



TRINITY TIDINGS

March 2022

"He went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12).

Soon we will be receiving ashes on our forehead with the sign of the cross. Soon we will be deeply immersed in the need for repentance, forgiveness, and newness. What does it mean to make a cross with black soot on the exterior of our minds? This marker reminds us of our mortality, sinfulness, and hope of new life, both here on earth and in heaven. Though a tradition, something we might receive without much contemplation, we should approach this momentous occasion with open hearts and open minds.

The only way we truly can be open to God is to be vulnerable. No one wants to be exposed; we may not willingly seek out our weaknesses. We strive to be strong and independent and such a display of honesty would make us vulnerable. We confuse our individuality and self-confidence with what it means to be a child of God. We must lower our guard, reach out in desperation, and let the Lord speak to us in ways only He can so that we can be better and stronger than we are right now. And we do that through the power of prayer.

Prayer is a gift from God. The only way we can communicate with God is through prayer. How do you pray? Do you have a specific time of the day? Do you pray often? Do you find peace through prayer? There is no right answer if you already pray. However, because God has given us this two-way communicative tool, we might want to appreciate the fact that this is the only way we can speak to God. While Jesus often went away to pray to His Father in Heaven we do not have to isolate ourselves but, a conscious effort to keep the line open between the Divine and ourselves is the first step. Our knowledge of what God has done for us may seem ordinary and we may not understand (or remember) the cost. The power of Jesus' death and resurrection provides humanity a lifeline; a tool we can decide, through free will, to accept or not. The more we pray, however, the more we find peace.

Prayer exists in many forms. Silent, spoken, and even unconsciously we connect with our amazing Creator. Stoic prayers, clumsy prayers, extemporaneous prayers, and constant whispering prayers are only a few ways to funnel our desires to God. A continuous connection with God creates a closer bond and helps us realize we walk not in silence or sorrow but in truth and in joy, knowing our prayers are always heard. The emotional journey throughout Lent can free us while offering us insight into God's world. Allowing the One in control to take us to unimaginable heights will tighten our bond while illuminating *our* world.

It is important to find a quiet spot to separate yourself from the voices of this world and take the time to listen; listen with your ears, eyes, and heart. Focus on one thing - your Savior and Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ. Then speak; say whatever is on your mind. And from within the depths of your heart remember that God is always there for you whispering in your ear... *"Be still and know that I am God."* Psalm 46:10

May your Lenten journey bring you to the other side refreshed and ready to go...the place where joy and hope reside. I pray your time with God always be lifegiving. Blessings, Pastor Cheri.

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As we are once again in the midst of uncertain times relative to the Covid health situation, Council has asked that we wear masks. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance, social distancing is required. Masks are also available for your convenience. Also, worship services are livestreamed each week and remain on Facebook.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 2 at 7:00 pm

Join us as we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism.



Unable to make Ash Wednesday Service?

Stop in at church that day between 10 am and 1 pm for a blessing with ashes.



Wednesdays from Noon to 1:00 pm

March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6

Instead of the traditional soup supper, we will be gathering to enjoy homemade soup and bread and consider our week through devotion and prayer.

The source for our weekly meditations will be "A Way in the Wilderness."

Sign up if you would like to bring a soup, bread or crackers on one of the five weeks.

ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving

Lent 2022 Study - "A Way in the Wilderness"

As the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, we have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests, and longed together for the time when we "will hunger no more, and thirst no more ... and God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes" (Revelation 7:16-17). This very yearning is at the heart of who we are as church together. Yet our longing has never led to inertia or despair, despite the discouraging forecasts. We are an Easter people, ever journeying toward the cross but trusting in faith that God's story does not end on that hill.

Deepen your engagement throughout this season of Lent with ELCA's **weekly study guide and devotional calendar**, where you can find impactful, motivational stories and information about how your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are at work in the world.

(These materials will be used at Lenten Lunches and are located in the narthex on the information table to the right of the front doors.)



