

February 2026



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship 8:00am & 10:45am
Evening Prayer Wednesdays at 7:00pm

*The 8:00am Sunday and 7:00pm
Wednesday services are livestreamed
on Trinity's YouTube channel,
Facebook page, and website.*

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Tradewinds

The Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church

Called by Christ + Gathered in Grace + Joyfully Serving

From Pastor Jen...

Dear Trinity Family,

Last month I talked about how 2026 was here whether we were ready or not. This month brings the season of Lent, whether we are ready or not. I knew it would be a short time between Epiphany and Lent, but it still came with a bit of surprise.

In years past, we have had a Lenten devotional. While it has taken on different styles over the years, I have enjoyed that it is a collection of your voices, stories, and prayers guiding us through the season of Lent.

This year, while I had great hopes of a Trinity Lenten devotional, we will instead have an Easter devotional. If I've learned anything over the last few years (and months) in ministry, it's that every once in a while, we still need to pivot. We've seen that when weather shifts our ability to gather in person. We've seen that when life, health, or death interrupts our daily flow.

Needless to say, the pace of January and the brevity between Epiphany and Lent mean that we are pivoting our congregational devotions this year. As the nation struggles with who we are and how we are called to show up in the world, we, too, wrestle with that call each and every day — as children of God and as the church in the year 2026. And yet we continue to show up — called by Christ, we gather in grace to joyfully serve.

This Lent, I encourage you to think about who Christ is calling you (and us) to be. I encourage you to keep gathering in this space, in this place, knowing that God's grace surrounds you. And I encourage you to continue serving joyfully, whether as a worship leader, Sunday school teacher, Food Pantry volunteer, newsletter helper, or any of the many other ways you are welcome to serve here.



Pastor Jen

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Publication Deadlines: Sunday Bulletin,
Noon on Tuesday each week; *Tradewinds*
Newsletter, the 15th of each month.

From Pastor Eileen... Won't You Be...My Neighbor?

My dear siblings in Christ,

When my children were young, a familiar afternoon routine was watching Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. Together we sang the familiar opening song: "Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Won't you be...my neighbor?"

Fred Rogers' idea of "neighbor" taught children from an early age that neighbors were often people who were very different from themselves, and "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" was a place that presented diversity and differences as things to savor and celebrate.

The witness of Scripture tells us that being the people of God means recognizing and caring for our "neighbors." From Leviticus 19:

- 1 *The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:*
- 2 *Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy...*
- 9 *When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest.*
- 10 *You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. Lev. 19:1-2, 9-10*

There is often a false notion that the teachings of Jesus are meant to be a corrective to the teachings of the Hebrew scriptures. But Jesus himself clearly says that he came to fulfill the law—the teachings that have come through the prophets for centuries.

This reading from Leviticus reflects a theme that occurs often in the teachings of the Hebrew prophets, and of Jesus: care for our neighbor.

Leaving parts of a field or vineyard unharvested was a way to provide food for those who were poor, or those who were not natives and did not have land of their own to cultivate.

The message is simple and clear. What has been given to us is not meant to be hoarded, but shared. Not just with the poor of our own community but with those who come from other places, travelers seeking food and rest.

It's a challenging teaching...and task, but one we need to take seriously because it isn't just a suggestion. It's the way we are commanded to live, because "I am the Lord your God."

The Conrad Weiser Food Pantry is one of the ways we live out that command from God. Trinity provides a home base for the pantry, a location for food distribution, volunteers and resources to provide supplemental food for neighbors from all over Berks County.

Thank you for the many different ways you help to provide food and hope and compassion for our neighbors who rely on the CW Food Pantry to feed themselves and their families.

Blessings!

Pastor Eileen ▲



Pastor Eileen



From Vicar April...

Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Is it that time of year already? It seems like only yesterday the Christmas trees were being taken down and all the decorations were being put back into storage, and I began my first Sunday here at Trinity. And now the Lenten season is upon us.

