



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Tidings

February
to
April '20



Winter/Spring Schedule:

9:30 AM- Regular Service with communion

9:35 AM-Sunday School (every other Sunday)

10:30- Coffee hour in All Saint's Hall

10:45 AM- Bible Study in Library

Council Meetings are usually the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome to come. Non-council members have voice, but no vote.

AA meetings are every Saturday at 10:30 am in All Saint's Hall

NA meeting are on Mondays at 6:30 pm in All Saint's Hall

Here is our Lenten Services and Lenten Meeting Schedule:

Ash Wednesday Services-Join us on February 26, 2020 as we begin the season of Lent with services at 11am and 7pm. The worship will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Midweek Lenten Soup & Study-On the Thursday evenings during Lent, you are invited to attend the Midweek soup (6pm) and study (6:30pm). We will use *Final Words From the Cross* by Adam Hamilton as our topic of study. Each session will include a brief DVD segment prior to discussion. All are welcome no matter how much or how little you know about the final words of Jesus from the cross. Meeting dates for the Lenten Soup and Study are: 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, and 4/2.

Holy Week Services-

Palm/Passion Sunday- April 5th at 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday- April 9th at 7pm

Good Friday- April 10th at Noon & 7pm

Easter Sunday, Celebration of the Resurrection- April 12th 9:30 am

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A Message from your Council President---

Greetings to all,

Dawne and I greatly appreciated all the wonderful kind things said to us, and your participation in our 25th Wedding anniversary vow- renewal. Just as we had done then, in 1995, we tried to recreate the same event. We were married in a small Lutheran Church in Lavallette and had our reception in the church Parish hall afterwards. The vows, readings, and music were the same. Again WE THANK YOU.

We are currently exploring options to recondition our church Bell and re-dedicate it and commemorate OUR 80th Anniversary on the last Sunday in May, 31st, which is Pentecost; which as you know celebrates the coming of Holy Spirit 40 days after Easter. Some Christian faiths consider it the birthday of the Christian church.

I hope those that participated with our monthly Round table discussions found them to be insightful and as helpful as I did. Today, as Christians we face many challenges and distractions and it is enjoyable and well as useful to focus on Bible study together with likeminded people of faith. Not to mention the fellowship we always enjoy with one another. We will continue this Council led program in early fall of 2020. I hope to see many of you during Lent as we continue our LENTEN weekly devotionals on Thursdays at 6pm.

Blessings, as ever your servant, Randy Thumhart

For those that couldn't attend, we held our annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday January 26th in All Saints Hall. The budget proposed was passed. We talked about what we would like to do for our 80th anniversary celebration. Your current council members are Randy Thumhart, Bill

Bennett, Kathy Minto, Joan Bowers, Marty Chaffee, and Dennis Brink, Sr., Bob Leifeste as our appointed Treasurer, and Pastor John.

Stewardship-

Thank you to everyone for getting in their pledge cards so we were able to come up with a workable budget. If you haven't received your pledge envelopes for 2020, please see Kathy Minto.

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Sunday School-

During Lenten season we are learning what Ash Wednesday is about. We also we explore some of the miracles Christ performed prior to his Crucifixion . We meet upstairs in the main classroom, immediately following the first hymn of the service. All ages are welcome as it is just one large combined class. We meet alternate Sundays through June 21, 2020. Remaining Dates for upcoming year: 2/16, 3/1, 3/15, 3/29, 4/12, 4/26, 5/10, 6/7, and 6/21.

If you wish your child to attend, reach out to Dawne Thumhart at 609-290-0632 or dmthumhart@gmail.com

PANTRY SUNDAY: On the third Sunday of each month we invite everyone to bring in canned goods and/or non-perishable foods for the benefit of the local Food Pantry. There is a dire need for food items for families in our

county. We need to FILL UP the shopping cart in the narthex every month.



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Thank you so much for your continued support...

OUTREACH, FELLOWSHIP, AND WELCA-

Thanks to everyone who helped with Three Kings Potluck luncheon. Some great NEW memories were created. Thank you to John Chaffee for being our 3rd King (or Wise Guy).