**Pastor Cheri will be on vacation Saturday, March 5 thru Monday, March 14.
For emergencies, please contact Pastor Kate Warn at 201-914-0701.**



2022 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Barb Buchmoyer, Diane Carroll, Pennie Freet, Bob Hammer, Dan Hardy, Greg Kulp (President), Steve Miller (Vice President), Rich Scanlon, and Tim Yeingst

Finance Committee:

Dan Hardy, Jeff Keener (Chair), Craig Korte (Treasurer), Audra Spang (Financial Secretary), Bob Yeingst and Brad Yeingst

Cemetery Association:

Rod Carrol, Bob Hammer, Greg Kulp (Treasurer), Shaina Kulp, Steve Miller, Brad Yeingst and Tim Yeingst

Council Minutes 2-6-22

Greg Kulp called the meeting to order. Diane Carroll gave devotions. Pennie Freet will have devotions in March. In attendance were Greg Kulp, Diane Carroll, Bob Hammer, Rich Scanlon, Pastor Korte, Pennie Freet, Steve Miller, Tim Yeingst and Audra Spang.

Diane made a motion to accept the agenda and Rich 2nd.

Council Minutes were approved as posted.

The financial secretary and treasurer's reports were received and approved. The reports were accepted with a motion from Rich and 2nd from Diane.

Pastor's report was accepted and approved along with her vacation request from March 5th through the 14th. A motion to accept was made by Steve Miller and 2nd by Rich Scanlon. It was also stated the Nickolas Seibert has been practicing on our organ.

Correspondence In: Bev Burkhart, who is a friend of Wendy Hammer, gave a Christmas donation. We received a Thank You note from the Dig Deep Organization. We also received Thank You notes from the IU 13 and Salvation Army Family for our Christmas donations.

Correspondence out: It was discussed that members from council should make calls to some of our members who haven't attended lately. It would be nice if we sent Valentine Cards to some of our shut in members.

Membership concerns: we are very concerned for several of our members suffering from illness and various health problems.

Worship and Music – No Meeting.

Christian Education – No meeting.

Property Committee – Steve Miller advised that our Narthex ceiling is in need of repair and after a discussion; it was recommended that the Property Dept talk to Jeff K of the finance committee for his recommendation dealing with how to pay for this project. Steve also advised that the pulpit has a crack in it which may need to be spackled and painted. We will try and repair this in house. Greg advised that he replaced the fan and light in the men's bathroom and he repaired the leg on one of our 8 foot tables.

Finance and Stewardship – No meeting set and no report.

Social Outreach – Lawn plaza pick up has resumed and Dan and Penny F have been taking care of this for now, with the availability of someone else stepping in if the toll plaza opens up for more services. Pennie will discuss with Wendy if a calendar or schedule should be set up for future pickups. Our fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey is underway with a Silent auction. All proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald House. Marie Martin is having a problem with the backpack program dealing with the Lutheran World Relief. The backpacks we have are too large for collection so it was recommended that we reimburse Marie for her costs and give out the backpacks once filled locally. Marie is still working on these issues.

Media Consultant: Tim Y advised that we will continue with our live stream and that the YouTube option isn't viable. We had 263 views on our live stream during the month of January.

WELCA – The annual soup and pie sale will be held on Feb 12th, just in time for the Super Bowl.

Cemetery Association – Greg had one very difficult burial in January.

Old Business: Greg K and Pastor Cheri meet to formulate our 2022 Suggested Donation List for Non-members. The fees were outlined. A motion was made by Diane C and 2nd by Rich S to accept the list as written. We discussed that our Church calendar is to be handled by Steve Miller and Pastor Cheri solely and that the calendar is in the Council Mailbox.

New Business: Because of the Covid, it was decided we would continue to wear our masks and next month reevaluate. We decided we can now sing rather than speak the songs and verses. We have hired Cauler Trash Disposal as our new trash company.

Diane Carroll made a motion to adjourn and Steve M 2nd, and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Our next Council Meeting is scheduled for 3/6/22.

