

# THE BEACON

March 14, 2018

## LAWN WORKDAY

There will be a church lawn workday Saturday, March 17, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please bring tractors, trailers, wheelbarrows, rakes, scoops, shovels, and other lawn tools. The primary task will be spreading mulch. Work will proceed rain or shine, unless there is heavy rain that morning. March 24 is the extreme inclement weather make-up date.



## NEW SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION TO BEGIN

Our **Sunday Morning Book Discussion Group** begins a new book March 18, from 9:30 - 10:20 a.m., in the Parlor. We will read and discuss *Outlaw Christian: Finding Authentic Faith by Breaking the "Rules"* by Jacqueline A. Bussie. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$14.00.



## **SOUP LUNCHEON**

Sunday, March 18, at 11:30 a.m.

Our Holy Trinity Youth invite all to enjoy delicious homemade soups and chili.

Free-will gifts will be received for Holy Trinity Youth mission projects. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

## **PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS**

Sunday, March 18, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the Parlor

This class is designed for those who would like to learn more about Martin Luther and the Lutheran Church. Join us for an overview of Lutheran Church history, theology, liturgy, the church year, ecclesiology, and life at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information.

## THOMAS MASS

The final *Thomas Mass* of the season will be held Sunday, March 18, at 5:00 p.m. This service of Holy Communion is in the context of a meditative liturgy which has its roots in the Finnish Lutheran tradition. Included in this worship experience is the opportunity for informal movement between various stations for meditation and prayer.

## **THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM**

March 18, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

### **FIVE YEARS ON THE NAVAJO RESERVATION: AN EXPERIENCE WITH THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE**

Speaker: Moira Rafferty, MD

Dr. Moira Rafferty and her husband, Dr. Rob Bass, had the privilege of working at the IHS hospital in Chinle, Arizona, from 1996-2001. This talk will touch on the history of the Dine' (the Navajo people), provide some background information on the Indian Health Service, and tell a little about their experiences living on the Navajo reservation.

A light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30 p.m. Please make supper reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

## WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES

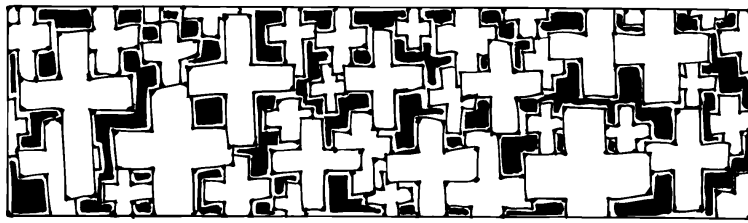
Popular Christianity often reduces deep spiritual truths to simple bumper-sticker statements or theological sound-bites. These can shape (and even distort) the ways people understand God and a life of faith. Our midweek Lenten series has explored several of the unhelpful (and misleading) things some Christians say in all sincerity. We have looked at the deeper truths that don't get said often enough. The series concludes Wednesday, March 21, with services at 12:10 p.m. (Holy Communion) and 7:00 p.m. (Vespers). The topic is "Salvation Is About Getting Into Heaven."

**JESUS SAVES.**  
John 3:16



## CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Construction is underway on the foundation for the new bell tower. We look forward to seeing this project completed in the coming weeks.



# Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

**8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL for all ages**

## ADULT EDUCATION

### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

#### *Outlaw Christian*

Chapter One: Tired of Dishonesty?  
Become an Outlaw Christian  
Chapter Two: Angry at the Almighty?  
Tell God the Truth

(Parlor)

Leader: Pastor Roberts

### **FAITH AND BIBLICAL WITNESS**

#### *Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation*



Grace and Justification

(Community Room)

Leader: Jürgen Pest

## **10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*The Lessons: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33*  
*The liturgical color for Lent is purple. A nursery is provided from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m., Les Beebe, Wilma Beebe, Jim Catel, Greg Farmer, Ida Proco; 10:30 a.m., Kim Hall, David Barney, Steve Ebling, Eddie Grubbs, Bob Howell, Karl Koenig, Mike Rooney. **Altar Guild:** Jackie Kluender & LeAnn James. **Acolytes:** 8:30 a.m., Clayton Royer; 10:30 a.m., Colin Adams. **Crucifers:** 8:30 a.m., Clayton Royer; 10:30 a.m., Steena Johnson. **Lectors:** 8:30 a.m., Jim Rodman; 10:30 a.m., Ann Mitchell & Janet Loy. **Assisting Ministers:** 8:30 a.m., Steve Euhus; 10:30 a.m., Mary Ann Lippincott. **Greeters:** 8:30 a.m., Nancy Mach & Esther Keene; 10:30 a.m., Dana Koenig & Kay Nunley. **Communion Assistants:** 8:30 a.m., Ted Krueger; 10:30 a.m., Jeff Schneider. **Coffee Hour:** 8:30 a.m., Betty Jo & Randy Marling; 10:30 a.m., Jen Riddel & Moira Rafferty. **Beacon Assistants (March 21):** Carol Barclay, Marsha Johnson, Harvey Huiner, Elizabeth Clarke. **Bulletin Folder (March 23):** Anna-Liisa Rosner.