Across the globe, ten words will be spoken and Christians will be identified by that tiny, black cross on hand or forehead; the only day of the year the "secret handshake" is out. You can go to the grocery store and walk down the aisle, look at one's forehead, and know that person is a follower of Christ. For one day we are reminded there is unity within the community, and then Poof! it is gone with the night's cleansing. Gone with the night's sunset and forgotten with the morning's sunrise. We forget we are dust. We forget to dust we shall return.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of my favorite time of the church year. I absolutely LOVE lent (not just because the liturgical color is purple). It is a time of spiritual reflection for me; to look back over the past year and mark my growth and where I blossomed, as well as the areas that withered and need to be fertilized. It is also a time of purging. The Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday says, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where you treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Mt 6.19-21). Nadia Bolz-Weber talks about the "holy thief" that comes in the night and I think about this holy thief every Lent and ask myself a question: "If I could have the Holy Thief come during this Lenten season, what would I want that thief to purge from me that is keeping me from my relationship with God, Christ, and my usefulness to others?" Remembering where my treasure is, there were years when I simply needed to de-clutter the number of books in my library (which made my husband very happy). But there were other years when I prayed the Holy Thief would take away perfectionism or accepting I am truly God's beloved.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of our journey from dust, a remembrance of our own creation in the beginning when we ourselves were formed from the dust of the earth (Genesis 2.7) and ends on Sunday morning with the Resurrection of our Risen Lord, a remembrance that although our physical bodies will return to physical dust, we have eternal life. I am reminded that I am human. I am reminded that I need God's grace everyday in-between the dust-to-dust. The journey of Lent, and especially Holy Week, reminds me just how much I am God's beloved child, just how much I need God's grace, just how much I need God's mercy. Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Amen.

Blessing to All!

Vicar April ▲

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at Trinity,

We are in receipt of your generous donation of \$4,547.30 to the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry. Thank you so much! It will go a long way toward eliminating food insecurity within our community.

May God bless us always, in all ways.

Gratefully,

Joan Lincoln, Food Pantry Volunteer ▲



From Pastor Jen...

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As we journey through this season, one where we often simplify things or pare down extravagance, I deeply encourage you to seek out moments of hope and joy. Throughout this season, please take note of these moments of hope and joy.

In the season of Easter, we will share a 50-day devotional of Trinity's moments of hope and joy. Please consider sharing your moments with me, along with a picture and a prayer, for our Easter devotional. We will share it in print and as daily posts on our Facebook page.

Thanks for looking for those moments of hope and joy. Thanks for being a place where we can experience hope and joy with one another. Keep your eyes open this Lent. God is still showing up, and so will we.

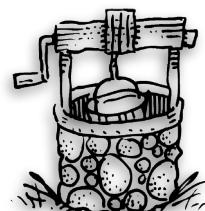
Devotional submissions can be sent to jdee@trinityrobesonia.org. Thanks!

+Peace,

Pastor Jen ▲

Well, Well, Well...

Looking to gather with folks for dinner? Join us at **6:00pm** for a potluck dinner **February 11th**. No need to sign up, just show up. You are welcome to bring a dish to share or just show up as you are. We always have plenty of food and there is a place for you.



Lent begins on **February 18th** with Ash Wednesday; dinner that night and on each Wednesday through Lent will be at **5:30pm**. Look for sign-ups for meals and activities online and on the kiosks in the Narthex. ▲



Wiggle Room Available

Wiggle Room (at the front right side of the Sanctuary)—A place for little ones who may need to move around without disrupting worship. No need for tears—just a little wiggle space! And note that a **restroom** is inside, including a changing table. It is the closest restroom to the Sanctuary. ▲



How To Contact the Pastoral Staff

While we wish that we received a crystal ball in seminary so we would just ‘know’ the health and wellbeing of each and every Trinity person, that is not the case. If you know of upcoming surgeries, please call the church office and let us know. You can leave messages with Bob or Cheryl or you can ask to be directed to the voicemail of Pastor Jen or Pastor Eileen, whose voicemail boxes are confidential. If there is an emergency event, especially on a Friday or Saturday (when the church office is closed) please call Pastor Jen at home 610-693-5551 or Pastor Eileen at 484-575-1881. ▲

NOTE: If you’re calling the church office from a cell phone and get an error message, you may need to dial “1” first to get through.

Just a reminder...neither Trinity staff, nor Trinity members will reach out to you via email asking for gift cards. These emails are SCAMMERS. Do not reply to them—delete them. When we do ask for donations, we do so in the announcements at worship, in the bulletin and in the newsletter. If you are unsure, please call the church office. ▲



Visit Trinity's website using this handy QR code, or go to <https://www.trinityrobesonia.org/>.



Planning Ahead...

