



Trinity Spirit



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Humble
yourselves,
therefore, under
God's
mighty hand,
that he may
lift you up
in due time.

1 PETER 5:6

Dear Members of God's Family,

A number of times around our house we have experienced a problem. A light starts to flicker and finally goes out. Dad Schoob (the fix it guy) comes to visit and it turns out it is just a cord. It got twisted and broken, it was disconnected and there was no power. **Fix the cord and . . . there is light!**

This is a parable of life. Life stretches us and pulls us and eventually the connection between that which gives us life can get frayed—and, if we are not careful, it can be totally disconnected. **And so God gives us the gift of Lent.**

Lent is a time to reconnect with that which give us life.

First, it is a time to reconnect with God.

We are called to prayer and study and worship so that we can reconnect with the true source of life.

Second, it is a time to reconnect with our family and those we love.

We gather together as God's people in our times of worship and study. We realize that it is in our life together that we find encouragement and hope. We share the energy of love and hope.

Third, it is a time to reconnect with the world.

We see the world's needs and our place in bringing new life into the world. We find that we, ourselves, are filled with life as we share life and hope with the world around us.

There has been much at play over the past several years to stretch and pull and fray our connection to that which gives us life. **Take time this Lenten season to reconnect and let God's love and promise fill us with renewed life.**

Make the many reflective and worship opportunities offered up through Trinity in the weeks to come a priority as we journey together through this season of Lent all the way to three days and Easter.

Come, reconnect and let the light shine.

Pastor Cristy Pastor Dave

Pastor Cristy and Pastor Dave



*Journey of
100 Years*

*Seeds to share God's love and promise
were planted 100 years ago.*

In 1967, Trinity began the radio broadcast of their worship services through WBKV /1470 AM each Sunday morning, which continued until 2018.

On May 6, 1973, a longstanding dream became reality as ground was broken for the new educational unit. Dedication for the educational unit was on June 2, 1974. The congregation was introduced to 'women clergy' during Pastor Carmala Aderman's seminary internship from 1984 to 1985. In 2020, the ELCA celebrated the 50-year anniversary of the ordination of women.

In January of 1997, Trinity added a contemporary option to their worship experiences, the Created to Praise service. This alternative worship opportunity features contemporary Christian music and liturgies that coordinate with the theme for the day and has become the most well-attended of Trinity's current worship services.



We are happy to be back on track with unrestricted worship that includes live music and gathering time, afterward, over coffee and treats.

ANNUAL MEETING &

The Trinity Congregation Annual Meeting & Chili Cook-Off have been rescheduled for
SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH



Please plan to attend our Centennial Year Annual Meeting and Chili Cook-Off on **Sunday, March 27th, beginning at 10:45 AM** (after the 9:30 AM Worship).

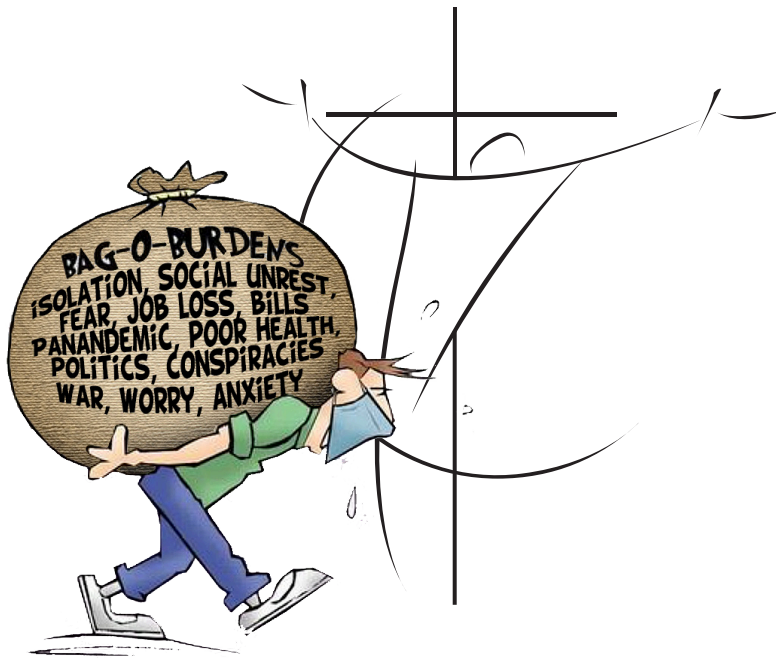
Items on the meeting agenda include approval of the 2022 Budget, election of Congregation Council Members and sharing plans being formed now for our Centennial Celebration that will take place in September this year.

