

Dear, Dear, Family of God:

As we write this letter we have just celebrated the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. He was a man who was driven by a vision of a world in which all people were seen as equally the children of God. He had a vision in which justice would reign and all would equally be served by this justice. He held up the vision of Jesus that the weakest and those on the "outside" especially, needed to be cared for and supported. And he held up a vision of peace. His methods were nonviolent and he called for an end to war and hatred in all its forms.

Yet, the hatred, the inequity, the injustice, and the oppression of the world continue. The brokenness of the world maybe different than in King's day either in method or target, and yet they continue. It sometimes seems easy to despair. But King believed that it was faith in God that kept us from giving up. King reminded us that the message of Jesus was not just a spiritual message, but was, dare we say it, a political message as well.



From the beginning Jesus held up a vision of a new world order filled with all King preached and stood for. And King believed that the Church was to be the carrier of this vision.

In every age the Church needs to be an agent for bringing in a new world. We know we never will, not by our own power. Only our Lord can truly bring in the Kingdom. But we can stand as heralds of that Kingdom in our lives. We can give our lives to the vision of our Lord who believed that the world should be guided by love, love that embraces all, and justice merged with mercy that sought the best for all people and treated all with equity.

We are proud that Trinity holds on to this vision in all they do. We are proud of our welcome statement. We are proud of our work in the community with those who it would be easy to forget. We are proud of our commitment to share the love and promise of God with the world. But there is much to do.

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May we remember King's powerful words: "I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

Yours in Christ Pastors Cris and Dave

#### **MARDI GRAS, SOUPER BOWL & LENT**

## **Trinity Mardi Gras 2019**

Trade in your Winter Blues for some Mardi Gras Green, Purple and Gold!!

Join Us on Sunday March 3rd at 10:45 for the Annual Trinity Mardi Gras Party/Pancake Breakfast

Join us for food, music, fun, games and prizes for all ages. Enjoy the chance to just get together for an hour or 2 and have a great time. Please bring a dish to pass.



## See all ya'll at the Celebration!!

#### "SOUPER BOWL" WEEKEND"

Totals Nationwide for 2018: \$ 8,128,340.00 in cash and food items for local charities From over 3,772 Organizations



After each worship service during Super Bowl weekend – Saturday and Sunday, February, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> - Trinity's youth invite you to take part in the annual "Souper Bowl of Caring". This year the proceeds will again be divided between our local food pantry and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. During "Souper Bowl" weekend, two soup kettles will be placed on a display in the Heritage room. Each kettle will represent one of this year's Super Bowl teams - the Rams or the Patriots. You can vote for your favorite team with your donation – the one with the most donations wins. Or you can work the odds and give according to past "prognostication" – the team who wins the "Souper Bowl" predictably loses the "Super Bowl". Rumor has it that once again there will be a "Prayers for Packers" bowl as well.

Either way, by taking part in this year's "Souper Bowl" you'll be assuring a winning experience for the hungry. On a day when people spend so much time and money on game snacks and parties, this is a good way to keep focused on what's really important.

#### LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

In 2019, the Lenten season begins on March 6<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday and continues through the celebration of Easter on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

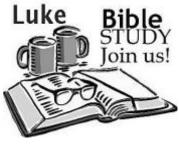
There will be special worship opportunities on:

- Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon and 6:30 pm
- Maundy Thursday, April 18th at Noon and 6:30 pm
- Good Friday, April 19th at Noon and 7:30pm

Also, every Thursday throughout Lent there will be a soup supper from 5:30 to 6:30 pm prior to special Lenten "Prayer Around the Cross" worship opportunities from 6:30 to 7 pm.



### TRINITY ACTIVITIES



## **Bible Study**

This Month we will have
The Gospel of Luke Part 2.
Last month we looked at
the first 9 chapters of
Luke. This month we will
look at the rest of the

I gospel as it takes on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, his I death and resurrection. All are welcome to join us on I Tuesday at 1:00 or 7:00 pm.

