

Birthdays

Ed Clark 3/28/1934
 Carolyn Crosby 3/4/1930
 Joan Gerberding 3/25/1932
 Suzanne Hall 3/30/1935
 Jackie Hutmacher 3/25/1927

Prayer for Healing

Sharon Gerig
 Bob and Jenny Hobby and Family
 Shari
 Becky
 The Kircher Family
 Rita and Family
 Jeanie Pflugrad
 Dale and Family
 The Wiley Family
 Mary Springer
 Brent Campbell
 Michael

Anniversaries

Tom & Cathy Clark 3/21/1970
 Garland & Carol Skinner 3/31/1973

Birthdays & Anniversaries are drawn from our database; please let us know if we have missed an important date.

In Memoriam

Cheryl Wiley

Quick-Reference Calendar

See our full calendar of events at trinityenglish.org/calendar.

Sun 3/9

9:30AM Hope in Action
 9:30AM Youth Sunday School
 9:45AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
 11:30AM Garden Group Kick-off Meeting

Mon 3/10

12:15PM Midday Meditation
 1PM Discussion Group

Tue 3/11

7PM Zoom Bible Study w/Pastor Lee

Wed 3/12

4:30PM E³
 5PM First Steps in Music
 6:15PM Yoga

Thurs 3/13

8:30AM Tai Chi
 12PM Bible Study w/Pastor Lee
 5:30PM Community Dinner
 6PM Divine Imagination

Sun 3/16

9AM Waffle Church
 9:30AM Hope in Action
 9:30AM Youth Sunday School
 9:45AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

Itchin' to Get in the Kitchen?

Thursday evening Community Dinner volunteers are asking for reinforcements. We have dozens of wonderful and committed volunteers for our weekly meals, but we can use more! It's nice to have a week or two off sometimes, and the burden is lighter when it's shared. Might you be interested in helping to cook (or to serve)? *Please check in with a Pastor or Deacon to get into the rotation.*

WELCA

March 18: Pizza and A Movie

6PM - dinner in Wagenhals Hall
 Movie following in theater

Cost: \$5

Tickets will be sold before and after 10:30AM Service on March 9 and 16. Dinner will include pizza, salad, dessert, and a beverage.

The movie this year is a tried and true old fashioned thriller, *Rear Window*, starring Grace Kelly and James Stewart. We will take you back to the 1954 full screen masterpiece directed by the Master of Fear, Alfred Hitchcock.

Laura will accept for money for Pizza/Movie during the week



March 19

Mary Martha Circle will meet at 10AM at church; Mary Lasits is the speaker. Lunch will follow at church.

Contact Cindy Goshert (437-3603) if you plan to stay for lunch.



Join us for an evening with women over 21 connecting over a glass of wine (or dinner, if so inclined) to talk about faith, growth, family, balance, and more in a casual setting. The topics discussed reflect Christian principles to expand our understanding of how God works in and through our lives for each other. Upcoming dates and locations can be found at trinityenglish.org/events! To sign up, scan the QR code above.



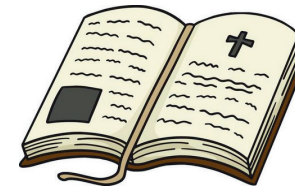
March marks Women's History Month, and women have always been an integral part of what we do here! In celebration of our 100th birthday, we will be highlighting their influence as well as sharing some recipes that were included in the Trinity Fare Cookbook. To see more, take a look at the inserted pamphlet or visit trinityenglish.org/100.

Homebound List

Do you know a Trinity member who has become homebound and would like to receive friendly phone calls or cards from our Deaconess Team? Please talk to, call, or email Pastor Lee.

Meditation

Drop-in Meditation Mondays at 12:15PM for a 30-ish minute meditation guided by Regina Leffers and Kimberly Kozan Flory. No cost; no experience needed. We gather in the Chapel.



Scripture Milestone Classes & Celebration

Sunday mornings - March 9, 16, & 23

9 - 10:15AM

All children in grades 3 - 6, along with their caring adult/s, are invited and encouraged to join a three-week exploration of Scripture. What is the Bible? How is it organized? Who wrote it? Is it all true? Come explore these questions, and many more, as we expand our understanding and experience of the B-I-B-L-E!

The participants, along with the congregation, will celebrate this milestone at the 10:30AM liturgy on Sunday, March 23, when the children receive their Bibles and enjoy a cake reception immediately following.

