



TRINITY *TRIUNE*

LUTHERAN *NEWSLETTER*

CHURCH OF SPENCERPORT

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WHY DO I DO WHAT I DON'T WANT TO DO?

This is the Apostle Paul's struggle that he writes in Romans 7:15-20. It not only is Paul's confession to the church at Rome but is something we can all relate to. We are all tempted to do the very things we don't want to...the very things we hate. It is the "little" sin that we deceive ourselves into thinking won't matter. It also might be the sin that everyone around us witnessed that causes them to look at us differently. Paul writes the reason in vs. 18, "For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out." As much as we try (and yes we try constantly) we find that we cannot go it alone. We need help!

Truth is we cannot stop a bad habit. We can only replace it with a good one. The good one is the one that Jesus calls us to do in this life: pursue holiness (1 Peter 1:15). There are two lessons that stick out the most. One, sin subtly creeps into our lives. Two, while we love quick fixes, pursuing holiness is a lifelong pursuit full of micro-decisions along the way.

This will be our next sermon series beginning on Ash Wednesday (Feb 14th) and will run through the beginning of Holy week. Each Sunday morning and Wednesday evening we will explore the battles that we encounter: Pride & Humility, Anger & Forgiveness, "Cynicism & Optimism," and others. We will also dive deep into Scripture and what it means to pursue a holy life. One that is constantly in those battles and yet depends fully on Christ Jesus.

I look forward to seeing you!

LENTEN SERVICES - STARTING FEB. 14TH AT 7 P.M.

This Lenten Sermon Series is based on Paul's own struggle with sin that he records in Romans 7:15-20 and will help us to identify the battle that we all have with sin. They include battles that have gone on since the beginning of time like pride vs. humility and anger vs. forgiveness. We will also explore others that seem to be relevant today like entitlement vs. gratitude and cynicism vs. optimism. The goal is for all of us to live the righteous lives Jesus desires for us.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Best Wishes and God's Blessings to the Following:

- 6 - Dottie Meyer
- 7 - Angie Johnson
- 7 - Chrissy Hammond
- 16 - Chris Reigle
- 24 - Mitch Frey
- 24 - Sigrun Miller
- 20 - Annmarie Gruttadauro
- 27 - Kelsey Garrett
- 29 - Carlynn Gebhardt



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and God's Blessings to:

- 20 - John & Sally Steele



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Hello from Trinity Christian Preschool! We have settled back into our daily routines after coming back from Christmas break. The kids are busy learning their shapes, numbers and letters and having lots of fun doing it. We are looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day by exchanging cards, playing games and eating yummy snacks.

We are now registering for the 2024-2025 school year. Our annual Open House will be held Wednesday, February 28th from 6:00-7:30 pm in the preschool room. If you know anyone looking for a great preschool, please tell them about us! For more information check out our website at www.trinitychristianpreschool.org, email us at Trinitypreschool1@yahoo.com. or call at 352-3143.

Wishing everyone good health this winter!

Jodi Blank, Laurie Butts, Yvette Casserino & Jamie LaFave

POSTAGE STAMPS FOR LWML

Please remember to cut your stamps off your envelopes and bring them to church. Please cut 1/4" around each stamp and drop them into the specially marked jar in the coat room. These stamps go towards purchasing Bibles to distribute for World Relief.

Many Thanks! Ginny O'Keefe

NEXT TRIUNE - MARCH

Mark your calendars! The deadline to get information in for March is Monday, February 19th. Any announcements sent later than that may not make the printing of the March triune!

HOME BOUND MEMBERS

Remember our home bound members. Give them a call on the phone or send a card. Above all, remember to keep them in your prayers:

- Marie Feldmann
- Tom Troxell
- Bill Crow
- Dorothy Ayers
- Glenn Neumann
- Cathy Crow
- Henrika Menge
- Janet Cronin

PRAYER REQUESTS

Communicating through prayer with God is essential for every christian. If you are in need of any prayer we encourage you to contact us with a request. As these prayer request are sent out to our members we also hope you keep us up to date so we may know that the Lord has answered.