#### FEBRUARY BOOK STUDY

This month's book study is **Leadership: In Turbulent Times** by Doris Kearns Goodwin. In **Leadership**, Goodwin draws upon the four
presidents she has studied most closely—Abraham
Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt,
and Lyndon B. Johnson (in civil rights)—to show how
they recognized leadership qualities within themselves
and were recognized as leaders by others. By looking
back to their first entries into public life, we encounter
them at a time when their paths were filled with
confusion, fear, and hope.

**Leadership** tells the story of how they all collided with dramatic reversals that disrupted their lives and threatened to shatter forever their ambitions. Nonetheless, they all emerged fitted to confront the contours and dilemmas of their times.

We will discuss this book on **Monday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.** If there are some people who would like to meet in the evening to discuss this book let me know and we will arrange an opportunity. We hope you can join us.

# I Thought Valentine's Day was Red Not Green!

When thinking of Valentine's Day, typically the colors most likely to come to mind first are red, pink and white. But that doesn't mean this fun, late winter holiday can't also involve lots of green (as in ecofriendly) when it comes to crafting and incorporating recycled materials into the beautiful things you make.

If you are interested in some really neat projects with recycled materials such as a Sea Shell Heart Door art, a Valentine Votive Candle or a Birdseed Heart Treat among others go to

#### https://

www.mommyblogexpert.com/2017/01/eco-friendly-diy-valentines-day-crafts.html.

Happy Valentine's Day.



## **Prayer List**

This February for each day of the month give thanks for and pray for some person who has touched your life on that day. Try to pick someone new each day. This will help you focus both on the gifts God is offering you each day, as well as praying for the people who surround your life. May you truly experience the love of God in one another throughout this month.



## A New Year of Giving

In 2019 the Stewardship team would like to invite you to make this a year of giving. God has deeply blessed us. Each of us has a store of treasures of time and talent and wealth. Throughout this year challenge yourself to become more aware of how blessed you really are and then offer those gifts in the congregation and the community. Become familiar with the sign-up Genius. Look for ways to give that stretch you or give you joy. And let all you do bring glory to God. May this truly be a year of giving.

#### **KEEPING THE PROMISE/FIRST COMMUNION**

## "Keeping the Promise" Rotation will be starting Feb. 10th

"Keeping the Promise" is a special rotation presented within Trinity's children's ministry every year. It is made up of five workshops especially designed to help each grade level develop a deeper understanding of one aspect of the promise their parents made for them at their baptisms. This rotation is designed directly from the baptismal vows:

In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully **bring him/her to the services of God's house, and teach him/her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments**. As he/she grows in years, you should place in his/her hands **the Holy Scriptures** and provide for his/her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, he/she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

For five weeks each  $1^{st} - 5^{th}$  Grader will be exposed to five different presentations of the baptismal focus for their grade level:

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – The Lord's Prayer

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – The Ten Commandments

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – The Books of the Bible

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – The Apostle's Creed

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – The Worship Service and Communion



To be fully successful, this rotation will require that each child's loved ones discuss their topics and work with them to learn the material. This rotation will also include presentations and celebrations. For the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders, "Keeping the Promise" includes the First Communion workshop on Friday and Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, and their First Communion on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This rotation requires extra work on the part of the shepherds, rotation leaders and parents. But it is our attempt to faithfully "keep the promise" we all made to God and our children.



## First Communion Workshop February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

All 5<sup>th</sup> grade (or above) youth **AND** their parents are invited to come to a special workshop that will prepare them to receive their **First Communion during a Worship Service on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.** (As part of their "Keeping the Promise Rotation" **they will also be leading this worship service**).

The workshop involves **two sessions** with a group meal following the Saturday morning session. This year's dates are **Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30pm to Noon.** This workshop is for **BOTH the youth AND their parent(s).** We realize that this is a significant block of time, but have found it to be a good time of spiritual growth and sharing for the youth, their parents and their whole families.

Parents, please take seriously how important your own faith journey is to the spiritual development of your children!

We will try to arrange additional childcare for younger siblings at the church if this would help you – PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP!