Then, immediately following the meeting, we will come together to enjoy a variety of delicious and delectable home-made Chili from members who will offer up their favorite recipes in hopes of taking the traveling award from our reigning 'Chili King' champion, *Sue Beekman!*



*Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ,
he is a new creation.
The old has passed away;
behold, the new has come.*

2 Corinthians 5:17



*Come to me,
all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle
and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*

MATTHEW 11:28-30

SOULFiX

A NEW FOCUS FOR TRINITY

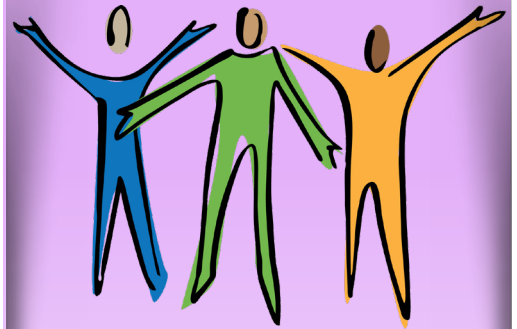
We've all been through a lot over the past few years, *but it's a new day!*

Trinity is the place where each of us comes to renew our spirit. **It is the place where we can leave our differences at the door and come together inside with a focus on what we all have in common—our faith community and God's unchanging love for each of us.** God loves and accepts us just as we are—but, *as Pastor Cristy has shared a number of times—way too much to just leave us this way.*

As a faith-based community, to help us journey through this new day, we want to concentrate on healing our SOULS—the very core of our being and the foundation that will actually help us touch on all the aspects of "wellness": physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and intellectual. **When we feel whole, we are better equipped to go and do the things God is calling each of us to do.**

While we don't always see what is coming around the next corner and the world may continue to try to fragment us, we can take comfort knowing that the foundation of our faith community here at Trinity will be focused on caring for our souls and seeking ways to add joy to our lives.

We have only just begun and your input will be both vital and welcome as we go. But, *right now*, the season of Lent offers many opportunities to begin our own SOULFiX focus—through intentional acts of prayer, reflection, worship and mindfulness. Be well. Seek joy. #TrinityTogether



NEW MEMBER MEETING TUESDAY | MARCH 8th | 7 PM

Everyone interested in joining the Trinity Lutheran Church family are invited to attend this informational meeting.

New members will be welcomed on
SUNDAY, MARCH 27th



Trinity comforters

The Trinity Comforters recently supplied another load of beautiful blankets to Immanuel Church—ffrom there they were delivered to Circle of Friends and Bob's Under the Bridge in Milwaukee. The comforters group meets on Thursday afternoons. They appreciate donations of sheets and/or cash to help contine their ministry.



First Communion

Trinity's 5th Grade youth who completed the First Communion workshops with their parents will receive their First Communion during Worship on:

Sunday, MARCH 6th | 9:30 AM

As part of their "Keeping the Promise Rotation" they will also be leading this worship service.



**SENIOR HIGH
FIRST SUNDAY
SUNDAY | MARCH 6
6 PM - 7:30 PM | Heritage Room**

Trinity's Senior High Ministry invites **ALL 9TH-12TH GRADE** folks to gather together for: Senior High 1st Sunday throughout the year. This is a monthly opportunity to get together (sometimes at church, sometimes elsewhere), share a light meal, and take some 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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 3 | First Sunday | 6 PM-7:30 PM



ALL ABOUT YOUth

YOUTH SCHEDULES, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SHARING THE LOVE AND PROMISE OF GOD WITH KIDS FROM AGE 3 UP TO 6TH GRADE!

SEEIT, MAKEIT, TASTEIT, MOVEIT, TELLIT —SHAREIT!

SUNDAYS 9:30 AM - 10:45AM



EASTER Rotation starts MARCH 20th

We will go back to large group gatherings on Sunday mornings when we begin our Easter Rotation on March 20th!