Make sure these dates are on your calendar:

Monday, February 2nd, 9:00am—Coffee & Conversation continues weekly

Sunday, February 8th, 12:00noon—Confirmation; lunch and Valentine Creations for Homebound Members

Tuesday, February 10th, 12:00noon—ABO Lunch, Karl Hausman, Piano

Tuesday, February 10th, 7:00pm—Trinity Photo Club: AI (Artificial Intelligence) for Photographers, and more!

Wednesday, February 11th, 6:00pm—The Well Potluck Dinner

February 14th—Remember your Valentine!

Sunday, February 15th, 12:00noon—Confirmation

Tuesday, February 17th, 6:00pm—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Wednesday, February 18th—Ash Wednesday:

- **12:00noon-1:00pm**—Ashes to Go (under the portico)
- **The Well, 5:30pm**—Potluck Dinner
- **7:00pm**—Worship, Imposition of Ashes, Holy Communion

Tuesday, February 24th, 8:30am—Newsletter assembly

Wednesday, February 25th, 12:00noon—Conrad Weiser Ministerium Lent Worship and Lunch here at Trinity

Thursday, February 26th, 10:00am-12:00noon—Conrad Weiser Food Pantry

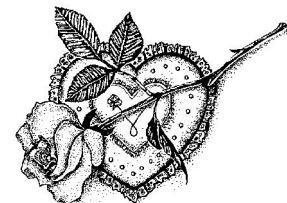
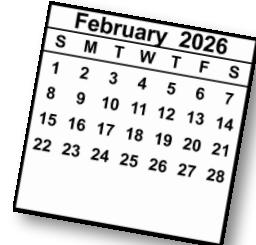
Sunday, March 1st, 12:00noon—Confirmation

Sunday, March 8th, 12:00noon—Confirmation

Tuesday, March 10th, 12:00noon—ABO Lunch, program TBA

Sunday, March 15th, 12:00noon—Confirmation

Tuesday, April 14th, 12:00noon—ABO Lunch, Presentation by a Master Gardener ▲



Sunday School at 9:15am

Join us each week for Sunday School! Classes for children of all ages as well as classes for adults begin each Sunday at 9:15am.

ADULT CLASSES:

Coffee Klatch

The *Coffee Klatch*, led by Joan Lincoln, meets each Sunday at 9:15am in Classroom A. This is a relaxed class, so bring your coffee and donut, and sit and chat about where God is in your life. We start with an inspirational reading, poem, or contemporary issue and let the Holy Spirit lead wherever he believes we should go. We become a community within our congregation that prays for and cares for each other.

Trinity's Lutheran Liturgy

Beginning Sunday, January 4th, 2026, Jeff Culp will lead a 12-week adult Sunday School class entitled *Trinity's Lutheran Liturgy*. It will inform you in detail about the church and all parts of the worship service. It will meet in Classroom B at 9:15am. All are welcome! ▲



Shrove Tuesday

Mmmmm...watch for opportunities to help with the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, 6:00pm, February 17th!** Please mark your calendars and watch for details soon. ▲

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18th**. Join us from **12:00noon-1:00pm** for Ashes to Go under the portico; **5:30pm** potluck supper; and **7:00pm** worship with imposition of ashes and holy communion. ▲

Youth Grades 7-12

Check out these upcoming events & sign up on the youth bulletin board!

Confirmation Youth

Make sure these dates are in your calendars and/or the calendars of the adults who drive you around!



Confirmation CLASSES

Sunday, Feb. 8th—12:00-2:00pm Lunch & Valentine Creations for Homebound Members

Sunday, Feb. 15th—12:00-2:00pm Confirmation

Sunday, March 1st—12:00-2:00pm Confirmation

Sunday, March 8th—12:00-2:00pm Confirmation

Sunday, March 15th—12:00-2:00pm Confirmation

Sunday School for youth in grades 7-12 meets every Sunday at 9:15am with Pastor Jen. Come laugh, pray, serve, and learn together. Friends are always welcome. ▲

Weather-Related Cancellations

Sunday Worship & Sunday School

Please know that we love gathering together, but when the weather looks dangerous, or if our parking lot is not yet cleared, we may cancel events. We make this decision based on lots of factors, but the main one is the safety of each person at Trinity.