Contact Amy Henderson-Hill for more information (ahendersonhill@trinityenglish.org).



Summer VBS

Join us for this year's Vacation Bible School, *Who Is My Neighbor?*, where children will explore what it means to love and serve others as Jesus teaches in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Through engaging stories, fun activities, and hands-on learning, kids will discover how they can be good neighbors to those near and far. Each day, they'll journey to different parts of the world, experiencing the lives of others through crafts, games, and interactive lessons.

We invite parents to sign their children up for this meaningful and exciting week of faith, friendship, and service. VBS is a wonderful opportunity for kids to grow in their understanding of God's love while building connections within our community. Don't miss out—register today and let's make this a summer to remember!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 13 - Thursday, July 17, from 4:30 - 7PM. Open to children ages 3 (must be potty trained) through 12. Dinner will be provided with a free will offering.



Scan me to volunteer for VBS!



Scan me to register for VBS!

Caregiver's Night Out in March

Parents, do you need a night out? Here is your chance! Friday, March 21, we will host another Caregiver's Night Out. Dinner will be served at 5:10PM. Pastor Lee will be joining us and leading the children in a few lessons about Lent. It's also pajama night, so have your kiddos wear their favorite pair of PJs and join us for the fun!

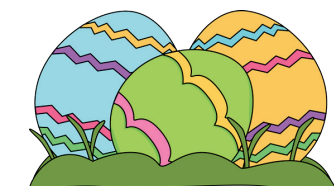
When: Friday, March 21st 5:00-7:30pm

Where: Drop off and pick up will be in the Nursery

Who: Children ages 2-12

What: Dinner at 5:10 and fun with Pastor Lee

RSVP by March 17 using the QR code below.



Easter Celebration on April 20!

Even as we enter the contemplative season of Lent, we cling to the hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ through the observance of Easter. Trinity has a recent tradition of marking this tremendous occasion with a time of true celebration!

Plan on joining in the joyous festivities on Sunday, April 20, from 9 - 10:15AM. We will celebrate together with a petting zoo, egg hunt, Easter breakfast, photo booth, children's music, crafts, bubbles, and more!

Please speak with Amy Henderson-Hill if you're excited to be a part of the action through volunteering.

We are also now accepting donations of nut-free candy and tiny trinkets for stuffing our 650 eggs!

Bible Study with Pastor Lee

Pastor Lee's Bible Study on Luke continues on the Tuesdays in March on Zoom at 7PM or Thursday in person in Room 111. It's never too late to join in!

If you prefer an in-person setting, we will also meet on Thursdays at the church in Room 111 from noon to 1PM. *This lesson will be the same as Tuesdays, and is just meant as an option for those who prefer in-person.* Even if you can't make them all, we'd love to see you there!

To join the Zoom meeting, visit trinityenglish.org/bible-study.

Garden Group - 2025 Kick Off Meeting

Spring is just around the corner along with the opportunity to utilize your green thumb or continue to keep the grounds looking beautiful!

Join us on Sunday, March 9, 11:30AM in room W111. We'll gather over a simple lunch (because planning is always better with food) to dream, organize, and set the course for an amazing spring and summer. Come be a part of shaping what's ahead. See you there!

To make sure there's enough food, scan the QR code to let Laura Bohnke and Deacon Mary know you are attending.



Family Ministries

Upcoming Dates and Information

The following are just *SOME* of the Family Ministries opportunities in the upcoming quarter, in addition to regular programs for children and youth (Sunday School, Youth Group, E3, etc.)! More information can be found on the website and especially in the weekly Family Newsletter: Sign up by scrolling to the very bottom of Trinity's home page and entering your email(s).

- Scripture Milestone Classes (for children in grades 3-6 and their caring adult(s): **March 9, 16, & 23 at 9AM**)
- Caregivers' Night Out(s): **March 21 & May 16**
- Baptismal Celebration: Easter Vigil service, **April 18**
- Easter Celebration with worship, breakfast, animals, & activities: **April 20**
- Volunteer Appreciation: **April 27**
- First Communion Classes (for children in grade 2+ and their caring adult(s): **May 4, 11, & 18 at 9AM**)
- Celebration of First Communion: Thursday, **May 29**
- Rite of Confirmation: **June 8**
- Youth Summer Mission Trip to Nashville, TN: **June 1-6**
- Vacation Bible School: **July 13-17**

A New Book Study

Pastor Erdos will be hosting a new book study via Zoom beginning March 12. *Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times* is written by Father Greg Boyle, whose work we have studied before. If you are interested in signing up, just drop Pastor Erdos an email at GErdos@trinityenglish.org and he'll send you the Zoom link for 7:30PM on Wednesdays.

