

# The Lamplighter

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## Faithful in the Cross-Currents

As we move into February, we are looking toward Lent, a time of spiritual preparation for deepening our trust in the saving work of Jesus. You could say it's "a matter of death and life" for us. Ash Wednesday falls on February 22 this year, and we will take time to remember that, as creatures, we will all die, but that in Christ, we have entered even now into a life that will ultimately not be held captive by death. Our worship service on **Ash Wednesday will be at 7 pm**. Each Wednesday after that for 5 weeks, we will gather at **6:00 pm for Soup and Salad suppers followed by a Lenten Worship Service** that will begin at 6:45 pm.

The midweek services this year will highlight agents of God's work here in this world through the centuries. The church year calendar commemorates many of these faithful servants. Through the Lenten series "**Sing with All the Saints in Glory**," we will remember and give thanks for some of these Saints.

Last month we honored one of those wise ones who have gone before us, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. His legacy reminds us that struggles in our nation have flared in earlier generations, and the wisdom of leaders in the past can continue to help us now.

Our nation and our world still must deal with a very full load of trouble. Economic insecurity brings increased hunger and homelessness, diseases and disasters bring anxiety and disruption, and there are struggles over changes that people disagree about deeply. We try to figure how we should respond. How do we as followers of Jesus deal with overwhelming cross currents in these times of transition?

Dr. King wrestled with these same kinds of questions. I ran across this apt quotation from "Where Do We Go from Here?" his last presidential address at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"There is nothing wrong with power if power is used correctly... And one of the great problems of history is that the concepts of love and power have usually been contrasted as opposites—polar opposites—so that love is identified with a resignation of power, and power with a denial of love.

Now power properly understood is nothing but the ability to achieve purpose. It is the strength required to bring about social, political, and economic change.

What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love."

Micah 6, the Old Testament lesson for last Sunday, sheds light on God's way of being in our world: "Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God." May the Light of Christ guide your pathways in this new year.

Pastor Karen Husby



E-Connect - Thursday,  
2/16 @ 6pm @Afdahl  
house. Mtg. with Pastor  
Nancy Nyland.

Council Meeting - Mon.  
2/20 @ 7pm

Staff Meeting - Wed.  
2/15 @ 11:30a



2/16 Council Items due to the office

2/20 Newsletter Items due

*All items to be turned in via e-mail  
in a Word document or in the  
body of the e-mail.*

Send to: [trinity2620@live.com](mailto:trinity2620@live.com)



### THANK YOU TO THE JANUARY WORSHIP SERVANTS:

**Lay assistants:** Gayle Bland, Carol Hawn, Linda Afdahl, Eli Moffett, Gordon Afdahl.

**Recording/sound engineers:** Adam & Jody Pomfret; Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller.

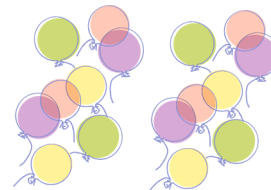
**Altar Care:** Jody Pomfret, Suzi Bloomer, Sue Gosse, Denise Taylor, Pat McIntyre.

**Communion Bread:** Jody Pomfret, Sandy Teeters, Donna Gustafson, Carol Hawn, Denise Taylor.

**Ushers:** Aiden Pomfret, Pete & Donna Gustafson, Bob & Denise Taylor, Suzi Bloomer, Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- |                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 2/3 Rudie Butler       | 2/13 Jim Rodenberger |
| 2/7 Rev. Dana Newhouse | 2/14 Margie Phillips |
| 2/8 Andrew Baber       | 2/14 Jim Ross        |
| 2/8 John Schoffstall   | 2/17 Robert Dierdorf |
| 2/9 Sean McLennan      | 2/19 Maggie McLennan |
| 2/11 Randy Bland       | 2/22 Cody Spallone   |
| 2/11 Aiden Pomfret     | 2/23 James Woolsley  |
| 2/11 Sandy Teeters     | 2/26 Luke Yeagley    |
| 2/12 Beth Faust        | 2/27 Arianna Greene  |