## **YOUTH NEWS**

#### **FISH**

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, Trinity's 4th - 6th graders are invited to a Valentine's Day Party. Join us in Fellowship Hall for a good time. From 11:00 am to 12:30 pm we'll have fun, food, games, and prizes. There will be no cost for this



activity. We're looking for a few parents to help oversee this activity. Please talk to Pastor Cristy.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- St. Pat's Party: March 10<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am 12:30 pm.
- ReBirthday Party: April 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am 12:30 pm.
- Spring Fling: May 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am 12:30 pm

## Confirmation Schedule February 2019

Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>: 6:30-8:00pm

**Topic:** 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment **Snacks:** Landon Ketter

Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>: 6:30-8:00 pm

**Topic:** 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment **Snacks:** Eadrick Lohr-Kuegel

FRIDAY, February 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm to -SATURDAY, February 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am **Tubing Lock-In**, (meeting at Sunburst followed by a lock-in at church).

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Wednesday, February 20th: 6:30-8:00pm

**Topic:** 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment **Snacks:** Aiden Marlett

Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>: 6:30-8:00pm

**Topic:** 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment **Snacks:** Avery Mitchell

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>: **NO CONFIRMATION** 

**Ash Wednesday** - Confirmation youth are encouraged to join us for worship (6:30 – 7:30 pm). It's a great time to catch up on your worship notes.

#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Palm Sunday Weekend – April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>, please keep this weekend free!! The

confirmation students lead all three worship services this weekend (5:00 Saturday night, and 8:00 and 9:30 Sunday morning).

The Spring Retreat will be Friday, May 3rd to Sunday, May 5th

# FIRST SUNDAYS

#### Attention Senior High Folks Senior High 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

This is a monthly opportunity to get together (sometimes at church, sometimes elsewhere), share a light meal, and take a little time to renew yourself as a child of God.

- Connect or reconnect with friends.
- Recenter yourself with a short, interactive worship experience
- \* Recharge your passion for compassion

#### When??

FEBRUARY'S FIRST SUNDAY WILL BE February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Heritage Room.

March First Sunday date: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 6:00 pm-7:30 pm in the Heritage Room.

#### SENIOR HIGH February Fundraisers

#### Valentines Day Candy Sale:

Trinity's Senior High Youth will be selling Seroogy's candy bars throughout February and March. Assorted delicious flavors are \$1.50 per bar.



#### St. PAT'S PIZZA SALE

We'll be selling pizzas from February 1st through March 4<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up order forms and sell to friends, relatives, etc. You have a choice of three kinds: Extra Cheese, Pepperoni or Sausage. Cost is \$6.00 each or 3 for \$15.00. Please fill out

