

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ



## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

**Worship Service at 9 am**  
**Coffee Hour at 10 am**  
**Sunday School**  
**Every other week**

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Pastor Kevin R. Beard  
Services at 9:00 am  
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Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, fire departments, and EMT's around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community.

Pray for persecuted Christians in all places.



Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut-ins.  
Prayers for Ukraine.

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**MEMBERSHIP** – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.



If you have anything for the bulletin or our monthly newsletter, please send it to the church email address;  
kevinrbeard@gmail.com



**Bible Study** meets at the Church  
On February 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

**Worship Services, Bible Studies, and Newsletters are online!**

*TRINITY's Facebook Page:*  
[www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex](http://www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex)



## SOUPER-BOWL FOOD DRIVE

Pastor thought that we could combine the excitement of Super Bowl Football along with a bit of charity towards our fellow man. For the month of February, please bring in non-perishable goods and leave them by the table at the back of the church. Pastor will bring them to a local food bank at the end of February.

**CHURCH BREAKFASTS:** are “paused” for the time being due to light attendance.

**Ash Wednesday Services – Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Trinity Lutheran - 5:30 pm**  
**Light of Christ - 7:00 pm**  
**No Bible Study on Ash Weds!**



**TLC CONFIRMATION** – February 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

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**PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT** has served as a missionary in Ukraine since 2014. Together with his wife **Lena**, who has a Master's Degree in Special Education, they teach the Bible at the local orphanage for children with disabilities and organize and lead Bible camps for children with special needs. Other ministries include visits to the school for the hearing impaired and the Cerebral Palsy center. Additionally, they organize

Night to Shine, a prom for special needs teens (in partnership with the Tim Tebow Foundation), Bible studies, youth groups and much more. They currently live in Bila Tserkva (near Kiev) and are proud "parents" to their dog, Jack and cat, Black.

You can donate to the SPIRITUAL ORPHAN NETWORK by going to [www.sonetwork.org](http://www.sonetwork.org) and clicking on the "Ukraine Relief Fund".



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**Sunday School** schedule:  
February 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:30 am.



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**AALC SEMINARY SUPPORT** - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. They have begun a fundraising campaign, **SOLA 500**, to financially support their work of training up future pastors for the AALC. You can support them at [www.alts.edu/sola\\_500](http://www.alts.edu/sola_500).

## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Men's "Fishers of Men (and Fish)" Gathering and Fish Fry**

Men and boys of LOC are invited to gather on the ice for our 1<sup>st</sup> annual men's retreat. (Guys from Trinity are also invited) Since this is the first one, our plans are pretty flexible but here's the plan so far...

- 9 am – Meet at LOC for breakfast
- 10 am – Leave for the Gathering
- 10:45 to 4 pm – Fish and friendly banter, Light lunch.
- 4:45 pm – Return victorious with many walleye
- 6 pm - Fish fry for everyone . (families included)

Possibly a prize for the biggest fish, best joke told, etc.

If you are going, please use the signup list at the back of the church.





## LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

### DEVOTION from LHM.ORG

*1 Corinthians 1:18-25 - For the Word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

What happens when your non-Christian friends find out that you follow Jesus? Do they look confused? Do they ever ask you how you can believe that stuff?

Really, it's hard to blame them. You are following a crucified God. How does that make sense? Our culture teaches us to grab for power—to use whatever leverage we have to make it to the top. Many of our political leaders openly brag about the people they have walked over and the norms they have broken

to get their way. And they receive honor for it! To follow a crucified Savior is to put yourself on the side of the losers—to accept mocking, to admit that you aren't Number one. Why would you do that?

Trying to explain it can be embarrassing. "Well, it's because I love Him." That can be really hard to say! But it's the truth, isn't it? We love Him—and why? Because He loved us first. Because He loved us so much that He laid down His life on the cross in order to rescue us—people who had nothing to offer Him except sin and trouble and grief. But He wanted us, and He was willing to suffer and die to get us—yes, and to rise from the dead so that we could live forever in Him. That is the God we know, that is the Jesus we trust in. And for Him, we are willing to accept other losses—social embarrassment, broken friendships, loss of the power and prestige we could've had if we were willing to disobey Him. No wonder Paul says, "The Word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing!"

