

TRINITY CALENDAR

*events at Trinity Crossing

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday
Bulletin Deadline
9am TOPS
1pm Community Meal Prep
5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper *
6pm Choir Practice
7pm Worship: Imposition of Ashes
7:45pm Lenten Mentoring
8pm TLY Weekly Gathering

Thursday, February 27

Trumpet is Mailed
4:30pm Community Meal

Friday, February 28

Cardio Deo Youth Gathering

Saturday, February 29

Cardio Deo Youth Gathering

Sunday, March 1

Cardio Deo Youth Gathering
9am Worship
10am Fellowship
10:30am Education Hour

Monday, March 2

8am WWW *
4:30pm Weight Watchers
5:45pm Steady Warrior *

Tuesday, March 3

10am NO Bible Study
11:30am NO Staff Meeting
1pm PCT Meal Planning*

Wednesday, March 4

Bulletin Deadline
9am TOPS
5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper *
6pm Choir Practice
7pm Lenten Worship #2
7:45pm Lenten Mentoring
8pm TLY Weekly Gathering

Thursday, March 5

11am Princeton Ministerial Mtg
6pm Gateway Scouts

Friday, March 6

Girl Scout Lock In
10am Skelton Memorial Service

Sunday, March 8

9am Worship—Bennett Baptism
10am Fellowship Hour
10:30am Education Hour—1st Bible & Trinity U

Monday, March 9

8am WWW *
4:30pm Weight Watchers
5:45pm Steady Warrior *
6pm Fellowship Mtg
6pm Finance Mtg
6pm Property Mtg
6pm Worship & Music Mtg
7pm Council Mtg

Finances through January 2020

Income \$29,074
Expenses \$41,539
Difference -\$12,465

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Ash Wednesday**

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY: “I AM Jesus—The True Vine”

Jesus’ words are pretty ominous tonight: “Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned” (John 15:6).

Lent is a season of tending to fruitless branches. Giving up chocolate or some such similar “Lenten discipline” might not have much to do with the fruit Jesus calls us to bear. What if Lent has less to do with beating ourselves up by withholding chocolate and more to do with becoming tuned in (a) to what God calls to do as followers of Jesus and (b) how utterly reliant we are on God’s mercy, grace, and love that fills us and directs us in our “doing”—in our bearing fruit—as followers of Jesus. **What if the very first step of a fruitful Lent is acknowledging the ash of the first Jesus mentions... that without HIM we are covered by the ash of the fire to which our own pursuits, our own schedules, our own appetites, our own wants inevitably lead?**

Threats and warnings about fire aren’t the only things that Jesus has to say tonight though. Jesus also promises that our connectedness to him as branches of the True Vine isn’t completely up to us and our success at being good followers of Jesus. Jesus also says tonight, “You did not choose me, but **I CHOSE YOU**” (15:16). Yes, tonight we are marked by sign of our sinfulness and the ash of our abandonment of Jesus and his ways. **But we are also reminded that it is JESUS’ work of choosing us and working through us that matters most of all.** By virtue of even hearing these words, “I AM the True Vine, and you are the branches...”, we remain connected to Jesus.

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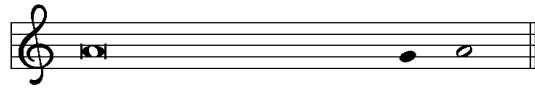
**PASTOR MIKE PANCOAST
PASTOR KARI PANCOAST
MINISTERS - EVERY MEMBER**

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CHIMES sound calling the faithful to worship as the ministers enter in silence.

*KYRIE (ELW p. 147)— “Lord, have mercy...”



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



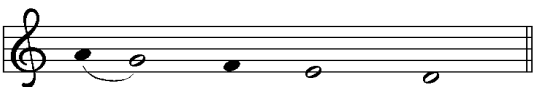
Lord, have mer - cy.