Open Invitation to A Discussion Group

From Regina Leffers:

"I wrote the book *What Is Consciousness?* as my response to the outcome of the 2016 election. I wanted to help people understand what facet of consciousness a President of the United States must be living from in order to govern such a diverse population as ours.



Since the current election outcome, I have found myself jumping to judgement of those who voted for President Trump instead of being curious. I don't like doing that because it creates a relationship dead-end—a breakdown in communication before it can even begin. For that reason, I would like to discern with a group of interested folks what curiosity and judgement look like from within each facet of consciousness. I would like it to be a discussion.

We meet from 1 - 2PM in the Fireside Room. I will have a book for anyone who doesn't have one. We'll meet each Monday until the end of April, and will determine at that time if more meetings are needed. There is no cost, and the group is open to anyone who is interested."

Curious about us? Join us for Trinity 101!

Are you new to Trinity? Or perhaps you've been here a while but want to diver deeper into what makes the parish unique? Then Trinity 101 is perfect for you. Join us on March 30, 2025, at 9:15AM for a session designed to help you get connected and involved.

What to expect: you'll learn what Trinity believes, get a brief church history and info about programs, ministries, and many volunteer opportunities, and how to find information followed by a Q&A session and a tour of the building.

If you plan on attending, please contact Deacon Mary Lasits, mlasits@trinityenglish.org, or scan the QR code!



Trinity English Lutheran Church ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 9, 2025 | www.trinityenglish.org | (260) 426-3424



**WORDS
MATTER
Youth-Sponsored
Interactive
Exhibit**

I'm listening. You are welcome here. Tell me more...

As a youth group, the foundational thesis of our time together is paying attention to who God is and how God is at work in our midst. Through prayer, study, fellowship, and service, we pay attention so that we may join God in the work of fulfilling our baptismal promise to proclaim Christ through word and deed.

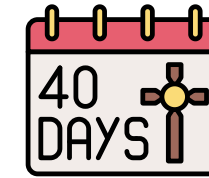
Last summer, seventeen Trinity youth and adults spent a week learning, serving, worshiping, and playing in Washington, D.C. One of our experiences took us to Planet Word, an interactive museum focused on the history and power of language. After our group interacted with a particularly commanding exhibit, several of our youth said with quiet, firm conviction: "We should do this at Trinity. We need to. We could totally make this happen."

As we journey through Lent, all who spend time in this building are encouraged to come to the first floor education hallway and experience the youths' vision brought to life, through our installation called *WORDS MATTER* beginning Sunday, March 9.

My Lenten Journey



If this is your first time visiting or if you want to learn more about us, please fill out a connection card located in the pews. Thank you for spending your time with us and we hope you enjoy your visit!



Join Us for Our Lenten Journey

During Lent, the six weeks before Easter, we look inward and reflect on

how we can be closer to God. Trinity has created and gathered some materials to help you with that effort. Each week from March 9 - April 13, you may pick up a card with one of the six traditional disciplines of Lent: prayer, works of love, fasting, sacrificial giving, repentance, and self-examination. We'll put each of these into the context of "Seeing Life Up Close: Where Our Lives Make a Difference."

By Easter, we will have made the journey together, and hopefully, we will end up with a clearer vision of ourselves, others, and God.

Week 1: Prayer

Lent's first week's theme is that of Prayer. It is one of the facets in which we live our lives. As you go about your day throughout this week, we encourage you to remain mindful of how and when you pray. whether it be asking for aid for a loved one or to thank God for something good that has happened.

Alongside these announcements, you will find this week's Lenten card. It contains some ideas on how you can use this week to commit to others and yourself. You are encouraged to keep the card and use it as a guide and reflection tool.

We have something special to offer to help you on your Lenten journey - this map was created by the wonderful Dawn Pope! The sections can be filled in each day as the season progresses. We encourage you to visit trinityenglish.org/lent for a full-size printout!

Thank you to Dawn for such a beautiful way to stay present with the themes of Lent!