Sunday Worship, Sunday School and Wednesday Evening Worship

When decisions are made, we will update the church voicemail (610) 693-6062 and our Facebook page, and we will send out a mass email notification to everyone who has email. If you are ever uncertain, please call or check those places first before heading in. Also, make the best decision for you. If it is not safe for you to travel, please join us online.

Coffee and Conversation (Mondays at 9:00am)

If there is a weather-related delay or cancellation for the Conrad Weiser School District, Coffee and Conversation is cancelled. ▲

Sanctuary Upgrades Are Complete!

New wireless microphones, video projectors, video screens, desks and the computers, amplifiers, and monitors to control it all...exciting!

A huge thank you to folks who specifically supported this project and to the folks who continually support the building fund. Because of your incredible generosity in the building fund, we were able to move forward with this project. An anonymous giver is ready to donate \$20,000 to this project if that amount is given from other folks throughout the congregation. If you would like to support his upgrade specifically, please make a note in the memo line of your check or online donation labeled "sanctuary upgrade." Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to the building fund. You are helping these projects to happen. ▲





Become Part of Our Church Family

New Member Orientation

Have you been joining us for worship, Coffee & Conversation, fellowship, or service opportunities? We're so glad you're here and would love to get to know you better. If you're interested in joining Trinity or simply learning more about who we are and what we do, please plan to join Pastor Jen and Vicar April for our New Member Orientation, which will be held soon after being rescheduled due to winter weather. Watch the bulletin for the new date. This is a perfect opportunity to meet Trinity's leaders and connect with others who are new to our community. ▲

From the Fellowship Board

The Fellowship Board will meet in the Parlor on Monday evening, February 2nd at 6:30pm. If you are interested in helping us plan and host upcoming fellowship events, please join us!

And the Fellowship Board will be hosting a luncheon at Trinity on February 25th, following the Conrad Weiser Ministerium Lenten service at noon. If you could provide a food item for this event, please sign up on the kiosk in the upper Narthex. ▲



Already? Easter is April 5th, 2026, so it's time to begin thinking about Easter flowers! Watch for the March *Tradewinds* Newsletter for more information and order forms—tulips, daffodils, and lilies! ▲

Conrad Weiser Ministerium Lent Worship & Lunch

Join folks from the Conrad Weiser Ministerium this Lent as we gather at 12:00noon on Wednesdays for worship and lunch.

- **February 25th**—Trinity, Robesonia
- **March 4th**—UCC of Robesonia
- **March 11th**—St. John's (Hain's)
- **March 18th**—Trinity, Wernersville
- **March 25th**—Trinity, Wernersville ▲



From the Worship & Music Board:

Artist of the Month

Do you have a special artistic craft or hobby?

Share a piece of your work with us to display on the windowsills in the sanctuary! Complete an info slip, available on the kiosk in the upper Narthex or table in the lower Narthex, and place your submission in the box by the office.

The display schedule for the windowsills is currently:

- **February**—Trinity Photo Club
- **March**—Artist of the Month submissions
- **April**—Easter décor
- **May**—Artist of the Month submissions

Look for more information on the kiosk in the upper Narthex and table in the lower Narthex. ▲



ABO—Anything But Old!

Trinity's 55+ Ministry No Dues—No Don'ts

Anything But Old is Trinity's fellowship group especially geared towards the older members of our congregation. But everyone is welcome to join us!

We usually meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 12:00noon to share a meal together and then enjoy an activity that may be a service project, entertainment, or something educational! Sign up sheets for our upcoming events can be found on the kiosk in the upper Narthex.

We're already planning ahead for the 2026 program year, so mark your calendar for these events:

- **Tuesday, February 10th, 12:00noon**—Karl Hausman (piano)
- **Tuesday, March 10th, 12:00noon**—Lunch, and program TBD
- **Tuesday, April 14th, 12:00noon**—Lunch, and Presentation by a Master Gardener (watch for more details)

Sign-ups for ABO are located on a kiosk in the upper Narthex. Questions? Ask Pastor Eileen or Jo Ressler. ▲

From the Finance Board

2025 General Fund Activity

	December 2025	Year to Date
Budget	\$49,642	\$575,365
Transfers	\$0	\$100,000
Income	\$69,689	\$483,257
Expenses	\$78,166	\$564,980
Operating Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$8,477)	(\$81,723)

Pushpay...an Easy Way to Give, and More

Pushpay is our new database and giving platform. With Pushpay you will be able to access and update your contact information, giving statements, as well as contact other folks at Trinity. Think of it as your own personal directory with bonus features. If you volunteer in worship, you'll be able to easily contact other people who serve in that role to swap or find a last-minute replacement. If you sponsor flowers, bulletins, Pastor Bridget, the newsletter, or other specific things you can do so through our website or app. Like to keep your financial gifts as something you give weekly? You can set that up. Once a month better? You can do that, too. End of year gift? Totally possible.