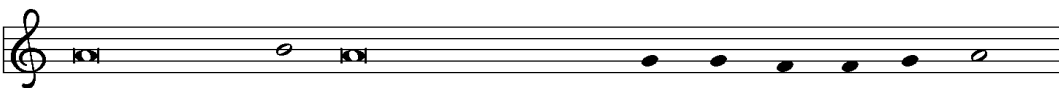
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**Members**

Steve Anderson
The family of Larry & Mary
Apel as they mourn the
loss of Larry's father
Kenneth Apel
Dorothy Bergstrom
Jim Dery
Susan Deyle
Katey Donais
Marlene Foss
Marlys Hanson
Phil Knapp
Bruce Lacher
Tad Larsen
Chellis Matz
Jean Miller
Emily Nelson
Ed Peterson
Bev Reed
Warren Reed
Dina Scandinato
Mike Scepurek
Cindy Schmatz
Loren Schroeder
Carol Skare
Matt Skarohlid
The family & friends of
Scott Skelton
Brenda Smith
Eric Strandberg
Joyce Tessmer
Ardy Tourville
Carol Warner
Chuck Warner
Barb Wicktor
Russ Wicktor
Dean Winslow
Ginny Winslow

Family Members & Friends

Peter Berry (Mary Berry's
son)
Diane Boser (Friend of
Dan & Jean Anderson)

Gerald Boser (Friend of Deann Kampa)
Jean Carlson (Chuck Warner's sister)
Virg Carlson (Chuck & Carol Warner's
brother-in-law)
Caitlin Christenson (Kenny & Joy Chris-
tenson's daughter-in-law)
Floyd Deuel (Ladonna Olson's brother/
Ken & Carol Carling's brother-inlaw)
Kendal Dyson (June Kunkel's nephew)
Rachel Fadden (friend of Ron & Judy
Peterson)
Jan Gale's daughter Jamie
Joan Gessar (Courtney Hoppe's mother
in-law)
Marian Grow (LaDonna Olson's sister)
Shirley Heyns (Chellis Matz sister)
Dale Kannegiesser (Elaine
Storck's friend)
Carol Kint (Ron Peterson/Jan Dery's
sister)
Cameron Kottke (friend of Meri Peder-
sen and family)
Janet Kruetter (Joy Christenson's sister)
Randall Lundgren (Debi's Pederson's
nephew)
Bryce Murphy (friend of Marlowe Miller)
Esther Neussendorfer (Danette Scepu-
rek's grandmother)
Janice Omtvedt (Ingrid Bavier's moth-
er)
Leo Overson (Elaine Storck's brother)
Elliott Pancoast (Pastor Mike's dad)
Tracy Pidde(Princeton 3rd grade
teacher)
Rob Savage (Friend of the Keller fami-
ly)
Robin Schmidt (Jan Gerth's daughter)
Andy Struthers (Maria Barlage's broth-
er)
Patty Thul's Sister Sheri
Stacy Turner (Marlowe & Jean Miller's
daughter)
Scott Wallin (Char Kramersmeier's son)
Eric Webster (friend of the Morisset fam-
ily)

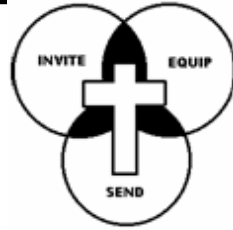
Ronda Wetzel (daughter of
Andrea & Ron Sandusky)

Serving in the Military

Andrew Anderson
Andrew Barthel
Claire Barthel
Jacob Benver
Brady Beauchamp
Eden Betzler
Ronald Duresky
Riley Forland
Derek Hanson
Anthony Mandt
Zachary Morisset
Ben Noard
Jaden Thimmesch

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Sydney (Fred & Heidi Street's
granddaughter)
Gwen Zimmerman



Trinity Volunteer Ministry

Elderly & Homebound Ministries

Meals Ala Car

Assist with meal delivery. Volunteer commits one month per year to deliver meals 5 days/week.

Contact: Ardys Alferness: 763.389.1826

Trinity Visitation Ministry

Provide companionship, visit and play games with homebound elders.