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SPENCERPORT ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF

The Board of the SEFS is made up of two representatives from each area church and two at large members. We met at the Wesleyan Church on Jan 8, 2024. Two notable things happened at that Board Meeting. First, our long time Treasurer, Dick Gallagher retired. Thank you, Dick, for all those years of service! The Board nominated and voted in favor of Thomas Olney to be our new treasurer. If you wish to donate to SEFS in the future, checks can be sent to Tom at 26 Ogden Parma TL Rd, Spencerport 14559. Per usual, please make your checks to SEFS. Your donations are tax deductible.



The second business of note was our 2023 Annual Report. Our packers and drivers had a busy year, delivering 344 units of food to families in the Spencerport School District. Sixty six of those families also received a Thanksgiving box. We expect about the same number this year. One other thing we learned was SEM is making a come-back. During COVID SEM was inactive. SEM (Spencerport Ecumenical Ministry) is a group of ministers from the area churches that support the food shelf. They plan things in our community like the World Day of Prayer; they take part in the Memorial Day Activities; and discuss problems they see in Spencerport. I hope our church can once again be active in our community events.

Thank your for your generous donations to SEFS. You have helped many families in our community, Your Trinity Representative, Carlynn Gebhardt

CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS NEEDED

We are currently in need of a Vice President and a Council Secretary for the church council. The council meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, beginning at 7pm. The V.P. is responsible for facilitating the meetings, and the Secretary is responsible for taking notes at the meeting and submitting them to the church administrative assistant for posting in the monthly newsletter. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please contact Cathy DeConinck!



MITES

The featured mission for this month is Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW). There are millions of people around the world who live with blindness or visual impairment. They often find it difficult to access Scripture-based reading materials. This grant will provide LBW to add to their library 50 to 100 Scripture-based materials in Braille. Because LBS works with every Christian denomination, these materials

would be available for outreach and evangelism at no cost to those who are needing them.

Your Mites donations are collected at Trinity on the first Sunday of each month. Your coins and small bills are helping so many people in difficult situations. Please consider contributing to Mites.

PACKING DATE FOR GOODIE BOXES

JAM Ministries has been collecting snacks, etc. for the Goodie Boxes and can use a few more additional snacks. They will be assembling the boxes at the next JAM Meeting on Wednesday, February 7th at 10AM. If you have anyone that would like to receive one of these boxes, this is your last chance! Names and addresses need to be to Sue Oswald NLT Sunday, February 4th.



Also welcomed are any donations towards postage of the boxes. The cost to ship one of these boxes is over \$10. Checks should be made out to 'Trinity Lutheran Women's Group'. The checks can be put in the collection plate or given directly to Sally Steele. Cash is accepted as well and can be given directly to Sally or can be placed in the box labeled 'monetary donations' located by the snack donations bin.

Thank you all for your support towards this important mission!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study Group will continue to meet in 2024 on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00am on February 14th and February 28th. Please consider joining us and bring a friend too!

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES *AT 7 P.M.*

Join us as we expand upon Paul’s own struggles with sin in our Wednesday Lenten services. Learn more about these services on the front page. We look forward to connecting with you.

- February 14 - Ash Wednesday
- February 21
- February 28
- March 6
- March 13
- March 20



a community that is
GOD-CENTERED

continuing to learn and grow
IN CHRIST



by the guidance of
THE HOLY SPIRIT

SERVING SCHEDULE

Please check your dates carefully and arrange for a substitute if you cannot serve when scheduled.

	FEBRUARY 4 9:00AM Communion Worship Service	FEBRUARY 11 9:00AM Worship Service	FEBRUARY 14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7PM Communion Worship Service	FEBRUARY 18 9:00AM Communion Worship Service	FEBRUARY 25 9:00AM Worship Service
ACOLYTES	Lily Ingham	Julie Hammond	Ryan Ingham	Elizabeth Hammond	Victor Castricone
USHERS	Ron Lillie Ryan Ingham	John Gentzke	Lily Ingham Ron Lillie	Bob DeVantier Mike Mayer	Brian Miller
LECTORS	Craig Coon	Sharon Gruttadauro	Brian Miller	Sally Steele	Chris Reigle
ELDERS	Bev Lillie Eileen Bruton		Bev Lillie Eileen Bruton	Brian Miller Craig Oswald	
COUNTERS		Kim Rivers Nancy Goehring			Tim Bruton Mark Gebhardt
ADULT BIBLE STUDY (ABS)	Nancy Goehring	Cathy DeConinck		Krista Hart	John & Sally Steele
COFFEE SET UP					
ALTAR GUILD	Brian & Sigrun Miller				

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2024

Members present: Cathy DeConinck, Lisa Castricone, Kim Rivers, Eileen Bruton, Rodney Boatman, and Pastor Steve

Meeting opened 7:04 PM with prayer by Eileen.

