

TIDINGS

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Dear Friends in Christ,

“Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.” Luke 24:13-14

This easily could've been me if I had been alive and had the privilege of being a follower of Jesus. I love to run or walk. If I am trying to get to a place that has sidewalks or trails, I would rather walk or run there than drive. Some of you have been on the receiving end of one of my favorite sayings, “that’s walkable!”

Walking allows me to better see the world around me - the stores and restaurants people frequent, the natural beauty, the homes where we live. I especially love experiencing a new neighborhood or city by foot.

My favorite part of walking and running is the company. I have heard the stories of amazing people throughout the country. When people are moving side by side, hearts and minds are opening. We share joys, frustrations, aspirations, despair - just as the two disciples did. There is a bonding that occurs.

Although I prefer to be with others, some of the best conversations I have is when I am by myself. On the road to Emmaus, the two were blessed with the presence of the risen Christ who explained the scriptures to them. When I am walking and running by myself, I start to pray about my life, those whom I love, the world and especially those who live and work in the areas around me. A calm often comes over me as I open myself up for God to lead the conversation.

Not everyone is able to physically walk. If you are, enjoy a conversation with others on a walk. Take time to walk with Jesus. If you are not physically able to walk, call or meet with a friend, call a congregation member you don't know well to talk or meet for coffee. Set time apart each day to simply be with God in this Lenten journey with Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sarah

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- March 1 Dinner Church/Living Stations of the Cross Service at 5:30 (Fellowship Hall), Dinner 6:00 Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary at 7:00PM
- March 8 New Member Class at Noon
- March 22 First Communion Class at Noon
- March 29 Palm Sunday
Dinner Church at 5:30
- April 2 Maundy Thursday services at Noon and 7:00PM (with first Communion)
- April 3 Walk of the Cross, Irwin, starts at Noon
Good Friday service at 7:00PM
- April 5 Easter Sunday, join us for Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall between services
- April 18 Organ Recital at 7:00PM –mark your calendars!

³²And we bring you the good Tidings that what God promised to our ancestors³³he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising Jesus;
Acts 13:32-33a

Irwin Chili Wing-Cook Off - Thursday, March 5th - Holy Trinity will participate! All proceeds benefit the Backpack Project for Norwin schools.

Food Pantry

2026 Dates: April 18, June 13, August 15, October 17 (Thanksgiving), December 12 (Christmas)

Items needed currently, special requests:

Basic cooking spices	Kleenex	Bar soap	Antibacterial wipes/spray
Liquid soap	Laundry detergent		

Items always requested:

Mac & cheese/pasta	Applesauce	Baked beans	Canned fruit		
Canned tuna	Cereal	Granola bars	Pasta Sauce	Oatmeal	Paper Towels
Peanut butter & Jelly					
Potato/rice mix	Pudding Cups	Toilet Paper			
Peanut Butter and Cheese Crackers		Cake/muffin/brownie mix			
Chef Boyardee	Canned Vegetables				

Many thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" in the subject line on your check or you may use one of the pew envelopes. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comcast.net

Church Finances

CONGREGATIONAL AVERAGE OFFERING JANUARY 2026

<u>2026 BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET NEEDS WEEKLY</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$392,407.00	\$7,547.00	\$11,889.59
<u>2026 IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>	<u>WEEKLY GOAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$24,000.00	\$461.00	\$219.25

Holy Trinity now accepts donations thru Venmo
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Online TithingThe church has set up online giving through **Tithe.ly**. (the church incurs approximately a 3% fee or you may add the fee into your donation to cover that 3%). To donate through online giving please visit: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1399928>

Trinity Lutheran Care Fund (TLC) is a ministry of the church that offers assistance to members of the congregation experiencing financial need, due to extreme, unusual and/or medical circumstances. If you'd like to request help, please contact Pastor Sarah, Julie Kuhn, or Jodi Waugaman.

THRIVENT Investors:

It's time to **remember HTLC with your Thrivent Choice Dollars**. Please either go online or contact your Thrivent agent and **select Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Irwin to receive your Choice Dollars**

Easter Flower Order

Flower orders are due March 8th. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

You may also contribute to World Hunger.