Contact: Joanne Hammerstrom: 763.218.1507 or Pastor Kari

Elim Home Worship Assistance

Assist in transporting wheelchair-bound residents to chapel for worship. Need is especially high during winter months. Meets 1st Tuesday of the Month @10:30

Contact: Helen Lundgren: 763.389.3659

(NEW) Companions for Older Adults

This service supports elders who live at home and require some assistance to remain on their own.

Some training required.

Contact: [Lutheran Social Services](#): 651.310.9440

(NEW) Great River Faith in Action

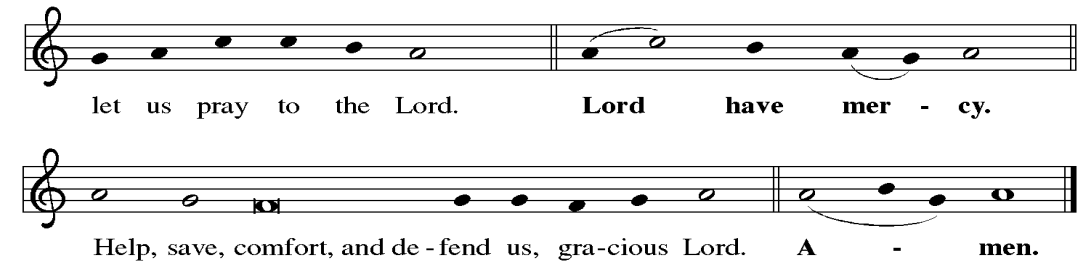
Assist local elders with companionship, light errands and chores.

Contact: Andrea Volker: 763.360.4236

www.grfia.org



Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



* GREETING (ELW p. 251)

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

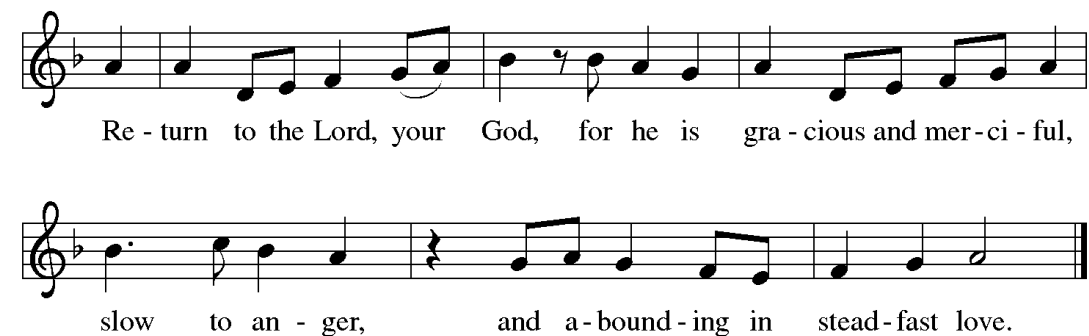
A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who seek new life in you. In this season of confession, repentance, change, and growth, create in us new and honest hearts. As you pardon and forgive us, so also inspire us in our daily lives. Kindle our faith, that our lives reflect what you say and do here in this place. Work on us here. And work through us out there. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

WORD—I AM Jesus... the True Vine

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 151)



FIRST READING—EXODUS 3:1-15

R The first reading this evening comes from one of the Old Testament books of Moses, Exodus, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

R Moses asks God whom shall Moses say has sent him. God responds by saying, "My name is I AM."

[Now after Moses had fled from Egypt after killing the Egyptian slavedriver,] he was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

⁵"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

¹² And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

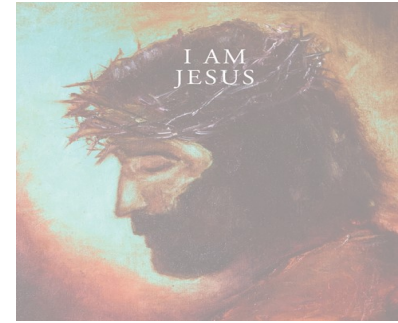
¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

This is the word of the Lord.



'I AM...'