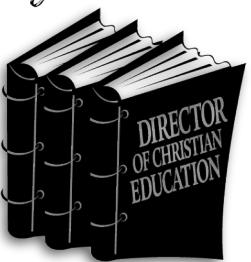
We know that switching to anything new can come with some questions and we are here to help you answer them. We trust this platform for giving and connecting to one another. ▲

Kidney Donor Needed

David Madeira, one of our members, is looking for a kidney donor. To learn more about his story, find out about kidney donation, or be tested as a potential donor, visit his website (or scan the QR code): <https://nkr.org/PLX397> ▲

Trinity is hiring!

Do you love working with kids, sharing your faith, helping amazing volunteers to do the same? Then you are the director of Christian Education for Trinity! Our Christian Education Director would help coordinate Sunday School classes/activities, be a driving force behind VBS and help with other kid/family activities. All interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to both Jeff Brunner (rjeffbrunner@gmail.com) and Pastor Jen (jdee@trinityrobesonia.org). ▲



Thank You for Your Gifts

Use this QR code with your smartphone to set up a Pushpay account. You can choose an amount, direct your gift to Trinity's General Fund, and even opt to cover any transaction fees. This convenient option also makes it easy for members, visitors, and guests to support our ministries. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting the many ongoing ministries of Trinity! ▲



Thank You, Newsletter Crew

Many thanks to our December volunteers who prepared the January newsletters for mailing. They included Geneva Berger, Don Stripling, Joanna Goodison, Betsy Althouse, Bonnie Smith, and Larry & Barb Schermick who folded, stuffed, sorted, and sealed the mailing. We are grateful for your help! ▲



Trinity Photo Club

The Trinity Photo Club meets on the sec-

ond Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in Classroom B. Our next meeting is **February 10th**. The topic for this month's meeting includes a fascinating update on what's new in AI for photographers.

Whether you're just starting out or have years of experience behind the lens, you'll find helpful tips, shared inspiration, and a welcoming community of fellow photographers. Come to improve your skills, try new techniques, see new gear, and share your photos!

Through the month of February club members are exhibiting some of their favorite photographs on the eight windowsills in the Sanctuary. Take a walk around to enjoy them!

To get email reminders of future meetings, contact the church office at office@trinityrobesonia.org. For more info, talk to Bob in the church office. ▲

2026 Sponsorship Opportunities Available

There are still openings for 2026 sponsorships, including altar flowers, memorial bowl, communion supplies, bulletins, newsletters, and online streaming. Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the upper Narthex. Thank you for your continued support of Trinity's ministries. ▲

2026 SPONSOR COSTS

Altar Flowers—\$40 per vase
 Memorial Bowl—\$40
 Bulletins—\$25
 Newsletter—\$20
 Communion—\$12
 Home Devotionals—\$20
 Online Worship—\$50
 Missionary—\$10

March Madness College Care Packages

Let's show our college students how much Trinity loves them! We are collecting donations of single-serving foods and treats, such as candy, popcorn, individual snack packs, protein or breakfast bars, ramen noodles, microwave mac 'n' cheese—anything a college kid might enjoy.



The thank-you notes and smiles we receive each year remind us just how much these bundles of Trinity love are appreciated. **The donation deadline is Sunday, March 8th.** Thank you for your generosity!

Parents of college students: Please remember to update your student's mailing address. Call or email the church office with current addresses.