Lenten Coin Folders (now on paper) can be returned to the offering plate or mailed to the office. If you need an envelope to put your paper Lenten folder in, they are available in the Narthex. Please help yourself.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN OUR PRAYERS IN FEBRUARY:

DYLAN KUNKEL	NANCY BOYD	MARION KUNKLE	MARIE HOWELL	CHRIS KARPINSKY
RON HANKO	PAT LOUTSENHIZER	JOHN AND JANET KENNEL	BOB AND CAROL KELLER	
JANET MARTON	CINDY McCUNE	JIM AND BARBARA KERRIGAN	TOM AND JAMIE KENDRO	
MARCIA KRAMER	TIM AND JANIS KLJUN	SCOTT AND PAT KOOS	RON AND MICHELE KLINGENSMITH	
DIANE KOWALSKI	SUSAN KRAMER	KARLY AND CHRIS KOCHANOV	RAY AND MARION McFEELY	
BOB AND ELAINE LYNCH	JESSICA AND JARED MARSHALL	JERRY AND JULIE KUHN	LISA AND RYAN LUCOTCH	
DONNELL AND TAD MINERVA	LEN AND JAN LUSEBRINK	MIKE AND AILEEN LITTLE	KARL AND DEBBIE KUNKLE	
BOB HANKO				

LIFT UP IN PRAYER THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL:

SHANNON DAWSON ZACHARY ZEHNER BROOKE NEWELL



Thank you for the many expressions of sympathy on the recent passing of our mother, Ann Drury. Beverly Coulter and Donna Yusko.

We collected **\$516.91 on Souper Bowl Sunday** for the Food Pantry here at Holy Trinity.
Thank you!

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Clyde Stewart.
He passed to life triumphant on February 5.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Korry Clark,
He passed to life triumphant on February 5.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Ann Drury.
She passed to life triumphant on February 7.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with
Andrew and Jocelyn Snyder and family.
Andrew's mother, Rita Snyder passed to life triumphant on February 17.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with Cindy McCune and family.
Her sister-in-law and newly baptized member of Holy Trinity, Gail McCune,
passed to life triumphant on February 19, 2026.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

First Communion Class.....

Will be on Sunday, March 22nd from Noon until 2:00PM.

If you are interested in this class for your child, please speak with Pastor Sarah.

DINNER CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Dinner Church will begin at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall with worship and Holy Communion.

At 6:00 PM, we will join in dinner.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sunday, March 1

at 7:00 PM. Youth and adults portray those who Jesus met on his path to the cross.

Please join us in this meaningful reflection on the crucifixion of Christ.

Dinner Church service is 5:30 (Fellowship Hall),

Dinner served at 6:00 (Fellowship Hall)

Stations of the Cross at 7:00.

Come to 1, 2, or all 3!

Bible Studies.....

Monday night Bible Study meets at 7:00OPM.

We will be *Journeying with Jesus*.

Thursday Noon Bible Study continues weekly.

Women's Faith and Fellowship – Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00PM.

There will be NEW MEMBER CLASS on Sunday, March 8th at Noon. If you are considering becoming a member - please see Pastor Sarah for more information!

DEDICATION RECITAL FOR OUR NEW ORGAN

Saturday April 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM. Dr. Michelle Kardos CAGO, national Director of Education for the American Guild of Organists, will present a lecture-recital program entitled, "Stories We Tell," featuring compositions by McDowall, Price, Sakamoto, and an original improvisation by Dr. Kardos on a familiar hymn tune. She will be performing on the church's new three manual Allen GX-336DK. The recital is open to the public and free to attend.

COMMUNITY MEAL IN MARCH

Our next Community Meal will be held on Monday, March 16. Doors open for conversation and community at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM.

This meal is for those who are in need of a good meal, a sense of community, are lonely or would enjoy the joy of this evening. We also have clothing, food and personal hygiene items and other items that are available.

