

# THE PIPER



MARCH 3, 2019

## Trinity Lutheran Church

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### PRAYER LIST

#### TLC DISCIPLES

Carol Bernlohr, Jerry Wion, Jim Reynolds, Laurel Saville, Kevin Trostle, Carolyn Kresen, Pat Corbett, Cleo Campbell, Stechele Family

#### TLC FRIENDS

Jessica (paralyzed), Melissa & Family, Judi (terminal cancer), Dick Brownson, Richard & Deloros Broking, Don Hoffer, Alan Sellner, Marc Frey (health issues), the Woods Family

Next week all names will be removed from the prayer list.

### TRINITY EVENTS

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 am Quilting - **CANCELLED**

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship with Communion

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:15 am Worship with Communion

10:45 am Worship with Communion

11:45 am Social Time

#### MONDAY, MARCH 4

10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study

7:00 pm Bible Study

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 5

5:45 pm Zumba

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 6

12:00 PM Worship with Communion

7:00 Worship with Communion

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 7

5:45 pm Zumba

6:00 pm Bells

7:00 pm Choir

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 9

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship with Communion

**SPRING AHEAD 1 HOUR**

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:15 am Worship with Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship with Communion

11:45am Social Time

### CARE OF CREATION HIKE

MARCH 17th

Sign up sheet  
on the door to  
Fellowship Hall

Lunch provided

Hike 1:00 pm

QUILTING  
CANCELLED  
FOR  
MARCH 2nd  
Will be  
rescheduled

Readings  
March 3rd

Exodus 34:29-35  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]



ASH  
WEDNESDAY

MARCH 6th

SERVICES with Communion

12:00 NOON

7:00 PM

**EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS**  
are on the stand in the back of the sanctuary

Flowers are \$10/pot  
White Lilies, Tulips or Hyacinths  
Orders are due no later than  
Sunday, March 31st

Please include payment with order form

LENTEN SOUP & SALAD DINNERS  
Followed by HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Starting Wednesday, March 13th  
Dinner 6:00 pm, Holden Evening Prayer 7:00 pm

Sign up sheets for the first 3 weeks are on the doors to  
Fellowship Hall

Desserts requested Free will offering



SATURDAY  
MARCH 9th  
Turn your  
Clocks ahead  
1 hour

***TIME TO START PLANNING AHEAD - IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!***



**MAY 18th from 8 AM - 1 PM**

More information to follow within the next few weeks.

**CHALLENGE:**

We would like to offer a Lenten challenge. Look around your house and think of items you don't use anymore or clothes that you don't want. Once Lent starts set aside the equivalent of one shopping bag daily. The goal is 40 bags for 40 days. Lent begins **March 6** are you up to the challenge?



Karl, Maggie, Sara & Ron

Saturday, February 23rd  
**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**  
Food Packing Event at the  
State College Alliance Church

Participating were Karl Raynar, Sara & Ron Porter picture with Maggie, a new employee of the organization.

They packed 192 boxes with 36 bags each from 9 AM - 11 AM. The bags contained a vitamin mix with dried vegetables, soy protein and rice, to be sent to 3rd World countries where name children are usually hungry.

They say they had a fun time and even got to sample what the mix was like when heated after the session.

On behalf of Carol Falke and Hope Made Real, thank you for your contributions a couple of weeks ago. The collection was \$220.10, which will cover the cost of shipping one suitcase. Carol took eight suitcases with her filled with many essential items including vitamins, books, etc. to the children. Blessings. Esther E. Lauchle



**Church Treasurer's New  
Email Address**

Karen Hammel's new email  
is

[hammelk519@gmail.com](mailto:hammelk519@gmail.com)

DEEPER WATER YOUTH AT TASTE BUDS - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th



Pot Stickers



Bread Sticks

Sushi



Pot Sticker Filling



# ASHES TO ASHES AND DUST TO DUST: WHY LUTHERANS RECEIVE ASHES ON ASH WEDNESDAY

February 23, 2019 @lutheranlenses Faith, Lutheran One comment

Many non-Lutherans wonder why their Lutheran friends or family members wear ashes on their forehead at the beginning of Lent. Are they showing off? Are they trying to stand out? Is it some weird secret church ritual? What does it mean? Should I get them too?

There are three reasons why Lutherans go to church to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. First, the ashes remind people of their sinfulness. Second, the ashes remind people of their mortality. Third, the ashes remind people that they have been redeemed. Let's unpack this a bit.

Since ancient times, God's people have used ashes as a sign of humble repentance (e.g. Jonah 3:5-9; Job 42:6; Daniel 9:3; Matthew 11:21; Luke 10:13). This tradition was carried on by the early church and remains an important tradition today. When one willingly goes up to a pastor and receives ashes on his/her forehead, they are admitting that they are sinners in desperate need of salvation. They are admitting that they have sinned not only against their neighbors, but against God himself. The ashes show demonstrate that without God, all people are spiritually dead. The ashes remind the wearer of their need to repent and confess in order to be turned back to God. The ashes demonstrate our pleading that the Lord would purify us. The ashes serve as a tangible and visible sign of our failure to love God as much as He loves us.

