Event Highlights...

## Ecumenical Peace Pilgrimage - Feb. 4,

Pastors, deacons, church staff and lay people from Harrisburg area churches walked to and gathered outside several downtown churches to hear scripture, hold a moment of silence, and pray for peace.



Hopeful hearts united in faith and prayer.



We followed the cross wherever it led.



May peace prevail on earth.

In addition to churches, we also paused to pray at Soldiers Grove adjacent to the State Capitol Complex.

## Event Highlights...

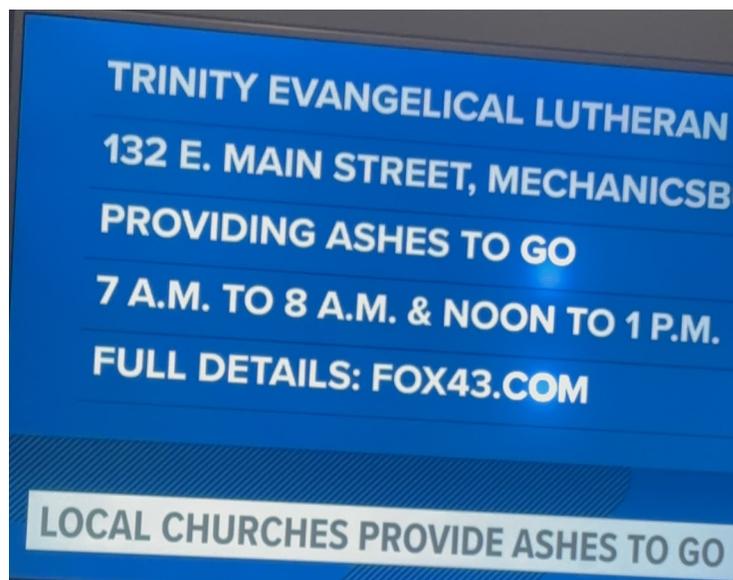
### Ash Wednesday at Trinity Church, February 18

We had a regular succession of people come through the parking lot on Ash Wednesday, for the 7-8 am and 12-1 pm Ashes to Go. Approximately 15 people drove or walked through and received ashes, a brief liturgy and prayer.

Something new this year, Fox 43 news came by, and Pastor Barb was interviewed by Sedona Meadows.

Please check out the full interview here:

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/morning-show/ashes-to-go-offers-residents-a-chance-for-reflection-mechanicsburg/521-46dac14a-bb55-4c1a-8e54-2a058c7dcadf>



### Synod Assembly 2026

Plans for the annual 2026 Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly are underway. The assembly will be held Friday, June 5 – Saturday, June 6 at St. Matthew's in York. Our congregation is invited to send two delegates (male and female) to the assembly. It's a wonderful opportunity to be a part of ministry in the wider church.

Thank you to Leslie Hocker and Mike Hartman for answering the call to represent Trinity at the Assembly for 2026.

## Youth News

### Youth Group

All Trinity Youth are invited to participate in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg, Youth Ministries. Director of Youth Ministry, Kellen Michalowski, has graciously invited our youth to be part of all the great stuff that is available. Koen Thomas has been an active participant since last year. Ask him if you want to know what the vibe is.

There are two age tracks:  
SPYG is open to all current middle and high school age youth (6th through 12<sup>th</sup> grade).

SPYG Jr. is our "junior" youth group, open to all current elementary school aged youth (kindergarten through 5th grade).

Confirmation Classes  
continue Sunday mornings  
at 9 am.

Volunteer with us!  
There are many  
volunteer opportunities  
available. Please give us a call,  
or visit our website to see how  
you can be a part of  
our ministry!

## Community Outreach



### We Can Now Accept Your Items with Padding!

At the beginning of June, our donation centers were equipped with the necessary capacity to accept and sterilize items with padding and cushions. That includes pillows, quilts, sleeping bags, furniture items\*, and more. These items, which we previously had to turn away or find alternative means of disposal, are now finding their way to our sales floor and into our shoppers' homes, where they get a second life!



# Community Outreach, cont'd...

## Blessing Box Update

Your donations are invaluable to helping Bridging the Gap Ministries support our Neighbors' food shortages. We have received 379 items so far in 2026. Our goal for 2026 are 3100 food or personal care items.