Sharing God's love with Trinity's kids is guaranteed to positively impact your own life! The next time we will be looking for volunteers to help will be the final rotation of the year, beginning in March. Commitments consist of helping out for just two weeks at a time. **Get involved with Trinity's CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM!** Contact **Alyssa Brockman** trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com or 262-343-5557

Confirmation YOUTH PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | 6:30-8:00 PM

MARCH 2 | Ash Wednesday. NO CLASS, but come to worship at 6:30 PM

MARCH 9 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2 *MIRACLES* | SNACKS: Jake & Kaylin Kozlowski

MARCH 16 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2 *MIRACLES* | SNACKS: Ellie Carlson

LOCK-IN

FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH—7PM
to SATURDAY MARCH 19TH—7AM

MARCH 23 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2 *MIRACLES* | SNACKS: Delia Gunnare

MARCH 30 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2 *HOLY WEEK* | SNACKS: Grace Myrhum

APRIL 6 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2 *HOLY WEEK* | SNACKS: CJ Schiller

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 | 9:30 AM-11:30 AM | Palm/Passion PRACTICE

APRIL 9-10 | Lead Palm/Passion WORSHIP | 3:30 PM Saturday | 9:30 AM Sunday



F.I.S.H. << St. Patrick's Day Party

**4TH - 6TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP
SUNDAY | MARCH 13TH | 10:45 AM - NOON**



All 4th - 6th graders are invited to join us for a St. Patrick's Day Party in Fellowship Hall—we'll have fun, food, games, and prizes! **NO COST FOR THIS ACTIVITY.**

REFLECT•RECONNECT•RENEW

About our Weekend Worship this

Lenten Season

What am I “supposed to do” during Lent?

Over the centuries the Church has developed many traditions and practices to be observed during Lent (the 40 days – not counting Sundays – before Easter). These practices were designed to help Christians prepare to receive the Easter message and experience a new beginning on Easter morning free of past fears, pain and failings holding them back.

Our denomination does not elevate any of these practices – or “Lenten disciplines” to mandated behaviors. However, you might find some of them very powerful and helpful in your Easter preparation. Some you may not find helpful at all.

This Lent we are using our weekend worship opportunities to introduce and present for your reflection some of the most common “Lenten disciplines”.

We will be exploring:

- March 5 & 6 | Prayer
- March 12 & 13 | Sacrifice/Fasting/“Giving something up”
- March 19 & 20 | Worship
- March 27 & 28 | Scriptural Study
- April 2 & 3 | Almsgiving/Acts of Love

Lent

**Midweek
Prayer Around
the Cross
Worship**

**THURSDAYS
6:30 - 7:00 PM
March 10 - April 7**



Prayer Around the Cross is inspired by a style of worship that borrows from the communities of Taize, France, Iona, Scotland, and the Holden Village retreat center in Washington State.

This quiet, reflective half hour worship experience takes place in a darkened sanctuary. At one point during this worship experience, individuals are invited, *if they wish*, to come forward to gather around the large circular prayer table and cross located in the front of the worship space. There they may light one (or more) candles as a signs of their hope and prayers and place it (them) in the sand bowls around the cross.

A Walk in the Woods



Lenten BOOK STUDY

that includes
Meditations & Mindfulness

Saturdays

*Book study will look a little
different during Lent!*

We will be reading the book:
**A Walk in the Woods,
Meditations on Mindfulness
with a Bear Named Pooh**
by Dr. Joseph and Nancy Parent.

Each week we will focus on just one chapter of the book and **each Saturday morning at 9 AM, beginning on March 5th**, we will meet at the church, taking 15 minutes to *practice* the insights in the chapter and then talk about reactions.

**This is a time to just reconnect with
the wonder of the world around us.**
All are invited, all are welcome!

We will with start with
Chapter 1 - “Mindful and Kind”
on Saturday, March 5th.

