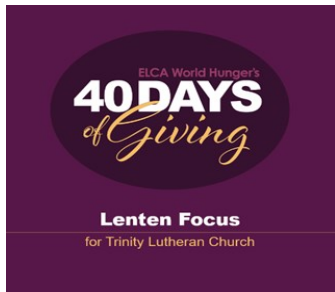


# T-N-T/TRINITY NEWS & TIDBITS

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ISSUE 3



From the Vicar's Desk:

Lent is the season of the church year that follows the Epiphany Season. We started Lent last month when we observed its beginning on Ash Wednesday, last February 22<sup>nd</sup>. It

is a time we set aside each year to remember the love of God that is poured out through Christ Jesus on the cross in His death; and His defeat of death, sin and Satan in Christ's death and resurrection that brings Eternal Life to you. This season has a penitential character, a solemn nature to it. This is to help us remember to be repentant and remind us of our sin and our mortality. The color purple is used by the church to remind us of the character of the season. The color purple is used as a color of penitence. This character is carried over in the words we use in worship as we will omit the alleluias until Easter. This is also shown in the length of the season.

Lent is 40 days long as a reminder of Christ's 40 days in the wilderness. We're reminded that Jesus was also tempted and that He stood firm against Satan's temptations. This reminds us that He is our strength against all temptation in this life and our need for Christ's death on Good Friday. It also reminds us why we have a character of penance in the Season of Lent: we are in need of redemption from sin, death, and Satan. As you begin Lent remember God became sin for your sake by taking on our sinful flesh and dying on the cross to atone for our sin with His blood. In this defeat of death, sin and Satan by His own death, He freed you from them forever; and as He rose from death, you too shall be resurrected from death to Eternal Life, being made into the righteousness of God as you are justified and forgiven in Christ. This is why we celebrate the season of Lent, to prepare us to receive God's reconciliation in Christ Jesus on Easter as we celebrate Jesus' glorious resurrection and the free gift of God's Grace that brings us forgiveness, Salvation, and Life Everlasting.

Dear friends, welcome to rest of the season of Lent. This year, I will be focusing on the ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving program. Lent is a season to reflect and remember, to look forward and ahead. During Lent we journey with the

Hebrews in the Exodus, through the temptations Jesus faced in the wilderness and to the foot of the cross on Good Friday. We remember our dependence on God and one another and reflect on the many ways we have fallen short of what God calls us to be. These are not easy times for many of us. We know the challenges our world faces. Yet, the season of Lent reminds us that God is not yet through with us or our world. Amid our own dependence on God, we know by faith that God is even now at work, drawing us toward the resurrection and restoration of the world.

This year, Trinity will be holding 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten services over the five Wednesdays in March that follow after Ash Wednesday. During those services, we will journey through the Book of Psalms. We will share in the joy of Psalm 32; examine the promise of rest and security in Psalm 121; learn our place in the world with God the creator in Psalm 95; read the familiar lines of Psalm 23; and encounter the psalmist's plaintive cries in Psalm 130.

In these ancient hymns, we can encounter our spiritual ancestors, whose faith sustained them through trials and tribulations, all of which serves as inspiration for the work that lies ahead of us today. Each of these are equally important sessions. I'm looking forward to joining all of you in this season as we encounter the Psalms anew and unite in our efforts to end hunger locally and throughout the world.

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## **Our Mission:**

**We invite and welcome all into the community of Faith, and, empowered by the Holy Spirit to Serve Jesus, to go out and share God's Love.**

If you have anything for the Newsletter, contact the office at 940-692-4100.

## COMMUNITY/SEVICE, GROWTH/ OUTREACH MINISTRY

### PENNIES FOR PRESCRIPTIONS.....

Interfaith Ministries are still implementing this program for the elderly and for persons who can not afford to buy their medications. We have a jug to put change in on the counter on Fellowship Hall.

### USED EYE GLASSES .....

Yes! We still do collect eye glasses and cases. Sunglasses are also needed. So don't throw your old ones away, recycle them and bring them to the church and put in the box for eye glasses. They will be delivered to Hayley's Eye Clinic

### FOOD BASKETS.....

Food baskets go Wichita Falls Area Food Bank, Interfaith Outreach and Faith Mission, So lets fill the food baskets to the rim. Let's help stamp out hunger in our neighborhood.

