

## MARCH 2019

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

#### EASTER SUNDAY IS A MOVEABLE FEAST

Often in the March newsletter Ross and I are telling you all about the Holy Week and Easter plans for worship ... but not this year.

14-Apr	18-Apr	19-Apr	21-Apr
Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday

In 325CE the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first Full Moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. From that point forward, the Easter date depended on the approximation of March 21 for the vernal equinox and thus the earliest possible date for Easter is March 22 and the latest possible is April 25. In other words, Easter moves.

Counting back 40 days (skipping all the Sundays which are not part of Lent per se) we get to the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. This year is March 6<sup>th</sup> and the "Marti Gras" celebration on "Fat Tuesday" the day before or, if you prefer, "Shrove Tuesday". Fat Tuesday is about the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season or, if you prefer to call it Shrove Tuesday. "Shrove" is from the old English word "shrive",

which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and doing penance. So, if you are going for the Shrove Tuesday pancake version then you should also prepare yourself to be "shriven" before the start of Lent.\*

Many churches mark the Lenten season by hosting midweek services. Many Christians look to the practice of Almsgiving which involves giving to others as an act of virtue, either materially or in the sense of providing capabilities (e.g. education) free.\*

"Alms" comes from the from Greek *eleēmōn* (merciful) and further back *eleos* (pity) – the same word we use in Kyrie (Lord eleison (have mercy)).

This year we will be joining with some new partners for our midweek services and providing some education around social justice issues.



**13 MARCH ~ REDEEMER LUTHERAN**

**6 pm Soup; 7 pm Speaker & Worship**

1 Frank Place

Speaker: Olive Elm - Oneida Nation of the Thames

**20 MARCH ~ NEW ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN**

**6 pm Soup; 7 pm Speaker & Worship**

280 Oxford St East

Speaker: Barbara Symington - St. Paul's Social Services

**27 MARCH ~ TRINITY LUTHERAN** ~ 6 pm Soup; 7 pm Speaker & Worship

746 Colborne St

Speaker: Amanda Barker - Out of the Cold

**3 APRIL ~ ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL** ~ 6 pm Soup; 7 pm Speaker & Worship

472 Richmond St

Speaker: Annette Donovan Panchaud - King's University College

**10 APRIL ~ ST. ANDREW MEMORIAL ANGLICAN** ~ 6 pm Soup; 7 pm Speaker & Worship

55 Foxbar Rd

Speaker: Jennifer Jack - Youth Centre for Change

Yours in Christ

Pastor Steve

(\*Thank you Wikipedia)

**WORSHIP NOTES**



**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER  
AT TRINITY**

**TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2019 ~ 5:30-7:00 PM  
FREEWILL OFFERING**

*Inshallah Choir will be singing for their supper.  
Everyone Welcome*



**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**6 MARCH AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1 FRANK PLACE**

**7:00 PM**

*Trinity's Confirmation Class have made the ashes for this service.*



Council met on February 11, 2019. We welcomed two new members of your church council; Kathy Hough and Nancy Manners.

Much of the meeting was taken familiarizing our new members and discussing our annual meeting. It is worth mentioning here that council acts at the pleasure of the congregation, therefore, if there are any questions or suggestions from the congregation, we invite you to come forward.

Currently, there are no plans for any capital expenses barring unforeseen issues. While we need to be fiscally prudent, we must not lose sight of the fact that this is God's house and our faith home. Let us enjoy our faith home without a dark cloud hanging over us. Trinity is a very resilient church and we will stay the course.

Just as the bleak winter is upon us there are plans underway for Vacation Bible School! This is what I consider the light at the end of the tunnel and something fun to plan toward.

The SOUP LUNCHEON was a great success! Who knew we had so many creative chefs within our fold! This will definitely be something we will do again.

As we prepare ourselves for the Lenten season let us be mindful of the sacrifice our Saviour made for all humanity. Keep our church near and dear to our hearts.

Yours faithfully  
Cheryl Millar

## TLW

Trinity's Annual Meeting on 10 February was well attended and many members thanked the TLW for providing a sandwich lunch after the meeting. This format of meeting followed by lunch may become a tradition. At the Annual Meeting, we all heard that the financial health of Trinity is suffering and that cut-backs in services and cost-saving initiatives are needed. To address this issue, TLW has allocated \$1,000 to cover the cost of 5 guest pastors for 2019. It is hoped that others will support our church home

by finding ways to help, whether it be financially or with their time and talents. It is well known that the more you are involved in the life of your church and its mission, the more rewarding your experience.