Hope you can join us!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

KEEPING THE PROMISE

During the Keeping the Promise rotation, each 3 year old– 6th Grader has been exposed to five different presentations of the baptismal focus for their grade level:

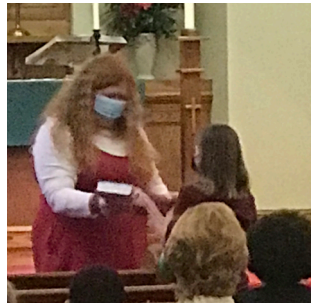
- **3 yo-K** | Baptism/Prayer/The Church
- **1st Grade** | The Lord's Prayer
- **2nd Grade** | The Ten Commandments
- **3rd Grade** | The Books of the Bible
- **4th Grade** | The Apostle's Creed
- **5th Grade** | Worship and Communion
- **6th Grade** | The Lord's Prayer

Trinity's 3rd Graders received Bibles on February 13th.

Our 3 yo-K Little Lambs made prayer bracelets for snacking as they learned about what prayer is.

Our 2nd graders are busy learning the 10 Commandments and how they relate to their everyday life.

Our 4th graders made crosses out of egg shells. The eggs represent the 3 in 1 —*Father, Son, Holy Spirit*— —*Shell, White, Yolk*— as they learn about the Apostles Creed.

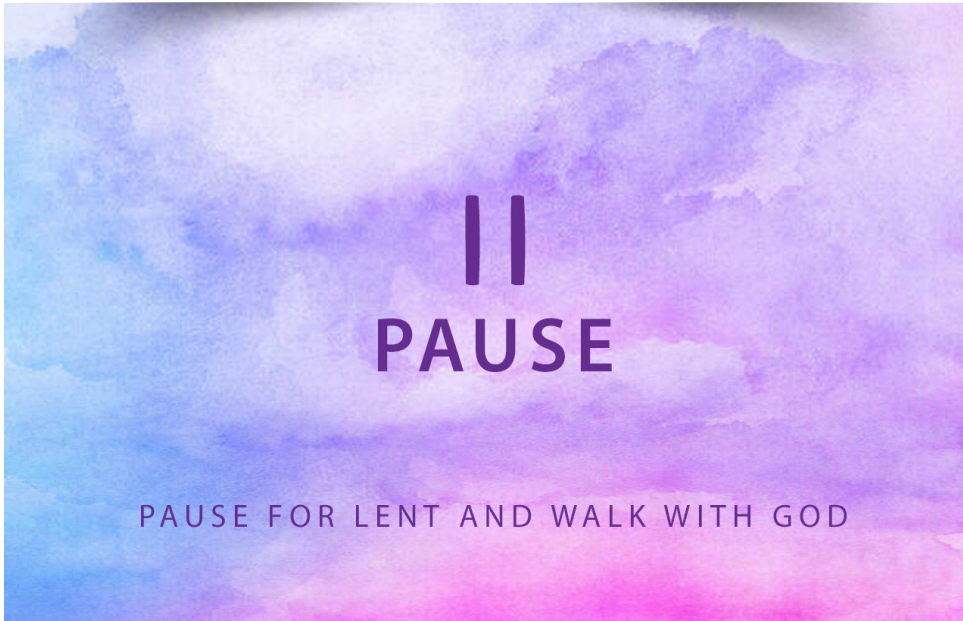




GOT SHOES? You betcha!!!

A mountain of shoes were collected on behalf of the Sr. High Youth Group! We sorted and packaged up a total of 37 bags, each containing 25 pair of shoes worthy to be resold — **that's a total of 925 PAIRS OF SHOES!!!!**

Thank you, Trinity! Your generosity (and closet clean out!) went a long way to raise funds both for our High School Youth group and micro-enterprises around the country.



*Yet even now," declares the Lord,
"return to me with all your heart, with fasting,
with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments."
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.*

Joel 2:12-13

THE SEASON OF

Lent

PLUS THREE DAYS
AND EASTER

- **Ash Wednesday**
March 2nd
Worship with Communion
NOON and 6:30 PM
- **Midweek Prayer Around
the Cross Worship**
March 10th - April 7
6:30 PM
- **Maundy Thursday**
April 14th
Worship with Communion
NOON and 6:30 PM
- **Good Friday**
April 15th
NOON | Worship
7:30 PM | Tenebrae Worship
- **Easter Sunday**
April 17th



P R O J E C T
RETURN ↑

UPDATE

Project RETURN grew out of a volunteer base that believed men and women returning from incarceration deserved a second chance. **It offers a variety of support for those returning from incarceration.**

Project RETURN has asked us to concentrate our efforts toward some of the most needed items, **such as:**

