

*Pastor's
Message
for Lent*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wrote this a few years ago and I still think it is meaningful. What did you give up for Lent this year? That is a question I sometimes get asked. Well I will be honest, I did not give up anything for Lent.

Why do some people ask that question? At one-time part of the way you celebrated Lent was to give up some of your luxuries, and possibly fasting for Lent. One of the best known was no meat on Friday's (McDonalds Filet-o-Fish sandwich). Some of you even went to school and had fish on Friday's as part of Lent.

Why do something like that when we are not Catholic you may ask. But it is not just a Catholic thing, it was a Christian thing to deny yourself something that mattered to you to help you focus on the purpose of Lent. The mediation on Christ's Suffering and death on our behalf.

But let us be honest, there is nothing we can really do during Lent that even matches what Christ did is there? There is no food we can give up; no luxury we can give up that even comes close.

So why do we even celebrate Lent? To remind us once again of who we are. We are sinful human beings in need of a Savior. Let me say it again, we are sinners in need of a Savior.

We live in a world that talks about empowerment, self-reliance, pull yourself up by the boots. All things that lead us away from God. We often forget who we are and what we are. Lent is a time to remember and reflect on that fact. It grounds us in remembering exactly why Jesus came.

As the Gospel says we have in mind the things of Man not of God. Lent is one of those times that tries to draw us back to having the things of God on our minds.

So what are some practical things we can give up for Lent.

I still like the old stand by Brussel Sprouts, and Broccoli. But to me that is not much of a sacrifice. Some have tried giving up coffee, the internet, instant messaging, facebook, etc. That is closer to what we mean by giving something up that matters to us.

But here is something that we really should give up for Lent, self. Until we give up self for Lent, we will never really understand God's call to us to pick up His cross and bear it.

The Gospel lessons this year for Lent ask some tough questions of us, and I think they really need to be listened to. Are we willing to listen? Are we willing to put ourselves on the back burner, and put Him first?

You see to me that is the key to Lent. Realizing that God is everything and I am nothing. Once we do that I think we have Lent pretty well nailed down. But it is not easy. For many of us we have been trying to do it all of our lives and don't have it yet.

But that is OK. We are His work in process. That is what Lent is for!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Marshall

OTHER NEWS



Birthdays for the month of March

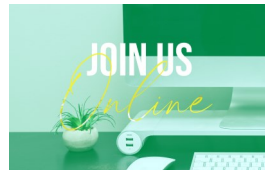
- 2 Maribeth Floyd
- 3 Arleen Parsley
- 3 Eddie Parsley
- 5 Phyllis Dunger
- 7 Margaret Alexander
- 12 Barbie Parsley
- 20 Jeffery Bunting
- 25 Don Richter
- 26 Maxine Malone
- 29 Tricia Jacobs

If we forgot you, we apologize, it means we most likely don't have it. Please see that the office receives it. Thanks

Perfect Attendance!

Sunday School Attendance for the month of January

- Adults:**
 Phyllis Dunger
 Pat Baughman
 Margaret Alexander
 John Alexander
 Don Richter
 Tricia Jacobs
 Susan Marshall
 Donna Marshall
 Bill Witt



Sunday Average Attendance for February- 38

Sunday Average Attendance online for February- 38

February Online Views 31

February Offerings— \$16706.00

Lenten SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, March 1st, 6:30 Mid-week Lenten 1
Worship
- Wednesday, March 8th, 6:30 Midweek Lenten 2
Worship
- Wednesday, March 15th, 6:30 Midweek Lenten 3
Worship
- Wednesday, March 22nd, 6:30 Midweek Lenten 4
Worship
- Wednesday, March 29th, 6:30 Midweek Lenten 5
Worship
- Sunday, April 2nd, 10:45 Palm Sunday Worship
- Thursday, April 6th, 6:30 Maundy Thursday
Worship
- Friday, April 7th, 6:30 Good Friday Worship
- Sunday, April 9th, 9:30 Easter Breakfast
10:00 Easter Egg Hunt
10:45 Easter Celebration
Worship



