# THE PIPER

## FEBRUARY 26, 2017



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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The flowers are given by Brian Woodland in remembrance of his mother's birthday.

#### PRAYER LIST

#### TLC DISCIPLES

Jim Reynolds, Jerry Wion, Ray Petersen (military), Kris Glad (military)

#### **TLC FRIENDS**

Pauline Harman, Jake Petersen (military), Gary Ayres, Stan Lembeck, Earl Sheatler, Gary Noyer (logging accident), Rita Shetler (degenerative arthritis and glaucoma), Mary Whitlock (cancer), Bill Sherman (cancer), Basil (cancer), Cathy (cancer), Rosanne and children, Amanda and family (cancer)



An organizational meeting for this year's annual Yard Sale will be held on Thursday, March 2, at 6:00 pm in the Peace Room. If you are interested in helping with this year's sale, please attend the meeting. If you have any questions, contact Roger or Sue Glad at 231-1249.

#### **NEWCOMERS' CLASS**

For those interested in learning more about Trinity or those interested in becoming a member, the next Newcomers' Class is set for Saturday, February 25, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you have any questions or want to register for the class, please contact Pastor Ron, <u>TLCRevRon@comcast.net</u> or 814-933-8514.

# **Spring Events**

Mark your calendar for the following events that will be taking place in the coming weeks.

### Friday, March 17

Dinner and a Movie

Dinner will be at 6:00 pm. The movie "Storks Find Your Flock" will be at 7:00 pm. A freewill offering will be received to help defray the costs. All are welcome!

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Spring Bake and Soup Sale for the Heifer Project will be held from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Palm Sunday Breakfast at 9:15. The signup sheet is located on the door to Fellowship Hall.
Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 9:30 am.

#### WEEKLY READINGS

February 26 Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

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Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

#### TRINITY EVENTS

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 am Newcomers' Class 10:00 am Zumba 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:15 am Worship with Communion 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship with Communion 11:45 am Coffee Hour 2:00 pm Synod Reformation Service First Lutheran, Altoona

#### Monday, February 27

10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study 7:00 pm *Mere Christianity* Adult Study

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 5:45 pm Zumba

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

ASH WEDNESDAY

Morship with Comm

12:00 pm Worship with Communion 7:00 pm Worship with Communion

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

5:45 pm Zumba 6:00 pm Yard Sale Organizational Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

10:00 am Zumba 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:15 am Worship with Communion 10:45 am Worship with Communion 11:45 am Coffee Hour

#### TLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017

Income \$ 166,594.38 Expenses \$ 156,703.76 Difference \$ 9,890.62

These amounts represent operating income and expenses and do not include any interest, dividends or investment value changes.



#### + Ash Wednesday 2017 +

God's grace and peace be with you as we gather this Ash Wednesday and begin our Lenten journey together. Please know that you are in my prayers. My hope is that in this season of Lent we all are drawn closer to our Lord Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit and know that Jesus is with us, leading us, and guiding us.

Most of us will be marked with a cross of ash and be reminded that, "you are dust and to dust you shall return". In this rite of the church we hear the law of our own mortality, and are pointed to the gospel of the life we have in Jesus.

The law tells us we are mortal. Our lives last only for a time. If left to our own all we could expect beyond death is the return of our bodies to the ground and dust from which God made us. The ashes and the words spoken to us remind us of the stark reality that without God we are nothing.

These ashes, this reminder of our mortality are placed on us in the sign of the cross. We are reminded in our baptism we were marked and sealed with the sign of the cross forever. In baptism we are united to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus himself tells us, "this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day" (John 6:39).

In the ash cross we remember that even dust and ashes like us receive salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. We are dust, but the Lord who made heaven and earth has come into the mud of our existence to pull us into his eternal life.

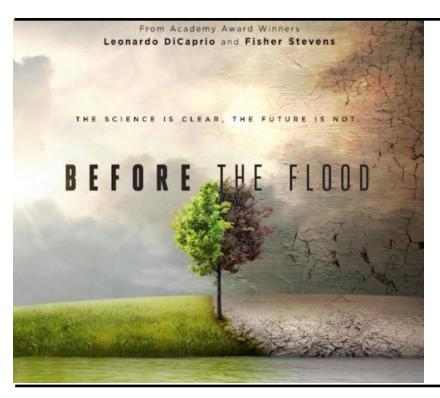
While we are comforted by this gift of salvation in Christ, these ashes come to us in the shape of the cross. The cross was the implement of our Lord's suffering, and the place where he sacrificed his body and his blood to save us.

Lent, then, invites us to remember the great love Jesus has for us. It invites us to examine our own lives. Are we being the people that this savior calls us to be? The answer will be, 'No'.

But the good news is even though we may not be what even we think we should be, Jesus is still calling, claiming, and working on us. Christ Jesus is alive and moving and calling dust and ashes like us to turn and follow him.

May God bless you in this season of Lent.

+Bishop Michael



# Free Screening of this new film explaining the facts about how man-made climate change is real.

This 2016 documentary on climate change debuted on National Geographic Channel this fall and became one of the mostwatched documentaries of all time.

Where: Howard United Methodist Church (144 West Main St., Howard)

When: Monday, February 27, at 7:00 pm with discussion to follow.

Refreshments served.

Questions?

Call Pastor Craig at (814) 933-7333.