## **11:30 A.M. - SOUP LUNCHEON**

## **2:00 P.M. - PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS**

## **5:00 P.M. - THOMAS MASS**

## **6:00 P.M. - THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM**

### **THE WEEK OF MARCH 18 - 24**

<u>MONDAY,</u>	10:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	7:00 P.M.	- BIBLE STUDY - <i>Star Wars in the First Century: A Study of the Book of Revelation</i>
	8:00 P.M.	- COMPLINE (Prayer at the Close of the Day)
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	1:00 P.M.	- BIBLE STUDY - <i>Acts</i>
	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	7:00 P.M.	- LENTEN VESPERS
	7:30 P.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	11:00 A.M.	- SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP
	5:30 P.M.	- DINNER & HOLY COMMUNION at The Summit
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	10:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS

## **IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY**

Hospitalized and released to Guggenheimer Rehabilitation Center is **Dietrich von Schmettow**. . . Congratulations to **Danielle** and **Jason Krueger** on the birth of **Cora Marie**. Proud grandparents are **Lisa** and **Ted Krueger**. . . Congratulations to **Bea Pendleton** on the birth of great granddaughter **June Bea Smith**.

## **PARISH NURSE SCHEDULE**

Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff will not have office hours Thursday, March 22. She returns to regular schedule the following week.

## **LUTHER HERITAGE TOUR**

Our Holy Trinity Luther Heritage tour for adults, which will be August 1 - 13, is open for registration until **March 31**. Included in the itinerary are visits to Salzburg, Austria; Berchtesgaden; Rothenburg ob der Tauber; Nuremberg; Leipzig; Berlin; Nordhausen; Luther sites in Wittenberg, Torgau, Eisenach, Erfurt, and Eisleben; and, a visit to our sister congregation, Luther Church, in Holzminden, Germany. Please see Pastor Roberts for additional details.

## **NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED**

We will welcome new members into Holy Trinity in the coming weeks.  
Please speak with Pastor Roberts if you are interested in joining our church family.



## **SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT**

Our **March** outreach project is a canned food drive for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. Grocery bags, complete with an attached suggested shopping list, are available in the narthex. We are asked to please fill and return the bags during the month of March. Monetary contributions are also encouraged. Special envelopes are available on the narthex desk. The Food Pantry assisted 6,055 individuals (2,220 families; 3,631 adults; and, 2,424 children) in 2017.

## CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES THE WEEK OF MARCH 18 - 24

**Sunday, March 18**

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (ages three - grade twelve)

11:30 a.m. - Soup Luncheon (all youth)

### LENTEN OFFERINGS

Our special Lenten offerings are used for the broader work of the Lutheran Church through the Virginia Synod. Virginia Lutheran Homes serves hundreds of aging residents in three locations across the Virginia Synod: Brandon Oaks, a life-care retirement community, and Brandon Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center are located in Roanoke; and, Luther Manor, at Virginia Beach, and Luther Crest, at New Market, provide apartment living and supportive services for residents who need subsidized rental assistance. Virginia Lutheran Homes is one aspect of Holy Trinity's extended ministry through our partnership with the Virginia Synod. We are asked to use the special Lenten envelopes included in our envelope packets.

### SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

Our next sermon discussion group will meet Thursday, March 22, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor. We will discuss several previous Sunday sermons, copies of which will be provided in advance. Afterwards, those who desire may bring a bag lunch and enjoy lunch together in the Fellowship Hall. Please make reservations in the narthex by March 18 so that the reading material can be distributed in advance.

### NEIGHBORHOOD BLOODMOBILE

Peakland United Methodist Church is hosting a Red Cross Bloodmobile Thursday, March 22, from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. Donor reservations may be made online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or by contacting MJ Pearson at 434-841-9688.

## JEWISH-CHRISTIAN TEXT STUDIES

Sunday, March 25  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

"Temple Rites, Passover, Holy Week/Easter"

Join Rabbi Michael Gillette and Pastor Roberts for this interfaith learning opportunity.

## HOLY WEEK and EASTER WORSHIP

### March 25

#### **Sunday of the Passion**

*Palm Sunday*

8:30 and 10:30 a.m. - Procession with Palms and Passion Story

### March 28

#### **Wednesday in Holy Week**

*Spy Wednesday*

12:10 p.m. - Brief Spoken Service of Holy Communion

### March 29

#### **Maundy Thursday**

12:10 p.m. - Brief Spoken Service of Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. - Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

### March 30

#### **Good Friday**

12:10 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy

7:30 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy and Tenebrae (Service of Shadows)

### March 31

#### **Holy Saturday**

8:00 p.m. - Great Vigil of Easter

### April 1

#### **Easter Day**

7:00 a.m. - Service of Holy Communion in the Columbarium  
(The service will be held in the Nave if the weather is inclement.)

