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## March 2024

# TRINITY NEWS

***“Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.***

***Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”***

*– Jesus in John 12:24-25 (NIV)*

My Trinity Family,

Spring-time is upon us! The sun is staying out a little longer every day. The temperatures are warming up. Fields are being planted. Maybe you’ve even been digging around in your own flowerbeds and gardens.

Jesus used the idea of planting a kernel of wheat to describe what a human life is like that is either buried with him or setting its own course. While the actual understanding and living of this is super complex, the picture is pretty simple: the human heart that seeks to control its own destiny is like a seed that is never planted; but the human heart that seeks to control its own destiny is like a seed that is never planted; but the human heart in the hand of God, that is buried to its own control, will actually “die” to that old way of life that doesn’t produce anything, and instead will grow into a vibrant plant that actually produces many seeds - that is, more kingdom-of-God-stuff in the world!

My sweet friends, it is very easy to end up living the “single-seed non-life.” We can get in routines and they turn into ruts that actually keep our hearts far from God, even as we go through the very motions of singing hymns and songs, praying prayers, serving in God’s house, and participating in worship.

I want to invite you to let Jesus plant you this Spring. What do I mean by that?

Would you be willing to consider one way in which God could have a little more access to your real heart? Maybe you decide to commit to praying one honest prayer every week to Jesus (something like, “Jesus, will you help me want to notice my heart and share it with you.”) Maybe you decide to commit to coming to the Discipleship Hour at 9am for six weeks. Maybe you decide to intentionally try to get to know one person at church better and to share more of your own story with them. It could be anything! But the invitation is to let a little more of your real heart be open to God because the seed of your heart planted by God will not only die (to the single-seed non-life), but it will grow and flourish and produce vibrant life.

So...what do you say? I want to let Jesus have a little more access and plant you?

Love y’all, Pastor Steve

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<h1>March 2024</h1> 					1	2
3 CHIMES 9am Bible Class 10:15 Worship w/communion	4	5	6 4pm Worship Team 5pm Chime Practice  6:30 Lenten Devotional	7	8 6:30pm Youth Group <b>LOCK-IN</b>	9  Daylight Saving Time Begins  Move your clocks forward 1 hr
10 9am Bible Class 10:15 Worship	11  <b>SPRING BREAK</b> Mar 11-15	12 2 pm Bible Study at Cambridge  6pm <b>ELDER MTG.</b>	13 4pm Worship Team 5pm Chime Practice  6:30 Lenten Devotional	14	15	16
17 9am Bible Class 10:15 Worship w/communion  	18	19   Spring Begins	20 4pm Worship Team 5pm Chime Practice  6:30 Lenten Devotional	21	22	23
24 CHIMES 9am Bible Class 10:15 Worship  	25	26  <b>HOLY WEEK</b> Mar. 25-29	27	28  <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 6:30pm Maundy Thurs. W/comm	29  <b>Good Friday</b> 6:30pm Good Friday	30
31  7am Sunrise 8am Breakfast 9am Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 Easter Celebration  						

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 8 - Jocelyn Hausler | 18- Lacey Taylor      |
| 10 - Miken Arnold   | 20- Winter Cuellar    |
| 11 - Mike Egger     | 26- Travis Nanez, Jr. |
| 14 - Tom Regetz     | 28- Debra Leslie      |
| 15 - Owen McGaw     |                       |



## MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*March 12 '94 -*

*Steven & Julie Hausler "30<sup>th</sup>"*

*March 21 2015 -*

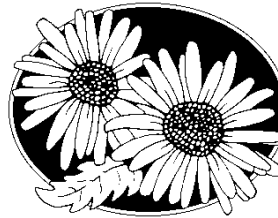
*Alyssa Charles (Chip) Herman "9<sup>th</sup>"*

*March 28 2009 -*

*Gibson & Joanna Baafour "15<sup>th</sup>"*

## MARCH ALTAR FLOWERS

- 3- OPEN  
10- OPEN  
17- OPEN  
24- OPEN  
31- Easter



## THOSE WHO SERVE

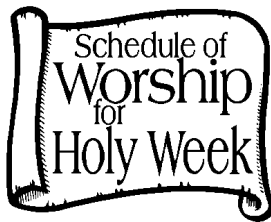
### Greeters

- 3- Milton Riske  
10- Pat Conner  
17- Linda McCoy  
24- Ann Schwebel  
31-

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!