## TELLERS LIST

James Lawrence / Patty Lawrence  
Eric / Lauri Oehlerking  
Erwin Soell / Gail Deason  
Carol Jones

Remember if you are a teller on Sunday, and you cannot be one on the Sunday scheduled, you are responsible to find a replacement.



- **Welcome, visitor!** You'll find that in this church, we cherish God's Word as "a lamp to our feet and a light to our path" (Psalm 119:105). We are glad that you have chosen to walk with us today. And we hope that God will move you to share your spiritual journey with us.
- **The Golden Rule** is old, but it's as good as ever. It hasn't been used often enough to wear it out.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Tim Mussachio  
Frank Schneider

March 3  
March 28



## MARCH 2023 Lay Readers

Darlene Craddock  
Cindy Pearce  
Jeff Hams  
James Lawrence

Mar. 5  
Mar. 12  
Mar. 19  
Mar. 26

## MARCH LECTIONARY LESSONS

### **March 5, 2023: Second Sunday in Lent**

10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17      A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

### **March 12, 2023: Third Sunday in Lent**

10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42      Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others in faith.

### **March 19, 2023: Fourth Sunday in Lent**

10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41      Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

### **March 26, 2023: Fifth Sunday in Lent**

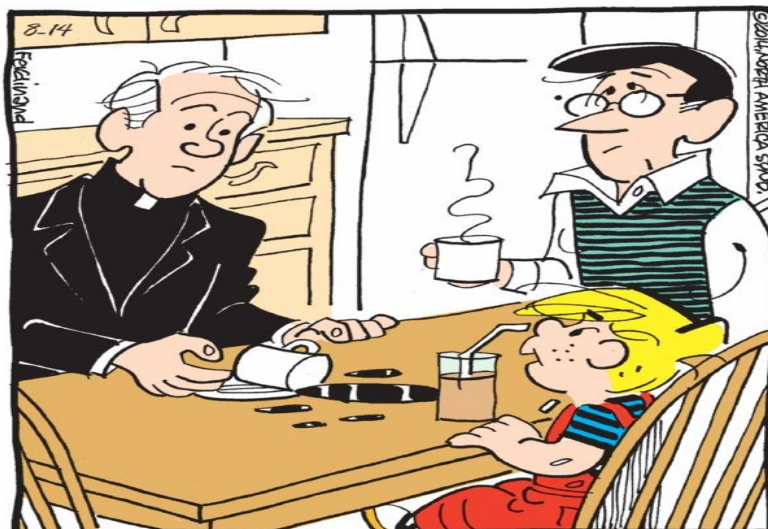
10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45      Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he falls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.



"DID YOUR CUP RUNNETH OR SPILLETH OVER, REVEREND LLOYD?"

<b>MARCH Volunteers</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>
	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce
	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
	Darlene Craddock	Cindy Pearce	Jeff Hams	James Lawrence
	Open	Catherine Lee	Cindy Pearce	Patty Lawrence
	Darlene Craddock	Cindy Pearce	Jeff Hams	James Lawrence
	Gail Deason Erwin Soell	Gail Deason Erwin Soell	Gail Deason Erwin Soell	Gail Deason Erwin Soell
				



*March 12, 2023*



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 In Stitches 10am  Lenten Service 7 pm	2	3	4
5 Sunday school 9 am Worship 10:15 am	6	7	8 In Stitches 10am  Lenten Service 7 pm	9	10	11
12 <b>Daylight Savings Time Starts</b> Sunday school 9 am Worship 10:15	13 ASG 1 pm	14	15 In Stitches 10am  Lenten Service 7 pm	16	17	18
19 Sunday school 9am Worship 10:15 am	20	21 AGS 9 am	22 In Stitches 10am  Lenten Service 7 pm	23 AGS 9 am	24	25
26 Sunday school 9am Worship 10:15 am	27 ASG 1 pm	28	29 In Stitches 10 am  Lenten Service 7 pm	30	31	