No Minutes from previous meeting to approve.

Treasurer Report: none

Financial Report: L. Castricone – Envelope numbers/report matches the bank statement, but no treasurer's report to match, at this time.

Bd. Of Christian Outreach: K Rivers – Carols and Cookies was a fun event, in December with 2 non-member families attending.

Pastor's Report: It's the beginning of year 3 and time "To Do". Leadership team will begin to create a schedule for the year's planned events and communicate this to the congregation. Need to focus outward, and step up efforts with the preschool.

Elders Report: Eileen Bruton

The 7:00 PM Christmas service was discussed. There were many positive comments made by Elders and others in attendance. The video on screen and the song "Believe" were great.

The center speaker in the sanctuary needs to be replaced, Evan has taken care of the replacement. Professionals will be hired to do the work. Scaffolding will most likely be used. The sound board also needs work and additional operators will be needed.

Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th. A communion service will be held at 7 PM, 2 Elder's will be needed.

Mid-week Lenten services will be held as usual, but attendance will be monitored to determine whether these services will be continued in the future.

Pastor has recently visited Janet Cronin and has placed her on our home bound list. Bill and Cathy Craw are not doing well, Cathy's memory has become quite poor. Tom Troxell no longer recognizes his surroundings.

Trustees (Building Maintenance Team): R Boatman:

- The Church boiler was inspected by a representative of HSB (The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company) on December 12th. There were no problems found.
- A broken stair tread on the stairs leading down from the Sanctuary to the Mary Martha Hall (North end of Church) was repaired on December 16th. Thank you to my team, Mark Gebhardt and Ron Lillie, who did the majority of the work on this project.
- The town Fire Marshall, Rich McQuilkin, inspected the Church on December 19th. The only problems identified were the emergency lights over the Sanctuary (north end doors) and over the north end door of the Mary Martha Hall. These lights come on with backup battery power when the electricity is off. The batteries in these units were replaced.
- Gatti Plumbing was at the Church on Thursday, December 14th to descale the iron pipe sewer line running from the Church to the road. A bid from Gatti Plumbing had been obtained several months earlier. The work entailed first removing a toilet from the women's bathroom to gain access to the pipe. The 50' from this access point to the exit point of the pipe from the Church was descaled and checked with a camera.
- We need to work on priorities of what we need to do and when, and how to pay for it.

Things to Consider for the Future:

The Trustees suggest that the Council begin to discuss funding priorities for future repairs and remodeling at the Church. Items such as painting, flooring replacements and parking lot repairs are among things still on the list and that will need attention at some time in the future.

President: C. DeConinck

New Business:

Old Business: Officers and Elders needed. Shared some names of people to contact about accepting these positions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM with a prayer by Pastor Steve

FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 9:00 am Blended 10:00 am ABS, SS 11:00 Contemporary 2:00 pm RDC Rehearsal Communion	29	30	31	01 6:30 pm Elders Meeting 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	02 Groundhog Day	03
04 9:00 am Blended 10:00 am ABS, SS 11:00 Contemporary 2:00 pm RDC Rehearsal Communion	05	06 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	07 10:00am JAM Ministries Goodie Box Packing	08 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	09	10 8:15am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
11 9:00 am Blended 10:00 am ABS, SS 11:00 Contemporary 2:00 pm RDC Rehearsal	12 6:00 pm Planning Meeting	13 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day 10:00am Women's Bible Study	15 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	16 Triune article deadline	17
18 9:00 am Blended 10:00 am ABS, SS 11:00 Contemporary 2:00 pm RDC Rehearsal Communion	19 President's Day	20 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	21 7:00pm Lenten Service	22 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24
25 9:00 am Blended 10:00 am ABS, SS 11:00 Contemporary	26	27 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	28 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Preschool Open House 7:00pm Lenten Service	29 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	01	02



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Schedule of Sunday Service:

Traditional Worship Service at 9:00AM

Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Bible Study 10:00AM

Contemporary Worship Service 11:00AM

(both services live streamed on youtube)

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