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3/5 Ray Bloomer        | 3/20 Isabel Rodenberger  |
| 3/7 Sherri Southwick   | 3/27 Michael Stewart     |
| 3/9 Daniel Goldsworthy | 3/28 Kristen Goldsworthy |
| 3/16 Larry Hawn        | 3/30 Dalton Brown        |
| 3/19 James Pendergast  |                          |



### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/2 Harry & Virginia English
- 2/25 Adam & Jody Pomfret



### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/18 Sean & Sheri McLennan
- 3/22 Nicole & Brian Stewart
- 3/31 Bruce & Karol Martindale

## VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY



Counters for January: John & Pat McIntyre

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Lay Assistant</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
2/5/23	Pete Gustafson	Aiden Pomfret & Gordon Afdahl	Denise Taylor (set-up/clean-up) Sandy Teeters (bread)
2/12/23	Sue Gosse	Marvin & Barb Mericle	Jody Pomfret/Sue Gosse (set-up/clean-up) Jody Pomfret (bread)
2/19/23	Pat McIntyre	Pete & Donna Gustafson	Jody Pomfret/Pat McIntyre (set-up/clean-up) Carol Hawn (bread)
2/26/23	John McIntyre	Maranda Schoffstall & Tina Teeters	Jody Pomfret (set-up/clean-up) Kim Schoffstall (bread)

**Consider giving to the 14th & Chestnut Community Center:** The local organization that helps children, mothers, and families is always in need of donations for various items. Consider giving to one of the areas they have in the Center or provide a cash donation to **help them raise funds for a new roof** that is needed.

*Programs & areas of need: Center's kitchen, food pantry, clothes closet, Merit Mart reward items, craft supplies, building needs, Grumbling Tummies Café, Moms Matter*



### Sisters of Providence: Upcoming Events

- ◇ - **Taizé:** Tuesday, February 14, 7-8pm.
- ◇ - **Winter Used Book Sale:** Friday, Feb. 17 - Monday, Feb. 20, 10am-4pm  
Foley Room, PSCC




Browse hundreds of gently-used books at our winter sale in the Foley Room across from Linden Leaf Gifts in Providence Spirituality & Conference Center. Items are not priced but donations are accepted.

- ◇ **White Violet Center to host 'Baking Sourdough Bread':** Thursday, March 2; 6-8pm

Want to learn more about baking sourdough bread? Then plan to join the White Violet Center for Eco-Justice for this upcoming program. Join via Zoom or in person, and learn sourdough bread-making basics, tips, tricks, and more on maintaining starters.

Cost is \$45, which includes instruction materials and a starter.

Registration deadline is Feb. 27. Register online at [Events.SistersofProvidence.org](https://Events.SistersofProvidence.org) or by calling 812-535-2932, or by e-mailing [wvc@spsmw.org](mailto:wvc@spsmw.org).



*The 2023 altar flower chart is now posted in the narthex. When signing up for flowers, write your name and the name(s) in honor or memory of. The cost is \$6.00 each.*

*Remember to mark your giving envelope with "Altar Flowers" when making your payment.*

*Thank you!*

## FIRST FRIDAY CARDS:

What a way to start the New Year. We had a full house at First Friday Cards as we watched for the Three Kings on January 6, the Day of Epiphany. Actually, in the friendly card game we play no one really wants to see three kings. We really don't want to see any kings or aces or queens or jacks. Low cards are our friends as long as they are not called as trump. However, if we have lots of low cards that are trump, we might as well see those three kings. All in all, we had a good game and a fun evening of food, fellowship, and cards. Good food was on the table and as usual, some had better cards than others. Some were very lucky and others just couldn't find a break. We will try to find the winning hand again on Friday, February 3 at 7 pm.