## FRIDAY 1 MARCH AT 2 PM

The TLW has been working very hard to make this international day of prayer an enjoyable and meaningful experience. We are part of the North Central group of churches and we last hosted in 2012. This year's service was written by women in Slovenia and the theme is "Come, Everything is Ready". This is an invitation to come to a very special "meal". The service will include music specially written by Slovenian women, a video about Slovenia, a beautiful land of mountains and a special guest speaker. Everyone (women and men) is welcome and feel free to bring friends. There will be a reception following the service.

*COME EVERYTHING IS READY!*

MY SISTERS' PLACE - In March we will be collecting feminine hygiene products, deodorant and hand lotion (small sizes). Please leave items in the clear box in the Koehler Fellowship Hall.

~ Lydia Reinhard



## MEN'S GROUP

The next Lutheran Men's Club Breakfast/Meeting will be held on **Saturday 16 March at 9 am**. Our guest speaker will be Carolyn Smale from ANOVA (formerly Women's Community House). This is sure to be an interesting and informative meeting.



## SERVING IN MARCH

	<u>3 March</u>	<u>10 March</u>	<u>17 March</u>	<u>24 March</u>	<u>31 March</u>
Communion Assistants	Bob McGee Anthony Pepers	Steve Krautner Brady Hough	Ted Reinhard Heather Holmes	Reinhard Helbing Vivian Parker	Katelyn & Emily Inch
Ushers	Steve & Jean Krautner Nancy Jackman	Bob & Carolyn Sellars Brady Hough	Steve & Jean Krautner Vivian Parker	Dave & Pauline Hutchison Nancy Hickling	Glenn & Cathy Egan Nancy Henkel
Acolyte	Anthony Pepers	Heather Holmes	Jeff Holmes	Alice Cooper	Emily Inch
Crucifer	Herb Henkel	Steve Krautner	Heather Holmes	Nathan Killinger	Katelyn Inch
Reader	Herb Henkel	Brady Hough	Ted Reinhard	Reinhard Helbing	Katelyn Inch
Greeters	Fred Schmidt Gerry Wigelsworth	Vivian Parker Janelle Lightbourne	Dave, Lynne Nick & Nathan Killinger	Rosemary Christensen Monica Spilsbury	Heather, Jeff Lillian & Jaclyn Holmes
Altar Care	←-----Dorothy McGee & Barb Hamilton-----→				
Refreshments	Julia & Dennis Liska	Carolyn & Bob Sellars	Lydia & Ted Reinhard	Cheryl Millar Teresa Nicholds	Barb Hamilton Linda Reynolds
Prayer Rotation	Rev. David Wirt St. Ansgar London	Rev. John Goldsworthy St. John's Aylmer	Rev. Sylvia Swiatowshik St. Paul's Leamington	Rev. Laura Sauder St. Peter's Brodhagen	Rev. Nadine Schroeder-Kranz & Interim Pastor Paul Sodtke St. Peter's Zurich

# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Time to Spring Ahead</p> <p><i>Be on time for church ~ Remember to set your clocks AHEAD 1 hour when you go to bed on Saturday 9 March.</i></p>					<p>1</p>  <p>Service 2 pm</p> <p>LCFI 7 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Rug Hooking Guild 8 am</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Transfiguration of Our Lord</p> <p>LCFI 2 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Northern Hospitality 5:30 pm</p> <p>Rug Hooking Guild 6:30 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Shrove Tuesday</p> <p>LCFI 9 am</p> <p>Pancake Supper 5:30 pm</p> <p>LCFI 7 pm</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p><u>Worship 7 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church</u></p>	<p>7</p> <p>Choir 7:30 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>LCFI 7 pm</p>	<p>9</p> 
<p>10 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Rug Hooking Guild 9 am</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Rug Hooking Guild 9 am</p> <p>Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm</p> <p>LCFI 7 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Rug Hooking Guild 9 am</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Lions 6 pm</p> <p>Choir 7:30 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>LCFI 7 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Men's Club 9 am</p> <p>Parkinson's Group 2 pm</p>
<p>17 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</p> <p>LCFI 2 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>LSS 9 am</p> <p>Council 7 pm</p> <p><i>Newsletter items due 9 am</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm</p> <p>LCFI 7 pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>LCFI 10 am</p> <p>Choir 7:30 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>LCFI 7 pm</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Rug Hooking Guild 10 am</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm</p> <p>LCFI 7 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Lenten Supper 6 pm</p> <p>Worship 7 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Choir 7:30 pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>LCFI 7 pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Liberian Group 5 pm</p>
<p>31 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</p>						