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES ON THE "I AM" SAYINGS OF JESUS

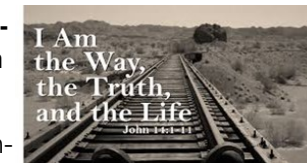
Lenten Wednesday Schedule

5:30pm Soup Supper—served by TLY **7pm Worship** (Holden Evening Prayer)
ALL ARE WELCOMED.



February 26 (Ash Wednesday) I AM the Vine – John 15:1-11

Pastor Mike Pancoast, Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)



March 18: I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life—John 14:1-14

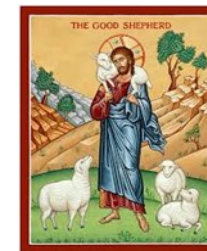
Pastor Kari Bahe, St. John Lutheran Church—

Zimmerman (ELCA)



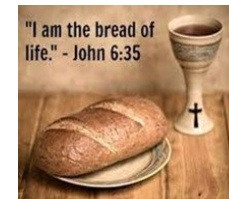
March 4: I AM the Light of the World – John 8:12-20

Pastor Bill Marschall, First Congregational Church (UCC)



March 25: I AM the Good Shepherd—John 10:11-18

Pastor Kari Pancoast, Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)



March 11: I AM the Bread of Life – John 6:35-40

Pastor Kevin Fox, Freshwaters (UMC)



April 1: I AM the Door—John 10:1-10

Pastor Paul Brown, Immanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA)

and the pastors know you are going. (Don't pay the full amount because the Women of the Church will pay a portion as your campership...

- Once you have paid your deposit, you can log back onto your account any time and pay the rest of the fee (minus the campership.) If you pay your portion in full by March 15, your camper will receive a voucher to pick out a free t-shirt from the canteen when they are at camp.
- Through the generous and loving ministry of our Women of the Church, they will provide the following campership amounts:

\$100 for CONFIRMATION CAMP and other week-long camps.

\$55 for PIONEERS

\$35 for GrandparentKIDS CAMP

\$15 for BEGINNERS

If there are questions, talk to Pastors Mike or Kari. There are more scholarships available if needed. As we say over and over... money cannot be the reason someone can't go to camp!

Laudry Love NEWS !!! Now Happening Twice a Month!!

Location: The Washboard Laundromat

When: Second Wednesday of the month 9 AM to 11 AM AND the last Monday of the month

What: 2 loads of wash per individual or 4loads per family

Why: Clean clothes helps us feel better

This is an ecumenical collaboration among 6 churches in Princeton. Trinity will next host in June. If you have any question—contact Molly at 763-389-2115

Care of Creation

The Care for Creation team will be offering regular suggestions and information about how we can be stewards of our environment. Please use the information that is helpful to you to care for what God has given us.

Become a waste-stream analyst

To better understand the kind of materials that enter and leave your home, office, or school, consider conducting a *waste audit*. Set a span of time like a week or a month, and separate your waste categories. Weigh the different kinds of material flows that go out the door (landfill waste, organic compost, aluminum, recyclable plastic, reusable material, etc.). Design a "material recovery" program that minimizes the amount going to the landfill. This is a great exercise to do with kids but can be very convincing to corporate higher-ups, too, especially since most companies pay to have their trash hauled away and can get money for recycled paper, containers, toner cartridges, corrugated cardboard, and such.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING—John 18:1-9

- R A second reading comes from the Gospel according to John, the 18th Chapter.

Notice what happens to the mob that has come to arrest Jesus when he speaks the name of God that we just heard in Exodus.

When Jesus had finished praying for his disciples at their last meal together, he left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it.

² Now Judas, who betrayed him, [and who had earlier excused himself from the meal] knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.

⁴ Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?"

⁵ "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

"I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) ⁶ When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.

⁷ Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?"

"Jesus of Nazareth," they said.

⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go." ⁹ This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me."

Word of God. Word of life.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

THIRD READING—John 15:1-17

- R A final reading this evening comes from the Gospel according the John, the 15th Chapter.