## **TRINITY WOMEN**

Trinity Women will meet on Wednesday, February 8, at 7 pm in the fellowship hall.



We will continue our study of angels with Hebrews 1. Denise Taylor is the hostess. Kenna Hittle will lead the lesson. All women of Trinity are invited to attend.

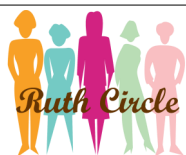
Summer is coming! Plan time for camp!



Brochures available in the narthex.



**Men's Breakfast at Cackleberries. Tuesday 2/14 & 2/28 @ 8:30am.**



Ruth Circle is gathering on 2/15 @ 10am in the library.



The **quilting group** will meet Sat., February 11th at 9am in the fellowship hall. Quilts are made for both LWR and Union Layettes. Experience required: being able to tie knots in your shoelaces.



**Annual Yard Sale:** The annual yard sale sponsored by Trinity Women will not take place this year. As a group we believe we just don't have enough energy or help to continue this project. Thanks for all of your support through the years.



## **Tuesday Zoom Bible Study 11:30-12:30 COME as you ARE!**

Topical Bible study using the book, *102 Fascinating Bible Studies*, written by a Baptist pastor, Preston A. Taylor. The unusual thing about this study is that each of the 102 chapters stand alone. There are 102 topics arranged in alphabetical order. Each chapter contains ten Bible passages with questions related to the topic.

We read the Bible passages and discuss the questions. We usually spend two meetings on each chapter. Talk to Johnny Neuenschwander who sets up the Zoom meetings. He will send you a link and reminder. Everyone is welcome to participate.

If viewing the pdf while you are online, you can click:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9142075889?pwd=VkU5R3BydFMzMzZ0ZzgyS3kvdjFkdz09>



**Online Bible Study**



Karen & Jeff Showers  
Amber McNamara Houston  
P. K. Johnson  
Cindy Wembley  
Don, Keith, & Larry Johnson



Cheryl Johnson  
James Rodenberger  
Sherry Tacker  
Ray Bloomer



We extend our gratitude to those who have helped to provide music for our 10 am worship services in January.

*From the*  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Our musicians: Charles Parks who sang a beautiful solo for the offertory on January 1<sup>st</sup>; the Trinity Choir who provided offertory anthems on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>; and Trinity Ringers who provided prelude and offertory music on January 15<sup>th</sup>

Our corps of cantors: Charles Parks, Patricia McIntyre, John McIntyre, Bill Strecker, Elizabeth Eichmiller, and John Neuenschwander.

Our Parish Administrator Jennifer Black for providing all our printed and online worship materials, keeping us informed of our schedule of activities and performing many unseen but necessary tasks.

Special thanks and appreciation are offered to Dr. Patricia McIntyre and Pastor Donna Glazier who led our worship on January 1<sup>st</sup> and January 8<sup>th</sup> respectively. We are blessed to have the leadership, skills and talents of each of these women within the Trinity Congregation.

And last, but certainly not least, our gratitude is extended to Pastor Karen for her leadership of our congregation, her meaningful messages and her pastoral care. We are blessed to have her leadership of Trinity during these challenging times.

Trinity is blessed to have all of you sharing your talents in service to Christ during our worship services.

Thank you all.



### ORGAN NEWS

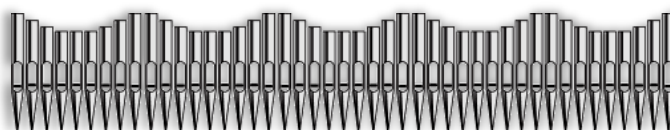
*Our new organ, the Opus 13, will be delivered on Sunday, February 19 after the service. Those that would like to stay and help unload are welcome, though it is not necessary. The parts will be laid out on the church pews. Monday work will begin to set up the organ. That first week will be to assemble the organ. Weeks 2, 3 and 4 will be for tonal finishing, final action adjustment, and final through-tuning. The end of week 4 is March 11. Details on the dedication have yet to be determined.*