Lutheran Disaster Response Trip

Sunday, May 3, 2026 - Saturday, May 9, 2026

Lutheridge Camp & Conference Center 2049 Upper Laurel Drive Arden, NC, 28704

Our Synod's Lutheran Disaster Response Team will be traveling for a second time for a week of mission work to help restore and rebuild communities across Western North Carolina affected by Hurricane Helene. All experience levels welcome!

This trip is open for adults (18 and over) with a per person cost of ***\$200. A deposit of \$100 will be collected at registration to secure your registration.** (*Travel arrangements and expense reimbursements will be discussed closer to our time of travel and/or at our first planning meeting as a group.)

Please see Pastor John if you are interested in going or have any questions.

MEN'S GROUP SATURDAY, MARCH 14



The combined Men's Group, comprised of men from Holy Trinity, Brush Creek Lutheran, and Zion's Lutheran Church will meet for a presentation by Rev. Scott Bryte at Penn Zion on Route 130 in Harrison City at 8:00am.

This men's group will be featured in an article in "Wayfarer", our synod's magazine.

YOUNG AT HEART Sunday, March 15

at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to join with us for breakfast, fellowship, discussion and learning.

The presenter at our last gathering was Jennifer Miele, a former news reporter on WTAE TV. She shared her work and how her faith impacts her career. It was a wonderful presentation.

HOLY WEEK

On Palm Sunday, March 29th, before each service we will gather at Bell Park (on Main St., in front of the Irwin Fire Hall) and then **process to Church. If you are able, please join us at Bell Park before the service.**

Maundy Thursday will be held services at Noon and at 7:00PM (First Communion)

Good Friday - Walk of the Cross in Irwin, Noon (Holy Trinity is one of the stops)

Worship Service at 7:00PM



*Join us for Easter Breakfast
Sunday, April 5th
Fellowship Hall...
9:15am until 11:00am
Stop by to enjoy great food &
wonderful fellowship!*

Scrapbooking - Join us for Scrapbooking in the Miller Parlor-
March 25th at 7:00 PM.



SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

Summer Church Camping can be a highlight for many children and youth and can make a life-long impact on their faith. We are blessed to have two Lutheran church camps that Holy Trinity's children can attend for a week.

Lutherlyn extends the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ, by inviting all people to engage the Word of God, one another and themselves in an intentional, challenging, exciting, and fun outdoor Christian community centered in the grace of God and the goodness of earth and life.

Sequanota is a place that grants guests the opportunity to connect to God, to nature, and to others. It gives a connection to Christ, to creation, and to community. You will be sure to form meaningful connections while you are here and take them with you when you go.

Information on the two camps can be found on the bulletin board outside Pastor John's Office. You can also visit the website of each of the camps by going to www.sequanota.com or www.lutherlyn.com.

DATES OF AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

Our American Sign Language interpreter, Daniel, will be present for the 10:45 AM worship service on March 1, 15, and 29.

THEOLOGY ON TAP



Please note that our next gathering for Theology on Tap will be in April.
Due to Holy Week, we will not meet in March.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

3/1- Living Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

4/5- Easter Sunday breakfast- we need help serving and cleaning up.

6/14-15- Lock-in! We have youth from four different school districts, so we are waiting for the summer. Mark your calendars.

7/5-8- Mission Trip to Johnstown (flyer below). Please let Pastor Sarah know if you can attend by 4/26. HTLC will pay for half of the registration and we will be carpooling.

8/30-at noon- Meeting about the ELCA Youth Gathering for parents and youth. Those currently in 7-11 grades can attend. The 2027 gathering will be June 27- July 2- MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**Synod Youth Mission Trip
to Johnstown, PA**



**Celebration Dinner with
Nebraska Synod Youth!**

July 5-8, 2026

Cost is \$150 per youth

Registration
Deadline: May 1

**Holy Trinity will
cover half the cost of
attending**

Open to youth who have completed grades 6-12.
Rising juniors and seniors in high school are able to apply
to become Disciple Leaders who will be responsible for
leading teams over the trip! Information to come soon.

Stay tuned for more information!