**SPRING FORWARD...** on Saturday, March 9,  
move your clocks **FORWARD 1 HOUR** before you go to  
bed!

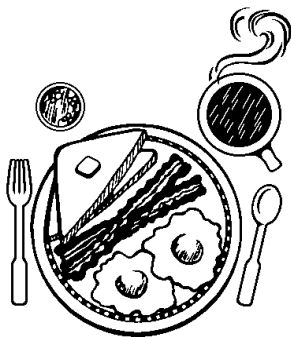


**Palm Sunday** - Sunday, March 24

**Maundy Thursday w/communion** -  
Thursday, March 28, 6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday** - Friday, March 29,  
6:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday** - Sunday, March 31  
7am - Easter Sunrise Celebration  
8am - Easter Breakfast  
9am - Bible Class & Easter Egg Hunt  
10:15am - Easter Celebration



## **EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN-UP**

... *SIGN-UP* for the  
delicious *BREAKFAST* prepared & served  
by our Trinity *ELDERS* held on Easter  
Sunday, March 31, at 8:00 a.m.  
*SIGN-UP* located at the back  
of the church.

**On the Menu:**  
***Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage,  
Biscuits, Jelly, Coffee and Orange  
Juice.***

**DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP:**  
**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>!**

# **YOUTH LOCK-IN**

Come to the **Youth LOCK-IN** on **Friday, March 8**, at **6:30pm**. The LOCK-IN will be for youth **7<sup>th</sup> grade** thru **High School**. Please speak with Joanna or Julie if you are interested in going.

## **COMING UP IN MARCH**

### **EASTER LILIES & FLOWERING PLANTS**



... We are asking our members to share their Easter Lilies and any flowering spring plants to decorate the altar for Easter. Please put your name on the bottom of your plant. You can start bringing them to the church on MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 28 or GOOD FRIDAY, March 29. Our ladies will be decorating with them on **Saturday, March 30th**.



## ***Flowering of the Cross***

We will again ask members to bring fresh flowers OR we will provide silk flowers to place on the CROSS on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

A symbol of death, darkness, pain and hopelessness is transformed into something beautiful, new and alive in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.

# CLOSER LOOK at Our Budget

## FEBRUARY 2023

We need \$ 3,721 weekly

Attendance per Sunday

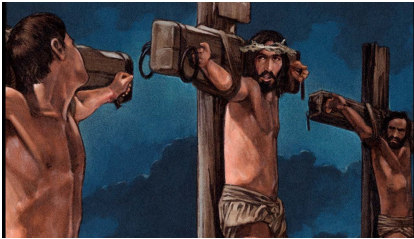
Feb. 5 -	3,295.00	61
Feb. 12 -	2,440.00	68
Feb. 19 -	3,342.00	56
Feb. 26 -	3,510.00	76

## FEBRUARY 2024

We need \$ 3,947.00 weekly

Attendance per Sunday

Feb. 4 -	4,397.86	71
Feb. 11 -	2,430.00	89
Feb. 18 -	1,951.00	47
Feb. 25 -	4,099.00	65



### **BECAUSE JESUS SAID SO**

One intriguing person in the Passion account is the thief on the cross whom Jesus promised a same-day entrance to paradise (see Luke 23:43). Radio host Alistair Begg says he can't wait to meet that man and ask how everything unfolded. "You were cussing [Jesus] out with your friend," Begg says. "You've never been in a Bible study. You've never been baptized. You didn't know a thing about church membership, and yet you made it!"

In a sermon, Begg pictures an imaginary angel at the pearly gates, growing frustrated during the sinful thief's entrance interview. After receiving no clear answers from the thief about doctrines such as justification, the angel finally asks, "On what basis are you here?" The thief simply replies, "The man on the middle cross said I can come."

### **BLESS YOU**

On March 17, when we remember the Christian missionary St. Patrick, Irish blessings abound. Here is one benediction to share with friends in the faith:

May there always be work for your hands to do;  
May your purse always hold a coin or two;  
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;  
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;  
May the hand of a friend always be near you;  
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.



### **CHRISTIAN SYMBOL**

**BUTTERFLY** - The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter and the new life we have in Christ Jesus. As a caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis, so Jesus' lifeless body was hidden in a tomb. The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection - and ours.