Baptismal Anniversaries for the month of March

- Charleen Weathers
- Julie Shorts
- Pat Parsley
- Arleen Parsley
- Kaye Meins
- Reese Edgerly

LWML NEWS

MARY GUILD

Mary Guild met on February 9, 2023 with ten members and Pastor Marshall present. Arleen Parsley opened the meeting with a devotion entitled, "Being Who You Are. . ." Many of us try to deny who we are but Mary claimed who she was--a wife, a mother whom all generations would call blessed, a woman of God and more. We are to give glory to God because He has made us who we are--His children, blessed by Him in so many ways.

After the officers' reports, Kaye Meins presented a summary from the annual board meeting which was held via the internet this year. There will be a Christian Life retreat September 15-17 at Mt. Eagle near Clinton, Arkansas. More information will be supplied as the date for the retreat gets closer. Mitzi Dixon from Gillette will represent our Zone at the National LWML Convention this summer. Erin Foster is the alternate representative. The Spring Fling (takes the place of the Spring Rally) is to be in DeWitt/Gillette. More information later from DeWitt/Gillette guild.

Our mission project for February was a monetary donation to Lutheran Indian Ministries. We collected \$250.

In March, Phyllis Dunger will have the devotion, Pastor Marshall will present the topic and Arleen Parsley is the hostess. The mission project is a monetary gift for Lutheran World Relief. We hope to be able to buy two goats which will go to a family in order to bring more income to their household.

We closed with the League Pledge.

Submitted by
Kaye Meins

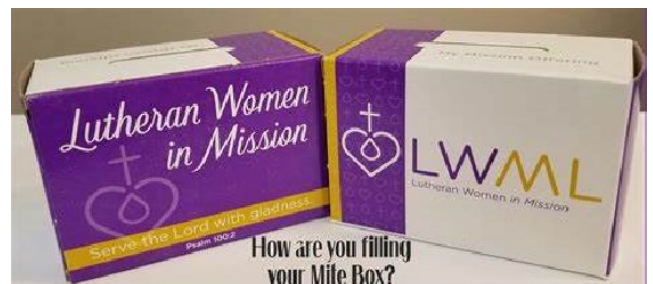
ESTHER GUILD

Beginning in January LWML's Esther Guild changed to a Mailbox Member program. We have 15 ladies participating. This program is designed to reach ladies who want a role in the activities of LWML but cannot come to a regular, in person, meeting. Information is sent out monthly via email to each lady with devotions, projects, and news about the LWML. So far, emails have been sent in January and February.

In January, a devotion on New Year's resolutions, was provided along with book marks to color and keep or to send to friends. In February, a bible study was provided along with a devotion, and news about LWML reaching its national mites goal for the current biennium.

In March we will have our quarterly fellowship after church on March 26th at Momma's Diner, a local restaurant in the shopping center at the corner of 28th and Catalpa. Whether or not signed up for the Mailbox Member program, all ladies are welcome. Please let Erin know if you are planning to attend.

If you have signed up to participate but have not seen one or both emails, please let Erin Foster know and she can resend the information to you. If you are interested in being a Mailbox Member, please contact Erin Foster at emboggan@gmail.com or 870-692-5011.



TRINITY WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website has been updated to include access to the live stream of our worship and bible studies. Go to www.trinitylutheranpb.org, under the Menu on the right hand side click on the You Tube Live Stream. Then click You Tube Video. When we are live you can watch it there.

If you want to watch the recording click on Social Media at the top right, click the YouTube address. That will take you to our YouTube channel. Once there click "Live" on the page, and there you can see the recordings.