### **OUR 2022 ORGAN FUND UPDATE**

The Organ Committee launched its pledge drive three years ago – Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019. We appreciate all gifts received to date. The **onsite organ construction work is now expected to begin in February.**

Through December 31, 2022, **\$140,479 in cash gifts** had been received and a total of \$132,113 had been paid to date (\$118,125 on the organ contract and \$13,988 for other construction costs). An estimated \$27,887 remains to be paid for the projected total cost of \$160,000. With outstanding pledges of \$5,772, there remains total **unfunded costs of \$13,749**. Although the use of “internal borrowing” is currently expected to be adequate to pay these unfunded costs, **we welcome your continued support to help cover the estimated unfunded costs.**

Sincerely,  
The Organ Committee



## Bottle Cap Collection

We are collecting bottle caps for Reach Services in Terre Haute. Info on what is accepted is located in the narthex. We look forward to collecting caps and lids & building more benches! For more information, contact Elizabeth Eichmiller @ 812-698-3365 or ebrochin95gmail.com)

**Pastor's Discretionary Fund** assists with individuals in need of assistance, primarily utility needs by working with the Salvation Army. Any help replenishing this fund is greatly appreciated. *Mark your offering envelope to donate.*

## TRINITY BLESSING BOX

Many vulnerable people are served through this ministry. And several people come to the box every week. Please consider donating by adding to the baskets in the NARTHEX!

### What is needed?

- ♦ **Hygiene items:** Shampoo, combs, brushes, toilet paper, feminine care products, toothbrush/paste, deodorant, razors, hand soap, dish soap, hand sanitizer, baby supplies.
- ♦ **NON-perishable SAFE items (NOT expired).** Best if cans have pull rings: vegetables, beans, rice, cereals, condiments, dried fruit, canned meat, pasta, peanut butter, and crackers .
- ♦ Consider the **SEASON**.
- ♦ **Not acceptable:** Produce, damaged cans or boxes, dairy.

Special thanks to the monthly coordinators who have helped to stock the box: January: Pomfret



**Sign-up for 2023 is located in the narthex!**

**Help Stock the Blessing Box**

## PENNY POWER OFFERING

On the last Sunday of each month, our pennies are donated to Lutheran World Hunger in order to buy milk for children in a developing country.

January	4,973
February	7,851
March	5,410
April	13,672*
May	6,624
June	9,124
July	4,171
August	5,554
September	4,918
October	4,854
November	2,392
December	8,182
<b>2022 Total:</b>	<b>77,725</b>



*Equals 77,725 cups of milk for needy children.  
\*includes a special \$80 gift to ELCA world hunger relief.*



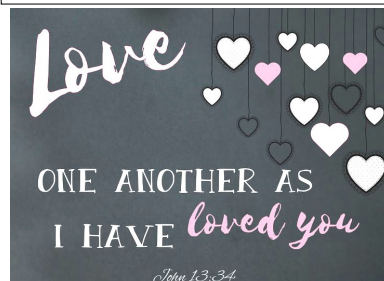
## Iron Sharpens Iron

### Men's Conference 2023

Saturday, March 25th  
Champaign, IL at the  
New Horizon UMC  
8:30a-4:55p

Early Registration Group Deadline is 10 days before the event. Visit [RPMFM.org/champaign](http://RPMFM.org/champaign) for more information and registration.

Event location: New Horizon UMC  
3002 W. Bloomington Rd.  
Champaign, IL 61822



# **United Campus Ministries**

## **Chili Fest**

**& Online Silent Auction**

**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

**11:30 am to 2:00pm**



**Mark your calendars! More info will be provided later.**

**Tickets will be available in advance or at the door.**

**(Snow Date March 5, 2023)**

**New Location: Central Presbyterian Church**

**125 N. 7th Street**

**Terre Haute, IN 47807**

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## February's Joke!

What do you say to an octopus on Valentine's Day?