- Gift cards any stores
- Bus cards
- Gas cards
- Warm hats and gloves
- Larger size coats up to 6x men and women
- Gently used and laundered clothing
- Under-garments
- Hygiene Products (Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Razor, Hairbrush/Comb, Washcloths, Feminine Hygiene Products, Shaving Cream, Toenail Clippers, Lotion, etc.)
- Laundry Detergent, Bleach
- Toilet Paper

Project RETURN also accepts donations of functional furniture and other small household items that can accommodate a new house or apartment. **Items most needed are:**

- Beds
- Dressers
- Pillows & Blankets
- Pots & Pans
- Kitchen Table & Chairs

Thank you for your continued support to this important community ministry.

Email UPDATE

Trinity sends out an email update through Constant Contact weekly (on Wednesday mornings). If you are not receiving it:

- check your spam folder
- call or email the office to update your contact information:

262-3342125

sbeekman@trinitywestbend.com



During Lent we will study Paul's letters to the Church at Corinth. The people of Corinth find themselves disconnected and divided. Paul calls them back together where true life is found.

The Bible study group meets on Tuesdays at 1 PM — it is also recorded and represented on Trinity's YouTube channel. *People are also welcome to zoom into the sessions. For information on the Zoom connection please contact the office.*

If you are enough people interested in starting an evening session, please indicate your interest by letting us know in the office.





All are invited, all are welcome.



UPDATE

Dear Pastor Schoob,

COVID-19 has changed so much in our world, and I wanted to make sure you have the latest updates on what life looks like at the center Kaori attends. Check below for the current status of your sponsored child's center.

			
Normal Programming Centers fully reopened	Small Groups Children and staff gathering in small groups	Home Visits Staff conducting home visits	Distance Only Staff connecting online and via phone
Kaori			

We will let you know when anything changes with the status of Kaori's center. We are all praying for the day she will be welcomed back to the Compassion center!

Because of you, Kaori has been cared for in a time when so many have felt alone and isolated. You make it possible for our dedicated staff and volunteers to keep ministering to children each and every day. Thank you!

Rich Van Eaton
Sponsor and Donor Relations Director
Compassion International

Thank you Trinity for your continued support Kaori and her family. You can mail or drop a donation specified for Kaori in the offering plate. You can donate by texting 1-844-385-9887 and specifying Kaori. Enter the amount you want to give, followed by a space and the name Kaori. *SAMPLE: if you want to donate \$10, enter 10 Kaori in the text. It's that simple!*

Birthday BLESSINGS

ON THE DAY YOU WERE BORN, GOD DANCED,
ANGELS SANG AND THE STARS ALIGNED.
WE HOPE THAT YOUR BIRTHDAY WILL BE
A HAPPY CELEBRATION FILLED WITH BLESSINGS.

Judy Ehmke	3 01	Ayla Abraham	3 08	Phyllis Naumann	3 15	Ashley Granger	3 25
Samuel Laatsch	3 01	Linda George	3 08	Cory Wiedmeyer	3 15	Kimberly Frei	3 25
Kaiden Naumann	3 01	Keith Kirchner	3 09	Shannon Kreutzer	3 16	Dan Vaughan	3 25
Gavin Schauble	3 01	Michael Marlett	3 09	Gary Draeger	3 17	Matt Beier	3 26
Joseph Esselmann	3 01	Bryan Schlosser	3 09	Karley Yapp	3 18	Kevin Brehmer	3 26
Jaida Campbell	3 02	Diana Schlosser	3 09	Judy Nast	3 18	Peter Dale	3 26
Sydney Chlupp	3 02	Ann Zube	3 09	Jeffrey Schramm	3 19	Dominick Davis	3 26
Denise Riederer	3 02	Kenneth Brehmer	3 10	Nicole Naumann	3 19	Dennis Polinski	3 26
Landon Ketter	3 03	Elizabeth Gruber	3 10	Mary Wilson	3 19	Matthew Holcomb	3 26
Kelly DeLuka	3 04	Amanda Hull	3 10	Daniel Harter	3 20	Gabe Markgraf	3 27
Nicole Foyse	3 04	Logan Lane	3 10	Maribeth Nielsen	3 20	Tammy Nelson	3 27
Lisa Cranney	3 05	Christopher Naumann	3 11	Grace Myrhum	3 20	Nicholas Rady	3 27
Jonathan DeLuka	3 05	James Gruber	3 12	Ryan Schlosser	3 20	Magrady Ellis	3 27
Paul Hauch	3 05	Deacon Falconer	3 12	Clayton Kappler	3 21	Michael Schuster	3 28
Susan Pawlowski	3 05	Amy Kreutzer	3 13	JJ Ziegler	3 21	Calealeb Rands	3 28
Arielle Bauer	3 06	John Kenworthy	3 14	Mitchell Ethier	3 22	Casasey Anderson	3 28
Julia Gruber	3 06	Ian Kenworthy	3 14	Lauren Kichura	3 22	Kerima Davis	3 29
Annette Ziegler	3 06	Cheryl Scaffidi	3 14	Jacob Kichura	3 22	Rae Bauman	3 30
Alec Pitzen	3 07	Christopher Schmoltd	3 14	Janane Esselmann	3 22	Daniel Pawlowski	3 30
Evan Pitzen	3 07			Christine Pollnow	3 23	Darciann Ketter	3 31
Conrad (CJ) Schiller	3 07			Gerald Faber	3 23	Chase Lauters	3 31
				Rylie Dwyer	3 23		