Respectfully Submitted, Bob Hammer for Dan Hardy

TREASURER'S REPORT

Account	2/3/2022 Balance	Account	2/3/2022 Balance
<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Cash & Bank Accounts		Other Liabilities	
Business Savings – T XX0000	34,900.00	Building	- 2,928.00
Checking	20,788.41	Memorial Fund	- 9,421.00
Youth Savings – Trin XX0001	81.09	TOTAL Other Liabilities	- 12,249.00
TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	55,769.50	TOTAL LIABILITIES	- 12,349.00
Other Assets			
MUTUAL FUND	66,126.85		
TOTAL Other Assets	66,126.85	OVERALL TOTAL	109,547.35
TOTAL ASSETS	121,896.35		



FOOD BANK SUNDAY – *First Sunday Each Month*

Thank you for your continuous donations to our 3 food banks and also **marking what food pantry they are to go.**

Updated Food Pantry Requests:

Manheim – plastic grocery bags always needed, vegetable beef soup, crackers, canned fruit, SPAM, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues

Lebanon Rescue Mission – AA/AAA batteries, stamps, toilet paper, paper towels, saltines, margarine, powdered coffee creamer, sugar, sweetened drink mix powders, juice, individually wrapped snacks

Caring Cupboard – diapers size 5 and 6, baby wipes, kidney beans, spaghetti sauce (jars)



PRAYER SHAWL & QUILT MINISTRY

Meet the 3rd Sunday of each month from 1:00-3:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, see Marie Martin.

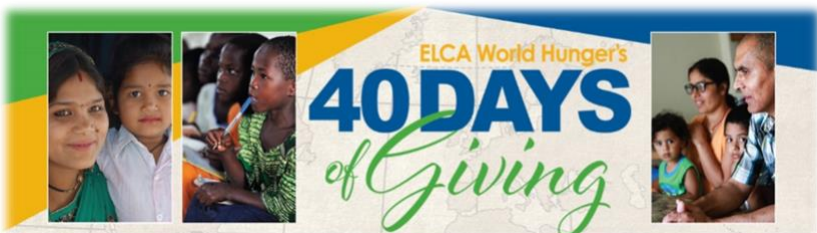
Social Outreach News

Jesus is God's loving gift to us! One way to share that love with the world is through the

ELCA Good Gifts program.

During Lent check out the World Hunger display in the Narthex where you can choose from a variety of preselected items. More details to come.

As always, we thank you for your generosity.



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sharon Albertson; Chuck & Bunny Armstrong; Diane Boyer; Mary Carroll; Ben Chicoria; Katrina Connell; Wayne DeFelice; Patrick Gergely; Patty K; Sue K; Maryann Loeb; Lois Lum; Steve Miller; Helen Row; Bill & Alma Stober; Barb Witmer; Melissa Wolfe; Kim; Maddy



Others in Need – Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation

First Responders – Abigail Romberger; Brad Yeingst; Dylan Yeingst; Tim Yeingst

Military – Matthew Buchmoyer; Roger Daub; Drue Gerasimoff; David Martin; Gavin Overholser; William Rimmler III; Adam Thieroff; David Walborn; Luke Waltz

To have the Prayer Chain activated for a family member or friend in need of our prayers, please contact:



1. Pastor Cheri at 717.606.8851 to begin the prayer chain.
2. If Pastor Cheri is not available, call Sandy Walborn.
3. If Sandy Walborn is not available, call any other person listed.

Margaret Daub	717.964.3342	Lillian Minney	717.964.5032
Pennie Freet	717.269.3292	Sandy Walborn	717.838.1681
Karen Miller	717.304.7012	Connie Weirich	717.665.6448



Katelyn Brooks (Mar 2); Keith Leedy (Mar 9); Margaret Daub (Mar 12); Makenzie Cuthie (Mar 15); Earl Smith & Timothy Yeingst (Mar 19); Keaira Haney (Mar 23); Betty Kreider (Mar 24); Ryan Sweitzer (Mar 29); Rob Craig (Mar 31)

Craig & Pastor Cheri Korte (Mar 20)



FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE

A prayer service is held every Friday at 10:00 AM. Bring your concerns, thoughtful support and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ bring peace and healing to our world.



Lent is the season of moderation, meditation, fasting and repentance. The exercises in discipline are undertaken to allow time to reflect on the life, words and sacrifices of Jesus.

TIDINGS INFORMATION & ARTICLES



April 2022 Tidings Deadline
Sunday, March 20

Items can be emailed to grannycalhoon@gmail.com or put in Diane Calhoon's mailbox