*I want to hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand!!*



Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. (Colossians 3:14)



# Puzzle!

Slow down and uncover this message and Bible verse, using the code below.

A	B	F	G	K	L	O	R	U	V
1		2		3		4		5	
D	E	H	I	M	N	S	T	W	Y

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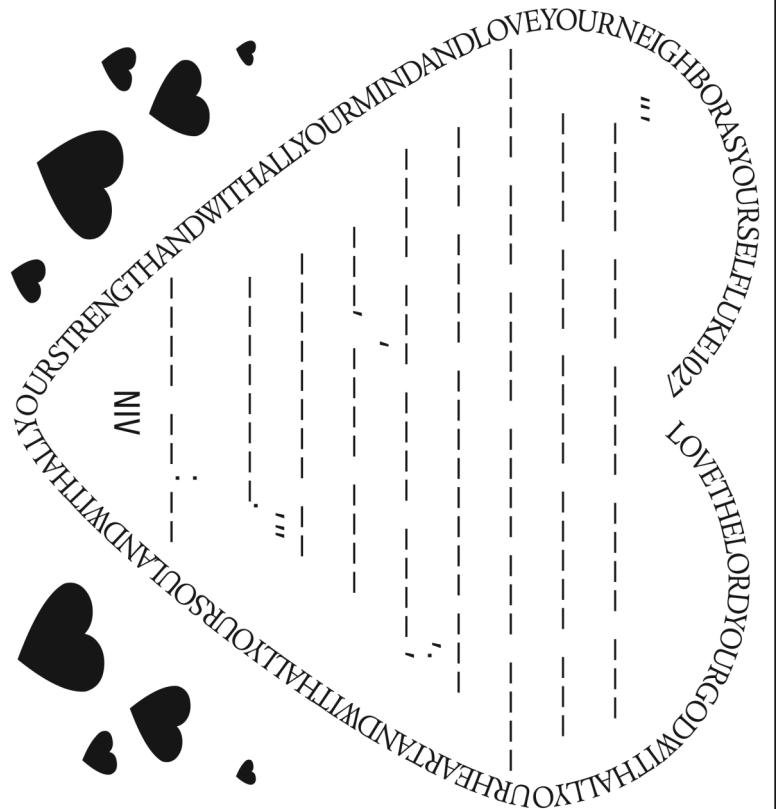
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Answer: We must talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

# Puzzle!

Draw lines to separate the words in the heart outline. Then, starting with "Love," write the words in order inside the heart to complete the two greatest commandments.



Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27, NIV







### MISSION STATEMENT:

Believing in Christ, we  
**GATHER, GROW and GO**  
with the good news of  
His love, compassion and forgiveness.

### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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TLC email: [Trinity2620@live.com](mailto:Trinity2620@live.com)

TLC website: <https://trinityterrehaute.org>

#### Office Hours:

Mon-Thur: 9:00a-12:00p

Contact Hours for the church office: 10:00a-12:00p

### Sunday Services

10a IN-PERSON &  
ONLINE SERVICE



[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCu1siDnnzqBNsnQM1xAH-Sw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu1siDnnzqBNsnQM1xAH-Sw)

### TRINITY'S VISION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming family of believers in the triune God; we believe we are called to live out our faith by serving others and making disciples for Jesus Christ.

#### Accompanying Guiding Principles

- We are committed to a triune God who governs our lives: God the Father, Jesus Christ—his Son our Lord, and the Holy Spirit.
- We acknowledge our spiritual weaknesses and accept our forgiveness as sinners redeemed by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection; it is by God's grace that we are saved.
- We praise God, pray for his help in our lives and seek a strong sustaining relationship with Him.
- We pursue the expression of Jesus Christ's teaching in our lives, supporting each other, and inviting all to join with us.
- We strive to be a community of believers, helping and supporting, within the congregation and in the broader community; we believe that we should love our neighbor as ourselves.

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