Also we would like to thank everyone that brought in cans of soup and monetary donations on Souper Bowl Sunday. All collected went to the St Francis Food Pantry.

The next Senior Free Luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 22nd, at noon. Contact the church office at 609-494-688 to register.

Another chance for a meal and fellowship is at our Thursday Lenten Devotional gatherings. The dates for those were listed in the front of your Tidings, in case you missed it(hehehe).

Coffee hour always needs folks to sign up. Please consider this as you enjoy coffee and treats each Sunday. The sign-up sheets are on the back table of the church.

Looking ahead:

The annual Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday April 11th at noon.

The annual Yard Sale will take place on Saturday May 23rd. We will be excepting donations at the church during the month of May. Any items left over after the yard sale must be boxed up and be brought to outside

donations sites by Wednesday May 27th, as All Saint's Hall must be set up for our celebration on Sunday 31st.

Speaking of Sunday May 31st, it is Pentecost Sunday, but more importantly it is the Sunday we are celebrating Holy Trinity's 80th anniversary. Stay tuned for details !!

Family Promise-

We have a scheduled week as a host site for Family Promise. We will be host site for Sunday, April 19th @ 5:30pm through Sunday April 26th at 7:00 am. Dawne is attending a coordinators meeting on Saturday February 22nd, and she will hold a meeting at Holy Trinity at 10:45 am on February 23rd with any persons wishing to help with FP. Sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting to sign up for meals, overnights, and/or purchases of items needed. After the meeting our list will be submitted to FP office for dates that St Francis and/or other island churches can fill in spots. We also will be reaching out to Southern Regional High School Service projects person for students that need community service hours. We will be asking for help with getting the beds/cots upstairs and downstairs.

Family Promise is having a fundraiser on March 21st. Designer Bag Bingo will be held at St Mary's Parish Center. Contact Family Promise office for tickets @ 609-994-3317.

Music and Worship

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If anyone who wishes to participate in the bell choir, ANY AGE is welcome. If you can read music, (or can count to 6 as Pastor Linda Wood replied at our annual meeting) or wish to participate in this ministry please see Lisa, our organist, before or after church. No age limit, young and old alike may come and play.....

We are in need of a few persons to help on a rotating basis as Communion Assistants.!! Teens up through the aged are welcome. If you aren't sure of what is involved and/or would like a little refresher course or training and would like to help out, let us know. Please see Joan Bower or Kathy Leifeste if interested.

The sign-up sheets for ushering and readers are in the back of the church. Please help out where you can.

The Alter Guild is still looking for donations of gifts/monies for the following items that still remain on their Wish List:
Purificators and corporals.....If you wish to contribute or purchase outright, please see Joan Bowers.

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Bible Study-----Exploring God's Word

Consider joining us on Sunday Mornings. Bring your coffee and goodies from Coffee Hour...and an open mind. It is fun to discover the richness of our Faith through looking at books of the Bible!

Prayer Ministry-Our prayer ministry is growing in leaps and bounds. We have a loyal group who pray daily for those on the prayer list. If you are interested in this ministry, you can help in one or two different ways:

Join the prayer chain by contacting me, Kathy Leicester, by phone 732 642-9408 or email:kataocn@gmail.com and provide me with your email address or phone number (if you don't have email) if you would like to be a prayer partner. Let me know if you would like someone to be added to our prayer list. Prayer cards can also be found in the pews if you would like to fill one out during the service and place it in the offering plate. The list is updated weekly and published in the bulletin. Names will be removed after one month unless you let me know otherwise.

Prayerfully consider being a part of this important ministry.....

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HTLC Book Group and Knit One, Pray Too group ---

Holy Trinity's Book Group generally meets on Thursday, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Zastrow Library. . The group's conversation is lively and vibrant, and new members are WELCOME! See Marty Chaffee after services or email (rchaffee@juno.com) if you wish to learn more!