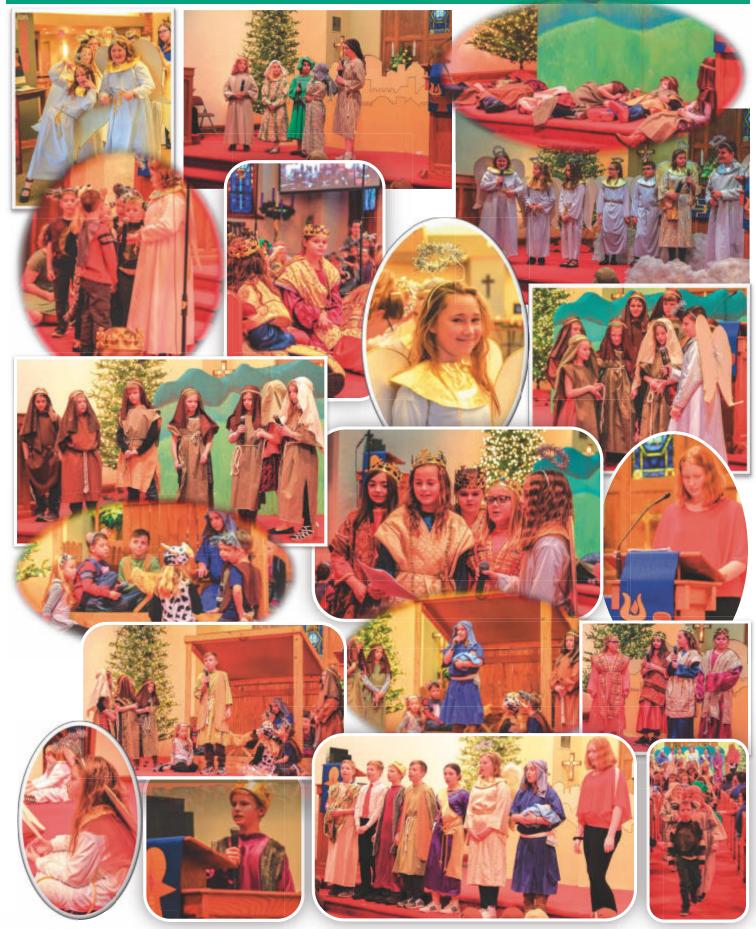


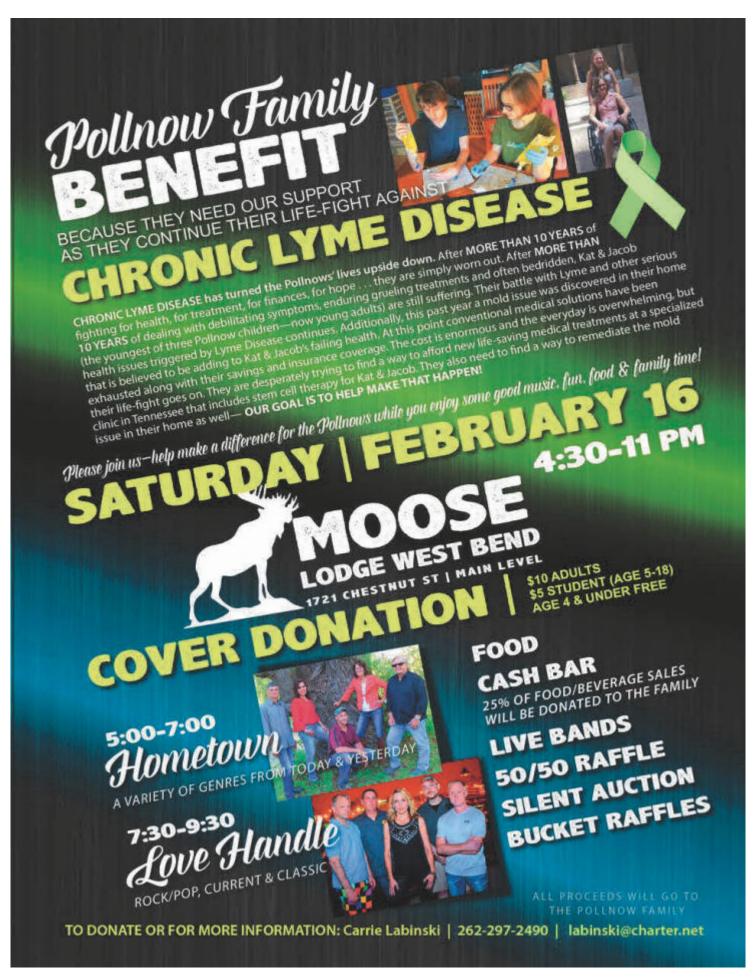
the order form and have it in the office or text it in by March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please make checks payable to Trinity Youth. If possible, pizzas should be picked up Saturday, March 16th between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. If that is not possible please give Pastor Cristy a call and she will make other arrangements.

#### PIZZA MAKING LOCK-IN

**At 7:30 pm, Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> ALL YOUTH GOING TO NORTH CAROLINA** and all Sr. High Folks who care to join us will be making our fund-raising pizzas to be ready for pick up on Saturday. Pizza makers are invited to stay after everything is done for an informal lock-in until 8:00 am, Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Children's Ministry Christmas Program 2018





#### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**



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Logan Bonlender

Michael Schaller

Kevin Schmitt

#### **WOMEN OF TRINITY/FOOD PANTRY**

### Women of Trinity Bible Study Monday, February 4th at 6:30 pm

January Session two: By night and day: Coming to faith in Jesus.