## Blessing Box Needs:

- Cereal
- Canned Pasta
- Canned Beef Stew
- Single serving meals (Hormel)
- Rice
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Hamburg Helper
- Pasta and Rice Pouches
- Canned Beans
- Canned Meats (Chicken, spam)



 **FREE**   
**Adult Clothing**  
**Saturday, March 14**  
**9-11am**



**Trinity's Closet on Main**  
**132 E. Main St.**  
**Mechanicsburg, PA**



**Trinity's Clothing Closet Update:**  
 Many thanks to all who help with Trinity's Closet on Main. Please remember that all donations must be in closed bags and labeled with your name and phone numbers. Bags should not be left outside the church. Our next clothing closet will be held on Saturday, March 14, 9-11 am.



**Need help?** If you or someone you know needs help with food or dealing with a financial crisis, please contact us.

(717) 432-2087 or [www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org)

## 2026 SOUPER BOWL CHALLENGE FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Souper Bowl Challenge for New Hope Ministries. Together we collected 94 containers of Salt and 50 bags of sugar. Both "teams" played strong, but Salt ultimately emerged victorious! Your generosity is what really counts, and it is very much appreciated throughout the community!

## Birthdays, Etc.



3/1	Jessica Lynch
3/1	Charlie Wise
3/2	Billye Hays
3/2	Paula Montgomery
3/4	Kent Eckerd
3/8	John Hocker
3/14	Melissa Zielonis
3/15	Lisa Smith
3/17	Abigail Zielonis
3/19	Jim Montgomery
3/20	Audra Sieber
3/21	Dominick Donofrio
3/22	Mary Champagne
3/23	Chloe Williams
3/24	Kelsey Eckerd
3/25	Alexandra Lynch
3/25	Cynthia Sabatini
3/29	Kolton Kramer
3/31	Landen Warner

Is your birthday missing?  
Please let us know so we can update our database!

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6. Wishing you all a blessed Easter!

### TIDINGS DEADLINE:

**JUST A REMINDER** that the deadline for newsletter items is the 10th of each month for the following issue.

## Church Council Highlights

- Church directory forms will go out Feb. 1 with a return date, no later than Feb. 22.
- The mid-week Lenten Services theme will be "Conversations with Jesus".
- Trinity collected 163 cans of green beans for New Hope.
- We collected 118 pounds of; toys, clothing, games, etc., for the New Hope Christmas Blessing Box.
- Handrails from the nave to the altar platform will be installed within the next few months.
- There will be a fund drive for this project. Watch the Tidings and bulletins for more details.
- The council is still looking for individuals to serve on the Audit Committee.

### March Prayer Pause:

Merciful God, thank you for the call to slow down so that we may be still and enjoy the deep communion of your Spirit. Grant us the courage to let go of that which distracts us from You. Show us what you desire most from your followers. Amen.

### Office Contact Info

Church & Staff Office Hours

Mon. – Thurs. 9 AM – 2 PM  
(other hours as needed)

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## More Info, Etc.

### *Deepest*

To Harold Miller on the passing of his wife, Gerry. Our thoughts and prayers are with Harold and his family during this time.

### *Sympathy*

*Welcome!*

to Chip and Lisa Smith, who joined our congregation on Sunday, February 15. We are so happy to have them as part of our church family!



If you haven't turned in your membership update form yet, please do so as soon as possible, so that we may keep our records up-to-date. This also ensures that you will be included in our church directory listing. Thank you!

## Don't forget to....



**Turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 7!**

## SNOW CANCELLATIONS

It's that time of year!

If worship or other events are cancelled due to snow, a Council member will call. There will be a message on the church phone and Facebook.

**PLEASE** check if you are not sure, before coming to church. Your safety is very important to us!

# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8 am Spoken Worship <a href="#">8:45 am Snax n            Study</a> 9 am Confirmation Class 10:15 am Worship <a href="#">10:15 am First            Sunday Kids</a>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <a href="#">12 pm Midweek Lent            Worship</a>  <a href="#">5:45 pm Soup Supper</a> 6:05 pm Bells 6:30 Choir <a href="#">7 pm Midweek Lent            Worship</a>	<b>5</b>     7 pm Church Council	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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