John's Gospel includes extended teaching by Jesus at his last supper with his disciples called "the Farewell Discourse," chapters 13 - 17, final instructions for his disciples for what they will see and experience with Jesus as his arrest, suffering, and death draw near.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear

fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

This is the Good News of Jesus.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON—PASTOR MIKE

* HYMN OF DAY— ELW #447, “O Blessed Spring”

(Tune: #592, “Just As I Am Without One Plea”)

INVITATION TO LENT (ELW, p. 252)

P Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus’ Passover from death to life, and thus in remembering, in spite of our fallenness, our life in Christ is renewed through him!

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance—that we need to be changed—and for God’s work on us and in us to accomplish that change.

We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that fights against evil and seeks to resist whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love. In these, strengthened by

* May include balance work

* Mindful Awareness of breath throughout practice

Facilitated by Andrea Volker RYT 500. For more information contact Warrior Spirit Project Programs: charla@warriorspiritproject.org **Free for Veterans & First Responders.** ** Due to potential of trauma experience in participants, if you are not a participant, please refrain from entry between 5:45-6:45.

Fish Fry Friday

Presented by Immanuel Lutheran Church. Friday, February 28th from 5pm-7pm. Adults \$10 and children \$7. 10% of all proceeds will go to the Princeton Pantry,

Noisy Offering — Current for Curran

DID YOU KNOW? ...Between the Sunday School kids’ offering and your response to our 3rd Sunday Noisy Offering you have helped direct **\$211.99** for our Current for Curran project in Liberia? That’s a 2019-2020 total of **\$348.02!** This is a project that is seeking to build a solar panel array for a hospital in Curran Lutheran Hospital that will do two things: (1) save money for the hospital and its utility bills and (2) free it from the occasional power outages in that country. A similar project for the Phebe Lutheran Hospital has saved it over \$35,000 a year! As our FaithWalk kids have been learning and practicing: What does it look like to be a follower of Jesus? *Followers of Jesus GIVE!* (PIGS SEW—Pray Invite Give Study Serve Encourage Worship) **PLEASE REMEMBER OUR 3RD SUNDAY NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION: March 15, April 19, and May 17.**

Kinship Youth Mentoring — Spaghetti Dinner, Fundraiser and Silent Auction

Join us Saturday, February 29th at Princeton Civic Center from 5-8pm for a spaghetti dinner served with salad, dessert & beverage. All proceeds go to Kinship youth Mentoring of Princeton. Adults \$10 and Children 12 & under \$7.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN YOUR KIDS UP FOR CAMP ONOMIA!!

Time spent at Bible camp is an experience like no other—time to experience God’s love and grow in faith as you play, sing, learn, laugh, rest, unplug, pray...

- **The deadline for the early bird registration discount is March 15**
- There is an opportunity for anyone of any age to go to camp. Visit www.camponomia.org for more details.
- FaithWalk students are required to go for a week at least one summer. (Many return for more summers because they love it so much!)
- FaithWalk kids: We are going for Confirmation camp June 14-19. Please note, the camp made some changes in their calendar this year so that is a week later than we’ve gone in the past. Pastors Kari and Mike will spend the week at camp with you. You can go any (or every summer) after completing grades 6-8.
- Register by visiting CampOnomia.com. You will need medical info for filling out the health form before you can complete the registration process.
- When you make your payment, use the discount code MEMBER to receive the early bird discount.
- **WHEN YOU REGISTER, PAY ONLY THE DEPOSIT. THEN LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW YOU ARE REGISTERED SO THE WELCA CAN PAY THE CAMP YOUR CAMPSHIP MONEY**

Announcements

THE SEASON OF LENT—“I AM Jesus” beginning ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26. , Soup Supper (5:30pm) & Worship (7pm)

Our theme this year is “I AM Jesus—The I AM Sayings from the Gospel of John,” and we will be welcoming a number of guest preachers for a “round-robin” preaching series. (Each week, we will be hearing from the pastors from Freshwaters Methodist, First Congregational, Immanuel Lutheran, St. John’s Lutheran—Zimmerman, as well Pastors Mike & Kari. (See the fliers hanging up around the church for the specific themes.