## Having Trouble Getting to Worship on the Weekend??

Please join us on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7 pm for Prayer Around the Cross.

Held **EVERY THURSDAY**, this is an alternative worship experience focused on Prayer and Contemplation. It takes place in the peaceful and darkened church. It is a midweek opportunity to refocus, re-center and refresh your life and your relationship with God.

"Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel."

#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019**

Comm Setup Pauline Lentz

Counters Jody Schilling, Anita McClain

Saturday, Feb 2, 5:00 pm

Ushers Arlyss Speener

Greeters Reader Comm Asst

Transportation Contact Pr David Schoob

Sunday, Feb 3, 8:00 am

Ushers Ron/Rosemary Fink, Jay Nelson, Carol Peters

Greeters Reader

Coffee Hour Hosts: Candy Sarauer, Donna Hallada

Food Providers: Nicole Hull

Sunday, , 9:30 am

Ushers Pauline Lentz, Amanda & Danica Daley,

Aryonnia Seitz, Kevin Schmitt, Sam Laatsch

Greeters Kevin Schmitt, Cindy Tikusis

Reader Linda Amacher

Nursery

Worship Asst Marilyn Zwick

Comm Asst Jane & Kevin Schmitt, Nate Kenworthy

Comm Setup Diane Ferstadt

Counters Joann & Glenn Naumann,

Judy Ehmke, Kristine Dreher

Saturday, Feb 16, 5:00 pm

Ushers Eleanor Muraski

Greeters

Reader Comm Asst Diane Ferstadt

Transportation Contact Pr. David Schoob

Sunday, Feb 17, 8:00 am

Ushers Bill/Cheryl Casey, Mary Immekus,

Delores Harder

Greeters Reader

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Food Providers:

Sunday, Feb 17, 9:30 am

Ushers Todd Markgraf, Anita McClain, Daniel Schmidt

Greeters

Reader Cheryl Bauer

Nursery

Comm Asst Nate Kenworthy

Comm Setup

Counters Ruth MacDonald, Darrell Blair

Saturday, Feb 9, 5:00 pm

Ushers Mark Sergeant, Debbie Burns

Greeters

Reader

Comm Asst Mark Sergeant, Debbie Burns

**Transportation** Contact Pr. David Schoob

Sunday, Feb 10, 8:00 am

Ushers Dale, Myra, Cory, Cary & Kyle Gunnare

Greeters

Reader Darrell Blair

Coffee Hour Hosts: Dawn Spaeth

Food Providers: Hazel Griffin, Carrie Pierce

Sunday, Feb 10, 9:30 am

Ushers Glenn Pietschmann, Nick Laatsch,

Mike Kozlowski, Jim Klatt

Greeters

Reader Marilyn Zwick

Nursery

Worship Asst Nate Shubat

Comm Asst Nate Kenworthy, Sue Mildbrandt

Comm Setup Pauline Lentz

Counters Cyndee Bruder, Carl & Joyce Kirchner

Saturday, Feb 23, 5:00 pm

Ushers Carl & Betty Schweiger, Collin & Seth Bergerud

Greeters Reader

Comm Asst

Contact Pr David Schoob Transportation

Sunday, Feb 24, 8:00 am

*Ushers* Jay Nelson, Lynne & Eric Thorin,

Ken Juedes

Greeters

Reader

Coffee Hour Hosts: Lynne & Eric Thorin

Food Providers:

Sunday, Feb 24, 9:30 am

Ushers Paul Anderson, Ron Wicke, James Winkler

Greeters

Reader Phil Pierce

Nursery

Worship Asst Marilyn Zwick

Comm Asst Sue Pawlowski

FEBRUARY 2019							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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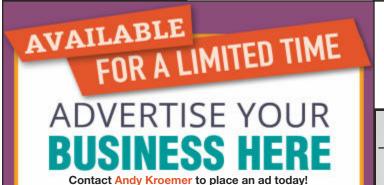
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