OFFERING COUNTERS WANTED

Trinity's Finance committee is looking to set up a counters schedule. They are looking for folks with interest in serving toward this vital task—counters work in pairs and a schedule ensures the time commitment only falls a few times a year.

Please contact David Putnam: 608.718.2196

davidtputnam@hotmail.com

JOB OPENING

TRINITY IS SEEKING A FINANCIAL CLERK

Trinity Lutheran Church, a congregation that has declared its commitment to respect, care for, and include all people, is seeking a Financial Clerk.

As the Trinity Financial Clerk, this individual maintains and records all revenue and expenses for Trinity Lutheran Church. In addition, this role is responsible for maintaining payroll for all church employees and filing Federal and State quarterly and annual tax forms.

A full job description is available upon request.

We encourage all those who are interested in applying for this part-time position to send your resume before March 20th to the the attention of:

Ministry Support Team | Trinity Lutheran Church
140 N 7th Avenue | West Bend, WI 53095
Email: trinity@trinitywestbend.com



Visit trinitywestbend.com or call or email the church office to sign up for:

- Ushering | Greeting
- Worship Assistant | Reading
- Coffee Hour Snack Provider or Host and more!

March 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Bible Study Family Promise	2 Ash WEDNESDAY NOON & 6:30 PM Family Promise	3 TLC COMFORTERS 1 PM Family Promise	4 Family Promise	5 LENT BOOK STUDY Meditations & Mindfulness 9 AM LENT 1 Worship 3:30 PM Family Promise
6 LENT 1 CTP Worship 9:30 AM FIRST SUNDAY 6 PM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 9:30-10:45 AM	7	8 Bible Study 7 PM NA	9 Confirmation 6:30-8 PM	10 TLC COMFORTERS 1 PM Centennial Meeting 7 PM 7 PM NA	11	12 LENT BOOK STUDY Meditations & Mindfulness 9 AM LENT 2 Worship 3:30 PM Clocks AHEAD before bed!
13 LENT 2 CTP Worship 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 9:30-10:45 AM F.I.S.H. St. Patrick's PARTY 10:45 AM Daylight Savings	14	15 Bible Study TRINITY COUNCIL MEETING 7 PM 7 PM NA	16 Confirmation 6:30-8 PM	17 TLC COMFORTERS 1 PM 7 PM NA	18	19 LENT BOOK STUDY Meditations & Mindfulness 9 AM LENT 3 Worship 3:30 PM
20 LENT 3 CTP Worship 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 9:30-10:45 AM First day of SPRING!	21	22 Bible Study 7 PM NA	23 Confirmation 6:30-8 PM	24 TLC COMFORTERS 1 PM 7 PM NA	25	26 LENT BOOK STUDY Meditations & Mindfulness 9 AM LENT 4 Worship 3:30 PM
27 LENT 4 CTP Worship 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 9:30-10:45 AM New Members Annual Meeting Chili Cook-Off	28	29 Bible Study	30 Confirmation 6:30-8 PM	31 TLC COMFORTERS 1 PM 7 PM NA		

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