Care packages will be assembled at The Well on Wednesday evening, March 11th. ▲

Save Redner's Receipts

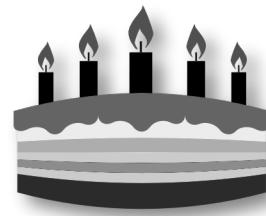
Support our fundraising efforts by saving your entire Redner's "Save-a-Tape" receipts! Receipts dated within the last three years qualify, but it must be the **whole receipt**. In December we received a check for **\$158.18** from Redner's Markets, all thanks to your submitted receipts. Please place your receipts in the collection box located in the upper Narthex. Thank you for your support, and thanks to Bonnie Culp for organizing and submitting the collected receipts to Redner's. ▲

TRINITY EXCHANGE

Have something to give? Need something? Use the Trinity Exchange bulletin board (left wall of the hallway to the Social Hall). Post your donation or request with your contact info and date. Items are free—no money exchanged. Notes stay up for 60 days. ▲

Family Support Fund

As we continue to live into our call to respond to the needs of our community and world, we have set up a Family Support Fund. We would like to have donations available for families facing emergency/crisis situations. We are doing this because we know that praying for the health and wellbeing of one another is deeply important, but we also know the realities families face when dealing with rising prices, a multitude of different caregivers, and working to maintain as much of the status quo for the rest of the family as possible. To give to this fund, you can give through Pushpay and note "Family Support Fund" in the memo, or checks can be made payable to Trinity with a note on the check or envelope that says Family Support Fund. ▲



Happy Birthday to Our Members Over 80!

Address included—send a card!*

William Clements—February 1st

Sandra Klink—February 3rd

Ruth Ann Moyer—February 13th

Warren Miller—February 14th

Geraldine Putt—February 26th

Kathryn Schweizer—February 28th



If you've used offering envelopes previously, your new envelopes are available on the table in the Upper Narthex. The 2026 envelope packs are in alphabetical order by last name.

IMPORTANT: Note that your offering envelope number for 2026 has changed.

If you are doing all of your giving in 2026 through Pushpay (strongly recommended), you will not need offering envelopes.

Questions? Give the church office a call or email. Phone numbers and email are listed on the front of the Bulletin. ▲

**Note: For privacy and safety, addresses of members over 80 are included only in the print edition of the newsletter and not in the PDF edition on the website. ▲*

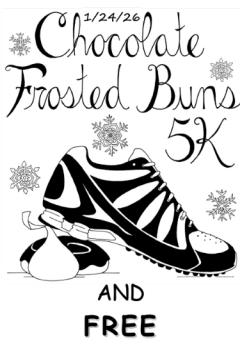
Help Us Help You...

Help us keep our records up-to-date! Please remember to fill out the pew pads in your row during the worship service each Sunday. Also, if you're making a financial gift, be sure to use your offering envelopes or give securely online through Pushpay (QR code). Thank you for your support and generosity! ▲

Someone in the Hospital?

If you have a family member in the hospital or in need of a call, visit, or prayers, please inform the church office. We don't always receive hospital notifications, so we rely on you. Thanks for your help—your assistance is key. ▲





Thank you to everyone who participated in and volunteered to help with the Chocolate Frosted Buns 5K Run January 24th! From the runners and walkers to

the volunteers who helped with registration, setup, course support, and cleanup, it truly took a team to make this event such a success. We are grateful for your time, energy, and community spirit—and for helping make it a fun and meaningful day for all! ▲

Connections...

To our Facebook page:

<https://facebook.com/trinity-robesonia>

To our YouTube channel:

<https://youtube.com/@trinity-robesonia>

To our website:

<https://trinityrobesonia.org>

To ELCA: <https://elca.org> ▲

Office Hours

The church office is open:

Monday-Thursday
8:00am-1:00pm

Closed Friday

If you have questions for the office and are not available during those hours, call and leave a voicemail message or send an email.

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Spring Cleaning for the Soul

Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2026, and it marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Lent hints of spring, a time when the earth begins to awaken from a winter's nap, and new growth bursts forth all about us.

More personally, it is an opportunity to enter into a springtime for our spirit. For centuries Christians have used the 40 days of Lent to seek spiritual growth. Sincere repentance, a changing of heart, casting off old sinful practices and seeking to commune with our creator help us go in the right direction. Spending serious time in silence and prayer focuses our attention. Reading spiritual literature, becoming more knowledgeable about the New Testament, meeting in small groups with other Christians to share personal stories of faith can all be immensely stimulating. Joining with others to serve the helpless and hopeless can strengthen our spiritual life.