UPDATE ON OUR BROADCAST

Some of our watchers may wonder why we aren't broadcasting on Facebook anymore. Well on Christmas Day facebook's bots decided to ban us from broadcasting for a month, or reasons we will not say. Of course there is no way to contact them so we needed to find another way to broadcast. So we went to youtube and started broadcasting there. We are broadcasting on Zoom and then share on youtube from there. Here is the direct link to our youtube or you can do as Erin mentioned above. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnkah2JqGwLDiudmTBDQaGQ>



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COMING EVENTS at CAMP TRINITY

40th Anniversary Celebration

Camp Trinity is celebrating 40 years of ministry this year! All friends of the camp are invited to an anniversary celebration May 21 at camp.

The camp was incorporated as Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean in July 1983 and has served thousands of campers and guests since then, providing a place for faith building, fellowship, fun, and exploring the wonder of God's creation on Petit Jean Mountain.

Telling the good news that Jesus Christ came to seek and save the lost is central to the camp's mission, but Gospel proclamation at the site did not begin with the formation of the camp. The camp came into being on the grounds of a small chapel where the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church had been worshipping since 1886.

When the membership dwindled to the point that the congregation could no longer be sustained, the remaining members deeded the 20-acre property to an association of Lutheran congregations to serve as a Christian camp and retreat center. Pastor Duane Brunette of Christ Little Rock led the transition.



The retreat lodge at Camp Trinity

Camp Trinity will observe this milestone anniversary Sunday, May 21, in conjunction with a dedication and open house at the camp's newly completed retreat lodge. The open house will take place all afternoon, with the dedication service at 4 p.m., followed by a free barbecue dinner for all who come. Guests will also be able to tour the rest of camp, including the historic Trinity Chapel, now listed on the register of historic places.

All former board members, directors, summer staff, volunteers, supporters, campers and guests are invited to attend. Those planning to attend are asked to email the camp office ahead of time to help cooks with meal planning: director@lutherancamp.org

Trivia Night

LCMS congregations can compete to see who has the smartest members at the 14th annual Trivia Night April 29 at Christ Little Rock. The annual fundraiser for Camp Trinity is a night of fun, food, fellowship and friendly competition. Teams of up to eight people will vie for the Dinner Bell Trophy.

You don't have to be a brainiac to win; prizes will also be given to the team with the best costumes, best table decorations and most clever team name.

Concessions will offer burgers, dogs, nachos, sodas and candy.

The evening will also include a silent auction where those attending can bid on great items worth thousands of dollars. Prizes at previous contests have included lodging in any Arkansas State Park, lodging at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, Razorbacks memorabilia, hand-stitched quilts, sports gear, hunting camo, kitchen gadgets, shop tools, book sets, wine baskets, and outdoor furniture. Bidders can expect to see many of these same items at the 2023 event.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the contest begins at 6. Those interested can learn more and register at the Camp Trinity website: [Trivia Night | petitjean.lutherancamp.org](https://www.petitjean.lutherancamp.org)

Summer Camp 2023

Registration continues for summer camp 2023 at Camp Trinity. In addition to traditional camp sessions, the schedule includes an adventure camp for high school students and new graduates with a river float trip and overnight camping at the Buffalo River, rock climbing and, new this year, a trip to a zip-line park. The schedule also includes a new session, Wilderness, with emphasis on outdoor education. Campers will rough it as they learn survival skills -- but there will still be plenty of traditional camp activities like games, hiking, horseback riding and swimming.

Pathfinders camp was inadvertently left out of this year's camp brochure. The session is a 4-day, 3-night session for campers entering grades 2-4 in the fall. Set for July 24-27, Pathfinders camp will include hiking, games, swimming, archery, a trip to the petting zoo, crafts and campfires.

The summer season will have three family camps, two on weekends to accommodate working parents, and a new session on weekdays designed for families of pastors and church workers who can't get away on weekends. Grandparents are also welcome to attend.