7:30 a.m. - Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m. - Festival Liturgy of the Resurrection

***Since the use of light and darkness is important in the drama of worship, please note that the Good Friday evening service begins at 7:30 p.m. and the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday begins at 8:00 p.m.***



### 2018 ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2018 Altar Flower Calendar is available in the narthex. Flowers are needed April 29; May 13; July 1, 8, and 15. The cost of altar flowers is \$77 per week for two vases. Payment for altar flowers should be made to *Holy Trinity*. There are no delivery fees or sales tax. Please contact Susan Barney (907-1244 or [skwbarney@gmail.com](mailto:skwbarney@gmail.com)) with any altar flower questions you may have.

## EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 1

7:30 a.m.



Please join us for an Easter Breakfast Buffet immediately following the 7:00 a.m. service. The menu features assorted egg casseroles, Canadian bacon, fruit salad, sweet rolls, bread, and beverages. A donation of \$3 per person is requested.

Please make reservations in the narthex, Fellowship Hall, or call the church office (384-8441) by March 29.

### SPRING SCHEDULES

Acolyte, crucifer, lector, greeter, assisting minister, coffee hour, and communion assistant schedules for the spring quarter have been mailed. Please review the schedule immediately, arrange for any substitutions that may be needed, and notify the church office of changes. Thanks to all for their faithful service in these various capacities

### THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Ida Proco**, coordinator; **Sherry Coker**, **Cheryl Gerlich**, **Martha Johnson**, **Louise Martin**, and **Carole Royer** for preparing dinner for Kids' Haven. Thanks to **Corrinne Cohen**, **DeVese Hughes**, and **Helene Hughes** who were to be the servers. Due to the inclement weather, Kids' Haven did not hold its Monday evening session. The food was donated to a very appreciative Daily Bread.
- Thanks to **Betty Camden** and **Norma Jean Glass** for assisting with our Wednesday Children's Ministry this year.
- Thanks to **Ann Mitchell** for delivering local outreach ministry items.
- Thanks to **Elizabeth Harrington** for once again hosting the Table Talk group at White House Properties.

### ADULT CPR and DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION

An adult CPR and defibrillator training session will be held Saturday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. This session will train, certify, or re-certify people in adult CPR and in the use of Holy Trinity's Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Please make reservations in the narthex or call or e-mail the church office by **April 4** to register for this free class.

### CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2018 Candle Calendar is available in the narthex. All are reminded of the opportunity to dedicate the candles used in worship each week to the glory of God in memory or in honor of loved ones or in celebration of special events (birthdays, baptismal anniversaries, wedding anniversaries, etc.). The tribute dedication is printed in the Sunday worship bulletins along with the altar flower dedication. Included are the altar candles, the sanctuary lamp, and candles for the *Globusleuchter*. The cost is \$20 per week, with checks made payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*. Please note "Candle Fund" on the memo line. Please contact the church office with any questions. Current openings include May 20 and 27; June 10 and 24; and, July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

### FLEA MARKET

Our annual Flea Market will be Saturday, April 14, from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The perfect place for unwanted "treasures" discovered during spring cleaning is to donate them to this annual sale. Popular items include furniture, children's toys, sports equipment, books, kitchen and cooking items, lawn tools, plants, small appliances, jewelry, and electronics. Please remember that we are unable to accept clothing. **All items need to be in good, clean condition and in working order.** Flea market items should be brought to the church between Monday, April 9, and Thursday afternoon, April 12. The proceeds support our Holy Trinity youth ministries.

### BRUNSWICK STEW

Brunswick stew is available for \$10 per quart. Please pay in the church office.

### HOLY TRINITY HISTORY AVAILABLE

Our newly-published Holy Trinity history is available for \$10 per copy in the church office.

### VIRGINIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 2018 Virginia Synod Assembly will be held June 8 -10 at Roanoke College.

Those interested in attending the Assembly as voting members are asked to speak with Pastor Roberts.

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### LAST CALL - EASTER LILIES

Those desiring to purchase lilies for the altar for the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday and our worship on Easter Day are asked to return the form below with payment (\$15.50 per plant) by **March 18**.

Lilies may be picked up following the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Day.

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

Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory \_\_\_\_\_  
(please circle)

Payment of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. (\$15.50 per plant)

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

Parish Administrator: *Carol Dee Robertson*

Director of Youth and Campus Ministries: *Susan H. Williams*

E-mail: *susanhtlc1000@aol.com*

Pastor: *Dennis S. Roberts*

Pastor Emeritus: *Stephen J. Schulz*

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