Knit One, Pray Too, Holy Trinity's knitting group has found a home for our Twiddlemuffs. A dementia wing, at one of our local nursing homes was more than delighted at the prospect of receiving

our knitted treasures. The group generally meets on Thursday using our talents to knit or crochet TwiddleMuffs, a knitted sleeve with soft items attached to keep dementia patients' hands active and busy. After our stitching is completed, we will be attaching textured ribbons, beads, and various fabrics both inside and outside, creating a unique, and one-of-a-kind source of visual, tactile and sensory stimulation. No worries! One does *not* need to be master knitters or crocheters to create TwiddleMuffs!

But, should you wish to embark on a slightly less complex project, we'll also have patterns to crochet cuddly, small octopi that can be used to comfort preemies in the NICU units in area hospitals. They are adorable! We hope to meet the third Thursday of every month. However, if you can't join us in the Zastrow Library, you are welcome to complete any of these projects from home, and/or help us to collect buttons, ribbons, pompoms and large beads that we'll be able to use to decorate our crafts! See Marty Chaffee after services or email (rchaffee@juno.com) if you wish to learn more!

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A note from your Editor :

I sincerely apologize for the lateness of our Tidings. Between preparing for our 25th vow renewal and my daughters visit from Sonoma, and then caring for my 3 grandchildren, who came down with the flu and strep while their parents were out of state for 11 days, things got slightly behind. These last 3 weeks have been heaven for me with time spent with family, friends, and of course my grandbabies. Thank you God for allowing all these people who witnessed us proclaim our love and commitments and held us up in prayer at our vow renewal. Randy and I are truly blessed to have this family of faith in our lives. The words, in sickness and in health, for better or for worse, have such a strong tug at my heart, as those words are words we STRONGLY believe in and live by. There are two saying that run strong in our household. The first being, "If it's not a dirt nap, Then it's a good day" and the other is "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CORE VALUES:

As members of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church we strive to follow Jesus, as the Spirit and the Word transforms us and touches every facet of our life. Therefore, we are:

Intentional- Everything we do is purposely dedicated to sharing the good news of the Gospel.

Committed to Growing in Christ- Faith, for us, is a lifelong learning process. We endeavor to deepen our relationship to Christ as we work to be his disciples in this time and place.

Participatory- The work of the church is everyone's task and everyone is called to be involved in our ministry.

Joyful- Our worship draws on the liturgical and musical traditions of the Lutheran Church and expresses the joy of our faith.

Personal- We support and pray for one another and respond to individual needs as they arise.

Committed to Serving Older Adults- We particularly value and support people in the latter stages of life and strive to give older adults an opportunity to use their time and talents to serve those less fortunate.

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The church email is office@holytrinitylbi.com. Our website is www.holytrinitylbi.com. Our Facebook site is under user name *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, LBI*.

Contemplating Membership here at Holy Trinity?...You are invited to speak to Pastor John Anderson or one of our Council members for information and process or you may fill out the blue new members sheet on back table and leave it in the office or place it in the offering plate and Pastor John will reach out to you.

IF YOU WISH TO BE ADDED TO OUR EMAIL LIST AND CHURCH DIRECTORY, PLEASE FILL OUT PEW CARD AND PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE. YOU MAY ALSO

EMAIL DAWNE THUMHART AT dmthumhart@gmail.com. You can also follow us on FaceBook, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, LBI, as well as on our church website. Also when you have a chance, go on our church website and read up on the history of all our stained glass windows. Beautiful....!!

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February---

1-Linda Peterson
10-Judy Hueberger
11-Rosanne/Ronald Joyce
12-Dawne/Randy Thumhart
15-Dorothy Dittler
18-Jim Hutcheson
18-Lars Brink
20-Dick Mumma
24-Dorothy Mulholland

March-

5-Dennis Brink, Sr.
12-Megan Lewis
13-Jackie Nisula
20-Caitlin Lewis
23-Lisa Krajewski
30-Chuck Wilson

April-

02-Fred Peterson
05-Bob Leifeste
 Connie Lund
 Edie Kluge
10-Bill Power
14-Mary Ellen McCann
22-Carol Power
27-Glorie/Todd Rasmusson