The early registration discount deadline for summer camp is April 1. Parents can take \$50 off each child's camp fees by registering and paying the fees in full by the deadline. Other discounts are also available. Check the camp website to see the schedule, learn what sessions still have openings, and register:

[Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean](#)

Retreat Lodge Capital Campaign

Construction of the retreat lodge is complete. The total cost ballooned to \$700,000 over the two years since the project was launched, but contributions also exceeded expectations. All the bills are paid, but the camp did have to secure a short-term loan to cover the final bill from the contractor. To date 160 households and congregations have contributed \$380,000 for lodge construction, with another \$24,000 in pledges still coming in monthly over the next 18 months. Combined with funding from camp investments and an unexpected bequest, the camp is now within \$50,000 of retiring the loan.

Friends of the camp are invited to join us on the home stretch. Details can be found at the camp website:

[Lodge | petitjean \(lutherancamp.org\)](http://lodge.petitjean.lutherancamp.org)

Thrivent Choice

A reminder for Thrivent Financial members: Thrivent's Choice Dollars program lets members choose where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding each year. This program has been an enormous help to Camp Trinity over the years. But the timing is critical! You have until March 31 to designate 2022 funds to Camp Trinity or the ministry of your choice. It doesn't cost you anything except a couple of minutes of your time. You can do it online or by phone. Here's the link: <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>

Other Coming Events

Saturdays starting Feb. 25: Lenten services at Trinity Chapel, 5 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday starting March 1: Outdoor Classroom for homeschooling families

March 3-5: Linkt senior high retreat

March 25: Spring Work Day

April 21-23: Crop & Craft women's retreat



PUZZLE



A seasonal reminder

Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.

Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.



plants grow here



to coil and jump
(also a season of the year)



to expand and get bigger



seeds are planted in this



when watered, these make plants



another word for seedling

For as the _____ makes the _____



come up and a _____



causes



_____ to _____, so the



Sovereign LORD will make righteousness

and praise _____ up before all nations.



ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

MARCH 2023

	Ushers	Elder	Lector	Acolyte	Greeters	Flowers by...	Counters
SUN 5	Jimmy Herrod Phillip Dunger	Don Richter Waymond Meins	Erin Foster			Phyllis & J.P. "Thanksgiving for Phyllis' birthday"	Judy Clinton Julie Shorts Sharon Calabretta
SUN 12	Bill Witt Waymond Meins	Steve Shorts Don Richter	Steve Shorts			Maribeth & Robert Floyd "In celebration of Maribeth's birthday"	Phillip & Amanda Dunger
SUN 19	Steve Lochmann Robert Floyd	Bill Witt Steve Shorts	Robert Floyd			Judy & Rachel Clinton "In memory of Ray"	Tricia Jacobs Cherrie Bradley Lynne Russell
SUN 26	Jimmy Herrod John Alexander	Phillip Dunger Bill Witt	Cherrie Bradley			Mark & Judy Raddle "In celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary"	Joyce Anne Green Charleen Weathers

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Service Attendants

Altar Care: Kaye Meins & Phyllis Dunger



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 5 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship w/communion 12:00 Elder's Meeting 5:00 Pastor Preaches in Crossett 2 nd Sunday in Lent		 7 9:00 Pastor's Circuit Meeting at Grace Lutheran in LR	1 6:30 Midweek Lent 1	2 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Mary Guild	3	4
12 Daylight Saving Begins 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship w/communion 3 rd Sunday in Lent	13	14 9:00 Pastor's Circuit Meeting at Grace Lutheran in LR	15 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Mid-Week Lent 3	16 10:00 Bible Study	17 St Patrick's Day	18 
19 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship w/communion 12:00 Coucnil Meeting 5:00 Pastor Preaches in Crossett 4 th Sunday in Lent	20 Start of Spring (Spring Equinox)	21 9:30 P.B.Q.G. Business Meeting	22 10:00 Newsletter Committee 6:30 Mid-Week Lent 4	23 10:00 Bible Study	24	25
26 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship w/communion 12:00 Esther Guild Mailbox Member Program at Momma's Diner 5 th Sunday in Lent	27 9:30 P.B.Q.G. Sew Day	28 9:30 P.B.Q.G. Sew Day	29 6:30 Mid-Week Lent 5	30 10:00 Bible Study	31	

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