Our Wednesday night Lenten service will begin with our Soup Supper at 5:30pm and with worship at 7pm. **Please see the Sign Up Sheet in the Narthex for what you can bring.**

Princeton Community Table

Come one, Come all! This Thursday, February 27th from 4:30pm-6:30pm. Dinner that evening will be homemade lasagna, salad, carrots and celery and garlic bread. Hawaiian cake will be served for dessert! Coffee, water and lemonade! All are welcome.

April Easter Garden 2020

Get your orders in by March 8! This year we have the option to do lilies or tulips. The cost is \$10. Please indicate which option you would like on the form inside your bulletin.

First Bibles During Lent

We will also be offering first Bibles and instruction on using those Bibles this year during Lent, as well.

For **Kindergartners and anyone in 1st or 2nd grade who hasn't received a Bible**, our schedule is...

- **Sunday, March 8, 10:30—11:30am** (during our regular Sunday School hour) OR
Wednesday, March 11, 5:45—6:30pm (during our Lenten Soup Supper)

For **3rd Graders and anyone older who hasn't received a Bible**, our schedule is...

- **Session 1: Sunday, March 8, 10:30-11:30am** (during our regular Sunday School hour) OR
Wednesday, March 11, 5:45-6:30pm (during our Lenten Soup Supper)
- **Session 2: Sunday, March 15, 10:30-11:30am** (during our regular Sunday School hour) OR
Wednesday, March 18, 5:45-6:30pm (during our Lenten Soup Supper)

Please pick whichever Session 1 AND Session 2 fit your schedules—Sundays or Wednesdays?
Parents AND kids need to plan on attending. Sign-up in the church office or on-line by going to our website.

Steady Warrior—Trauma-Informed Yoga—Mondays: 5:45pm-6:45pm Trinity Crossing

Support of the supine and seated postures to gently stretch the limbs and joints, combined with strengthening poses to improve back health, a 15 minute iRest practice will follow to assist in calming the nervous system.

- * No previous Yoga experience necessary
- * Adaptive for all bodies and mobilities

prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love. In these, strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament, we continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

CONFESSION OF SIN (ELW p. 252)—*The presiding minister leads the following or another confession.*

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Most holy and merciful God,

C we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault,

by our own fault,

by our own most grievous fault.

We have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

P We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P In preparation for his own suffering and death, in order to equip his disciples for all that was to come, Jesus took bread, he gave thanks...

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*** IMPOSITION OF ASHES & HOLY COMMUNION (ELW p. 254)**—*When ashes are used in the service, the presiding minister may say the following prayer.*

P Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

People may come forward and kneel or stand to receive the ashes.

Ministers mark the forehead of each person desiring this sign with a cross of ashes, saying:

P Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

C Amen.

From there, all are invited to receive the sustenance and strengthening of our Lord's body and blood in the supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS—*Music is provided as a background to our prayers and meditation on the themes of this night.*

CONCLUSION (ELW p. 254)

After those who desire ashes have received them and the supper has been served, all may kneel or sit, and the minister continues.

P Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P Lord, tell us your stories.

C And awaken us to your presence in our lives.

P In the end, by the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

C bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C Amen.

SENDING

OFFERING

* SENDING BLESSING

P Remember that you are marked with the cross of Christ, sealed with the Holy Spirit, and baptized, in the name of the Father, +and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***SENDING HYMN—ELW #319, "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"**

*DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C Thanks be to God!**

Worship Assistants

Purser: Chris Benner/Mqtt Barlage
Piano/Organ: Barb Larson
Table Setter: Kenny Neumann
Sound: Mary Berry

Greeters: Billie Diedrich-Sexton & Kelly Sexton
Ushers: **Needed**
Readers: Rhonda Elness-Schepper
Acolyte: Nathan Buermann/Charlie Gram