The receiving of ashes on Ash Wednesday also remind people of their mortality, which is the direct result of God's condemnation of our sin. God said to Adam, "You are dust and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). Ashes serve as a solemn reminder that the price of sin is death. [Humans] cannot escape death. Often, people today feel as if they are invincible. It's easy to feel like we're at the top of the world, capable of doing anything that we desire. We keep ourselves busy doing "good" things but fail to recognize that in reality we are dead [people] walking. People don't like to think about death. Our culture has seemingly sterilized death. We make every attempt to avoid death. Death is uncomfortable. And, that's why ashes are so important. They are the physical reminder that God created [humankind] from the dust of the earth and one day all [people] will return to the dust of the earth. Ashes to ashes and dust to dust. The ashes force us to remember that we are merely mortal, and that God alone is sovereign and reigns for all eternity.

Ashes also tell us the good news of the Gospel! You see, ashes aren't just smeared randomly or haphazardly across people's foreheads. The ashes are given in the shape of the cross. In receiving the ashes, we remember that our Lord Jesus took on the fullness of our humanity. He who was sinless became our sin. Jesus the Christ was crucified on a cross. He was crucified for you. He descended into hell where he endured the fullness of the wrath of God on your behalf. Then Jesus conquered death through his resurrection. He was resurrected for you. In doing so, he has taken the ashes of our past and created in us new life, allowing us to live forever in the holy presence of God! He has redeemed his children, making us clean and new. Through the cross of Christ, the power of death has been destroyed. Through the cross there is life. The cross-shaped ashes on our foreheads proclaim the good news that sin and death have been conquered through the cross of Christ.

In many Lutheran Ash Wednesday services, the Lord's Supper immediately follows the receiving of ashes. We, who were once dead in our sins, we who deserve to die, come to the Lord's Table literally wearing the cross of Christ. Here, at the Lord's table, those who have humbled themselves before the Lord, who have admitted their sin, who know they deserve death, are instead given the new life that is only found through the body and blood of our loving Lord Jesus. Here, at the Lord's table, those marked with the cross of Christ are raised up, strengthened through God's mercy, love, and grace, and sent forth into the world to proclaim the good news!

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This year, Ash Wednesday is on March 6<sup>th</sup>. You are encouraged to find a local Lutheran church so that you, too, can join in this special occasion in which we humbly come before the Lord, repent of our sinful ways and receive the free gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. Interestingly, the ashes Lutherans receive are traditionally made out of the palm branches used previously on Palm Sunday, a day when people rejoiced and praised Jesus only days before they turned on him and yelled “Crucify him!” (Matthew 27:22; Mark 15:13; Luke 23:21; John 19:6) This serves as a powerful reminder that people are sinful, death is real, but Resurrection Day (Easter) is coming!

Come; all are welcome. All are in need of salvation. Let the Lord use the ashes of your past to create in you a clean heart and new life in him.



## International Women's Day

### March 8<sup>th</sup> is International Women's Day

The first International Women's Day was celebrated in 1908 when a group of 15,000 women marched on the streets of New York, demanding their rights. Since then every year on March 8th the world joins hands together to support, raise up, inspire and motivate women across all fields of work.

The purpose of this day is to focus on various themes such as innovation, the portrayal of women in the media, or the importance of education and career opportunities.

The Allegheny Synod has formed a Team to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the ELCA in 2020. Throughout 2019 and 2020 you will be invited to events and programs that celebrate the women in ministry in this Synod and beyond. We hope you will take the opportunity to celebrate with us the gifts of women.

Today we ask you to pray together for women around the world; especially those who live with oppression, fear, lack of adequate food, clothing, shelter, work and the means to sustain a meaningful life.

Throughout March, Women's History Month, you can take part in events that highlight women's gifts sponsored by Penn State's Gender Equity Center.

**March 12 + 6:30 p.m.** Bank of America Building

#### **MAKERS: Women in Business**

*Screening of film MAKERS: Women in Business and discussion with panel afterward.*

**March 20 + 6:30 p.m.** Flex Theater, HUB-Robeson Center

#### **Rachel Cargle: Unpacking White Feminism**

*Rachel Cargle is an activist, writer, and lecturer. Her activist and academic work are rooted in providing intellectual discourse, tools, and resources that explore the intersection of race and womanhood.*

**March 25 + 6:30 p.m.**

Freeman Auditorium, HUB-Robeson Center

#### **Ana Maria Archila**

*Ana María emigrated to the U.S. from Colombia at the age of 17 and has become a leading voice for racial justice, economic justice and immigrant rights in New York and nationally, first as co-Executive Director of Make the Road New York (MRNY), and now as co-Executive Director of the Center for Popular Democracy (CPD). CPD and its affiliates represent a powerful multi-racial alliance of immigrants, African Americans and white working class communities working to advance an agenda of racial and economic justice, and a vibrant democracy.*



Please save the date **Sunday, Sept. 8**, for **"God's work. Our hands." Sunday**.

Our dedicated day of service provides us with an opportunity to be "church together" as we serve our communities in ways that share God's love with all of God's people.

Save the date and visit [ELCA.org/dayofservice](http://ELCA.org/dayofservice) for updates to the ELCA resources.

We work every day to make our community a better place.

THIS IS A ELCA WIDE PROJECT BUT WE DO NOT HAVE A COORDINATOR FOR THIS PROJECT HERE AT TRINITY. The ELCA Executive Director of Mission Advancement, Christina Jackson-Skelton, sent this information to us.

If this looks like something you are interested in coordinating, please visit the ELCA Day of Service website and let the church office know so that any future correspondence about this project can be forwarded to you.

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Prayer isn't about us getting God to see things from  
our perspective.

It's about God getting **us** to see things from God's  
perspective.

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