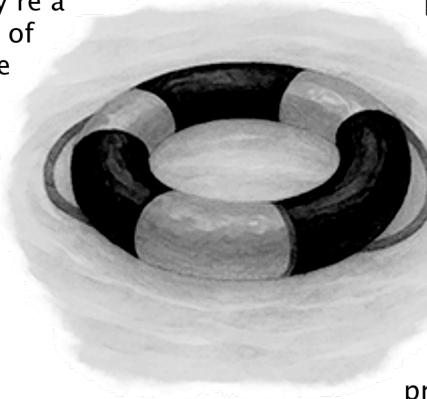
Lent is a time to let God do "spring cleaning" within us. It's our opportunity to allow God to help us toss out the "stuff" that hinders us and then freshen up the "new creature" we are meant to be as followers of Christ. ▲



The Upside-Down Blessing

The Beatitudes are more than poetic lines from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. They're a radical redefinition of what it means to be blessed. The Greek word *makarios* doesn't just mean "happy." It describes a deep, untouchable joy that pain, loss or hardship cannot erase. As scholar William Barclay wrote, it is "the joy which shines through tears."

Jesus flips the world's idea of success upside down. The "blessed" aren't the powerful or prosperous, but the poor in spirit, the mourn-



ers, the meek and the merciful. Imagine reading them as "Congratulations, you who feel broken, God's kingdom belongs to you!" His words assure us that, even in suffering, we stand in God's favor.

Real blessing isn't about shiny possessions or smooth sailing. It's the steady, saving presence of God — a life preserver tossed to us when we're struggling to stay afloat. And it's not just an individual promise. Jesus spoke these blessings to a community, a we more than a me. Together, as the body of Christ, we find comfort, strength and the courage to live with joy that nothing in life or death can take away. ▲

— Adapted from *HomileticsOnline.com*

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED!

Do you love donuts, coffee, and good conversation?

We're looking for friendly faces to help host **Coffee Hour** on Sunday mornings between services! Hosting is an occasional commitment and a wonderful way to welcome others, share smiles, and help build community.

Interested or want to learn more? Call or email the church office to sign up. Thank you for helping make Sunday mornings a little sweeter! *And thank you to those who have already signed up.* ▲

February & March 2026 Sponsor Schedule

	Altar Flowers \$40 /vase	Mem. Bowl \$40	Bulletin \$25	Communion Supplies \$12	Newsletter \$20	Missionary \$10	Home Devotionals \$20	Online Streaming \$50
2/1	Warren Miller, The Gattens Family	Craig, Alex & Kyle Matthew	Larry & Steph Gattens	Denny & Lynn Engel	Becky Kissinger	Carl & Cindy Marks	Stacey Ressler	Jeff & Vicky Steltz
2/8	Mark & Karen Haines, 1 sponsor needed	Gwen Weiser	Sponsor needed	Bill & Lil Flichman	Kim Kissling	Bud & Marilyn Miller	John & Lynn Richardson	Joe & Cathy Tranquillo
2/15	2 sponsors needed	Sponsor needed	Steve Eckert	Stephanie Gattens	Glenn & Janet Knoblauch	Nicole Moore	Sue & Chris Rush	Natalie & David Wise
2/22	Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer, Curt & Dee Kramer	Cindy & Carl Marks	Sponsor needed	Joanna Goodison	Curt & Dee Kramer	Karen Moyer	Larry & Barbara Schermick	Rose Zerbe
3/1	Jeff & Vicky Steltz 1 sponsor needed	Craig & Alex Matthew	Sponsor needed	Diane Gramling	Jane Limpus	Brenda Moylan	Pat Schleifer	Jeff & Bonnie Culp
3/8	Jeff & Bonnie Culp 1 sponsor needed	Sue Reese	Ellen & Chip Phillips	Mike & Jean Henry	Robin Lupowitz	Linda Purdin	Loretta Schneck	Bob & Carol Dutt
3/15	Linda Purdin 1 sponsor needed	Jo Ressler	Rose Zerbe	Justin & Samantha Herbine	Kathryn Miller	Howard & Linda Ream	Norb & Linda Schneider	Steph Gattens
3/22	Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer Jim & Janice Murdough	1 sponsor needed	Sponsor needed	Kevin Keller	Carl & Cindy Marks	Stacey Ressler	David & Jodi Schweizer	Mike & Jean Henry
3/29	Lori Kuhn 1 sponsor needed	1 sponsor needed	Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer	Becky Kissinger	Reiner & Marilyn Miller	John & Lynn Richardson	Elaine Shartle	Karen Moyer