<u>DUTIES for March</u>		Assisting Minister	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Lector	Altar Flowers
Sunday, March 1	8:15am	Joe Thomas	Maria Clark Tori McCune	Garrett Fennell	Donna Yusko	
	10:45am	Samantha Tinsley	Zack Tinsley Susan Siems	Ty Cessna	Debbie Kunkle	
Sunday, March 8	8:15am	Tracy McNelly	Joe Thomas Rochelle Belak	Hannah Glenn	Fran Sivonek	
	10:45am	Colleen Cochenour	Mike Stark Jeffrey Horvath	Justin Keiser	Jocelyn Snyder	
Sunday, March 15	8:15AM	Jaden Brittingham	Melissa Fox Lois Brown	Jericho Brittingham	Angela Brittingham	
	10:45am	LeNora Emanuelson	Eric Walt Joe Thomas	Will Little	Ryan Henaghan	
Sunday, March 22	8:15AM	Tracy McNelly	Jodi Smith Joe Thomas	OPEN	Dave Smith	Jennifer Morgan
	10:45am	Samantha Tinsley	Susan Siems Mike Stark	OPEN	Michele Klingensmith	
Sunday, March 29	8:15AM	Heather Newell	Debbie Gilkey Glenda Wendling	Daila Goodman	Mary Smaligo	
	10:45am	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Lisa Lucotch Kira Zyvith	Josie Lucotch	Colleen Cochenour	

Altar Guild

March 1 8:15 Lois Brown and Debbie Reed
 10:45 Tom and LouAnne Dawson
 March 7 Set Up Lori Thomas
 March 8 8:15 Lori Thomas
 10:45 Nina Saccamano and Debbie Curtis
 March 14 Set Up Tom and LouAnne Dawson
 March 15 8:15 Lois Brown and Debbie Reed
 10:45 Zack and Sami Tinsley
 March 21 Set Up Lori Thomas
 March 22 8:15 Lori Thomas
 10:45 Zack and Sami Tinsley
 March 28 Set Up Nina Saccamano and Debbie Curtis
 March 29 8:15 Lois Brown and Debbie Reed
 10:45 Tom and LouAnne Dawson

Greeters: 10:45

March 1 - Doug and Nancy Woodring
 March 8 - Eric Keiser and Sandy Tomko
 March 15 - Sonnie Freed and Luella Tomasello
 March 22 - Chris and Susan Richardson
 March 29 - Heidi and Grant Darby

Livestream: 10:45

March 1 - Bob Cessna
 March 8 - Tim Smith
 March 15 - Mike Henaghan
 March 22 - Zack Tinsley
 March 29 - Drew Rutkowski

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lent 2 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship with ASL Interpreter 5:30PM Dinner Church Service 6:00 Dinner served 7:00 STATIONS OF THE CROSS	2 Prayer Group 6:00PM Bible Study at 7:00PM	3 Property Meeting 7:00PM	4	5 Bible Study Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM (TBD) Irwin Chili and Wing Cook Off	6	7
8 Lent 3 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Noon: New Member Class	9 Prayer Group 6:00PM Bible Study at 7:00PM	10 Men's Group 7:00PM	11 COUNCIL Meeting at 7:00PM	12 Bible Study Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM	13 Girl Scout in the Fell. Hall	14 8:00AM- Men's Group meets at Penn Zion
15 Lent 4 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 9:30 Young at Heart 10:45am Worship with ASL Interpreter	16 Prayer Group 6:00PM Bible Study at 7:00PM <u>Community Meal</u> at 5:00PM w/dinner @ 6:00PM	17	18 Women's Group 7:00 PM	19 Bible Study Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM	20	21
22 Lent 5 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Noon: First Communion Class	23 Prayer Group 6:00PM Bible Study at 7:00PM	24 Men's Group 7:00PM	25 Scrapbooking 7:00 PM	26 Bible Study Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM	27 Girl Scout in the Fell. Hall	28
29 Palm Sunday 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship with ASL Interpreter 5:30PM Dinner Church Service 6:00 Dinner served	30 Prayer Group 6:00PM Bible Study at 7:00PM	31				

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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