So how in the world can we talk to these people about Jesus when it all seems so foolish to them? We can live our lives openly in front of them—letting them see for themselves that, even though we suffer and struggle just like everyone else in our broken world, we have something in our lives that is different—a source of peace and hope and strength that gets us through. It may take years, but they will notice—and eventually ask. As the Holy Spirit makes us more and more like Jesus in the way we speak and behave, people will wonder—and then we can tell them about Jesus.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Zeke Delaney..... 02/02

Darcy Delaney..... 02/09

Shane Cross..... 02/15

Cierra Aamodt..... 02/22

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Tim and Torri Dwyer..... 02/18

If your birthday or anniversary isn't listed here, please let Pastor know.

## THE UPPER ROOM

Despite experiencing severe vision loss in childhood, I enjoyed hiking in the Southern Rockies with my family. Some parts of the trail were scary because I couldn't judge drop-off distances when climbing over rocky outcroppings or see the thorny bushes along the trail. So my uncle devised a plan to help me. He and I held opposite ends of his walking stick while he walked in front, giving verbal descriptions of what was coming. As we hiked, the dip and sway of the stick alerted me to the obstacles ahead.

Scripture promises us that God's rod and staff will give us comfort and courage. A shepherd would use a rod and staff to protect and guide the sheep through any dangers along their path. Likewise, God walks with us, protecting us from unseen dangers and guiding us through whatever we encounter.

Just as I was able to relax on my hikes because of my uncle's walking stick, we can confidently maneuver through life without fear, reassured that God leads the way and will never abandon us. As long as we hold on to God, we will find assurance of God's presence, power, and protection.

### *Today's Prayer*

Dear God, thank you for the comfort of your constant presence. Guide us through any obstacles we encounter. Amen.

Devotion by: Karen Wingate, AZ

### FEBRUARY 2023 READINGS

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> LESSON	PSALM	2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSON	GOSPEL
Feb 5th	Isa 58:3-9a	Psa 112:1-9	1 Cor 2:1-16	Matt 5:13-20
Feb 12th	Deu 30:15-20	Psa 119:1-8	1 Cor 3:1-9	Matt 5:21-37
Feb 19th	Exo 24:8-18	Psa 2:6-12	2 Pet 1:16-21	Matt 17:1-9
Feb 26th	Gen 3:1-21	Psa 32:1-7	Rom 5:12-19	Matt 4:1-11



## Bible Trivia & Game page

How does the author of 1 John often refer to his readers?

- A. heroes
- B. children
- C. shepherds
- D. pastors

### Ash Wednesday.

Y F I F O V A S L S F T N L E N T E Y T  
E D S C D A I S V G I R T Q A C D H Z R  
C J M R G B I A N T R K S H V P J O L Y  
N M L O R S L M Z R S N I H A Q T A E M  
A A A S E T Q N O I T C E R R U S E R F  
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ABSTAIN	MEAT
CROSS	MORTALITY
EASTER	PALMS
FAST	PENANCE
FIRST	PREPARE
FOREHEAD	REPENTANCE
LENT	RESURRECTION
MASS	WEDNESDAY



## PRINTABLE VALENTINE CARDS – WITH BIBLE VERSES



# February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 2 pm Bible Study 4 pm Confirmation	2	3	4
5 9 am Worship service Communion.	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9am Worship 9:30am Sunday School	13	14 	15 2 pm Bible Study 4 pm Confirmation	16	17	18
19 9 am Worship service Communion.	20	21	22 5:30pm Ash Weds Service. 	23	24	25
26 9am Worship 9:30am Sunday School	27	28	Mar 1 2 pm Bible Study 4 pm Confirmation			Trivia answer B. Children



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