February & March 2026 Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Screen Asst.		Camera Crew	Ushers		Greeters		*Lay Readers & Lay Assistants		Basket Holder	Acolyte	Coffee Hour Host
	8:00am	10:45am	8:00am	8:00am	10:45am	8:00am	10:45am	8:00am	10:45am	10:45am	10:45am	9:00am
2/1	Carl Marks	Liz Clark	Brian Smith	Linda Purdin, Becky Urand	Neil & Sarah-Anne Putt	Bob & Loretta Bausher	Jeremy Layser, Meg Vilmont	*Dee Kramer, Lynn Engel, Steph Gattens	*Stacey Osman, Julieann Putt, Ellen Rissinger	Izzy Rivera	Steven Mazurek	John & Jo Ressler
2/8	Terri Schermick	Mike Henry	Darrell Rosenberger	Cheryl Bowers, Lori Hall	Emma & Jeremy Umbenhauer	John & Anne Burd	Clare & Emma Lutz	*Emma Lutz, Janet Knoblauch	*David Sattazahn, Ted Angstadt,	Declan McGrory	Greyson Umbenhauer	Carl & Cindy Marks
2/15	Josie Brunner	Zach Christman	Eric Rothenberger	Curt & Dee Kramer	Jack & Dawn Fry	Steph Gattens, Joanna Goodison	Nancy & Julieann Putt	*Linda Purdin, John & Jo Ressler	*Jessica Umbenhauer, Greyson Umbenhauer, Brian Smith	Wyatt DelCampo	Sarah-Anne Putt	Bud & Marilyn Miller
2/22	Becky Urand	Ellen Rissinger	Darrell Rosenberger	John & Jo Ressler	Linda Purdin, Greyson Umbenhauer	Dave & Tracy Graver	Mike & Judy Wentzel	*Scott Sunderland, Brian Smith, Don Stripling	*Julieann Putt, Gayle Dietrich, Linda Purdin	Greyson Woodworth	Clare Lutz	Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer
3/1	Kim Kissling	Ashley Christman	Brian Smith	Mark & Sherry Moyer	Becky & Hailey Kissinger	Barbara Kessler, Sue Rush	Jeff & Bonnie Culp	*Pam Cooper, Cheryl Bowers, Steph Gattens	*Ellen Rissinger, Cathryn Price, Diane Gramling	Charlie McGrory	Bailey Sattazahn	Becky & Natalie Urand
3/8	Curt Kramer	Becky Kissinger	Darrell Rosenberger	Howard & Linda Ream	Neal Lutz Linda Purdin	Bud & Marilyn Miller	Carol Forster, Ellen Brown	Lynn Engel, Lori Hall, Kim Kissling	*David Sattazahn, Brian Smith, Ted Angstadt	Cameron Sattazahn	Steven Mazurek	Greg & Chris Werner
3/15	Carl Marks	Bob Bergey	Eric Rothenberger	Elaine Shartle & Scott Sunderland	Julieann & Neil Putt	Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer	Chris Kennedy, Neal Lutz	Steph Gattens, Dee Kramer, Don Stripling	*Gayle Dietrich, Stacey Osman, Linda Purdin	Declan McGrory	Greyson Umbenhauer	Dale & Tammy Witmer
3/22	Deb McKim	Stacey Osman	Billy Dee	Linda Purdin & Becky Urand	Emma & Jeremy Umbenhauer	Howard & Linda Ream	Angela & Greyson Woodworth	Kim Kissling, Jo Ressler, Ellen Rissinger	*Joan Lincoln, Julieann Putt, Becky Kissinger, Neal Lutz	Izzy Rivera	Sarah-Anne Putt	Carol Forster, Terri Schermick
3/29	Ellen Rissinger	Zach Christman	Brian Smith	Cheryl Bowers. Lori Hall	Becky & Zach Kissinger	Sharlene Williams, Maci & Eric Yoh	Greyson & Jess Umbenhauer	Janet Knoblauch, Elaine Shartle, Cheryl Bowers	*Cathryn Price, David Sattazahn, Dawn Fry	Wyatt DelCampo	Clare Lutz	John & Jo Ressler

February Altar Guild – Sharlene Williams, Karen Moyer

March Altar Guild – Brian Smith, Joan Lincoln

PLEASE NOTE: Reminders are sent by email on Monday of the week you're scheduled to serve. If you are unable to serve when and where you have been scheduled, please switch with another volunteer, and contact the church office at 610-693-6062 or office@trinityrobesonia.org.



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