

Trinity Lutheran Church

TRUMPET

February 2026

Upcoming Events

Monday Feb. 2nd

5:30p.m. TLCD Board

7:00 p.m. BLDG &

GRNDS

Sunday Feb. 8th

7:00 p.m. Council

Tuesday Feb. 10th

9:00 a.m. Quilting

2:00 p.m. TLF Council

Sunday Feb. 15th

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Meal

Monday Feb. 16th

7:00 p.m. Rebecca Circle

Tuesday Feb. 17th

8:30 a.m. Meal Workshop

Wednesday Feb. 18th

9:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle

7:00 p.m. Ash Wed. Service

Tuesday Feb. 24th

9:00 a.m. Quilting

Wednesday Feb. 25th

7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thursday Feb. 26th

9:00 a.m. Quilting

Monthly Events

12:10 p.m. Tuesdays

Bible Study in the Library

5:15 p.m. Wednesdays

KICKS & Confirmation

Lent: A Season of Reflection (and a Few Surprising Fun Facts!)



Lent is often thought of as a quiet, serious season in the church year—and it is. But it's also rich with history, meaning, and a few fun facts that might surprise you! As Lutherans, we approach Lent not as a way to “earn” God's love, but as a time to refocus our hearts on the grace already given to us in Christ.

What Is Lent, Anyway?

Lent is the 40-day season (not counting Sundays) that begins on Ash Wednesday and leads us to Easter. The number 40 shows up all over the Bible—Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness,

Noah's 40 days of rain, Israel's 40 years in the desert—making it a powerful symbol of preparation and renewal.

Fun Facts About Lent You Might Not Know

- **Sundays don't count!**

Even though Lent feels long, Sundays are always considered “little Easters,” so they aren't included in the 40 days. That's why Lent stretches over more than six weeks.

- **Purple has a purpose.**

The color purple symbolizes repentance and royalty—reminding us both of humility and of Christ our King.

- **Ashes with a message.**

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday traditionally come from last year's Palm Sunday palms. It's a full-circle reminder of how quickly “Hosanna” can turn into “Crucify.”

- **Lutherans and Lent.**

Martin Luther supported observing Lent—but emphasized that fasting or giving things up should never be required or used to prove faith. For Lutherans, Lent is about returning to the Word and trusting God's grace.

- **“Giving up” isn't the only option.**

Many people choose to *take on* a practice during Lent—like daily prayer, acts of kindness, or Bible reading—rather than giving something up.

Why Lent Still Matters

Lent invites us to slow down, tell the truth about our lives, and remember that we are completely dependent on God's mercy. It's not about perfection—it's about honest reflection and deeper trust in Christ's promise.

As we journey through this season together, may we be reminded that repentance leads to renewal, and the cross always leads to resurrection.

Council Highlights

- 5th Sunday services all year will be Youth Services, with one service for the weekend.
- Trinity will be hosting the Lenten Luncheon on March 25th.
- Carpet project was approved for the remainder of the Educational Wing and the north entrance.

JOIN THE KITCHEN KREW **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 8:30 AM IN** **KITCHEN AND HELP PREPARE** **FRIENDSHIP MEALS!**

This fun work morning involves making freezer meals so that whenever anyone needs a meal, it's ready and easy to deliver by anyone! We are having a workday **Tuesday, February 17 in the kitchen**. Donuts and coffee will be provided and we will be done before noon. Everyone is welcome, the fellowship is fantastic, and the meals are simple to make! If this date doesn't work, please watch for other upcoming meal preparation opportunities! Questions, please contact Krista Smith 620.786.5959.

PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US AS WE EXPAND THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH. All are welcome to assist with this project and the more the merrier !

Thank You

Thank you to Carolyn and Neil for remembering Bob's 100th birthday with the Altar Flowers. Also, thank you to Trinity members for his cards and well wishes.

Bob & Carolyn Rowland

What's New

As we continue this next journey together at Trinity Lutheran Church, we ask for your patience and prayers as we faithfully follow the process to which we are called. We are thoughtfully discerning what comes next and exploring the interim options available to us. As more information becomes clear, we will keep the congregation updated.

This is a meaningful time for us to deepen our prayer life and stand united as the body of Christ at Trinity. Together, we look toward the future, trusting in God's guidance and seeking to understand Jesus' ultimate calling for our church.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

— Proverbs 3:5-6

Final Wednesday Family Night

Due to the Wednesday Lenten services in February and March, there will be no Final Wednesday Family Night during those months.

We will resume in April, so please watch for more information coming soon.

If you have an idea you'd like to see happen on one of these nights, please contact Rachel Kitch or Kristy Jerke. We are always open to new ideas!

The Trumpet Is Getting a Makeover!

Beginning in **March**, *The Trumpet* newsletter will no longer be sent as a mass mailing. To be better stewards of our resources and to communicate more quickly, we will be moving primarily to digital delivery.

What's Changing?

- *The Trumpet* will now be sent by email and text message
- We will continue to mail printed copies to shut-ins and those without access to email or texting
- The newsletter will also be available online for download on:
 - Our website: tlcgbks.org
 - Our Facebook page

If you would like to continue receiving *The Trumpet*, please take a moment to update your contact information and let us know how you prefer to receive it.

As part of this update, *The Trumpet* will be downsized to keep it easy to read and focused on key announcements and events. Moving forward, we would also like to highlight members of our congregation. We will be interviewing members in random order and featuring them in a new spotlight section.

Additional information such as the church calendar, council minutes, and the treasurer's report will be available in the Gathering Area of the sanctuary for anyone who would like printed copies. Thank you for helping us stay connected as we make this exciting transition!

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Lenten Worship Schedule**Ash Wednesday**

February 18 — 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Services

7:00 p.m.

February 25 & March 4, 11, 18, 25

Palm Sunday-Youth Sunday

March 29 — 10:30 a.m.

No Saturday service this weekend

Holy Week**Maundy Thursday**

April 2 — 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 3 — 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil

April 4 — 5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 5

Easter Breakfast — 9:15 a.m.

Easter Worship Service — 10:30 a.m.