

TRINITY MONTHLY

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY WITH GOD'S TRUTH THROUGH CHRIST'S LOVE



Holy & Redeemed

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Our God is a god who speaks. In the book of Genesis, we find that, in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth with His Word (Gen. 1). In the beginning, God spoke, and in this spoken Word, He reveals to us the kind of God that He is (Rom. 1:19-20). And the God who spoke in the beginning reveals himself to us today in the Bible. As Lutheran Christians, we believe that the Scriptures are God's inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word. And in the entirety of the Scriptures, God speaks to us

His Word as both Law and Gospel.

We hear God's Word of Law as He reveals Himself to His people in the book of Exodus where He gives the 10 Commandments (Ex. 20). And it is this Word of Law that Christ summarizes with His words: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37-39). In God's Word of Law, the God of the universe speaks to us revealing

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that He is a righteous God. God's commands reveal to us that God is holy.

But God's Word of Law also commands people like you and me to be holy and righteous, too ("Be holy, for I am holy" [Lev. 11:44]). When we encounter God's Word as Law in the Scriptures, we hear God's command to us that we must be righteous. And what we find is that God's Word of Law not only reveals that God is holy, it also, like a mirror, reveals that we are not. We sin. We do not keep God's commands as we should. God's Word of Law reveals that we are sinners.

But thanks be to God that He speaks to us His Word of Gospel. The Law and the Gospel are not the same. And while the Law reveals what we ought but fail to do, the Gospel of the Lord reveals to us what God has done. For the Living Word, Jesus Christ came not to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it (Matt. 5:17-18). Christ came and was born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life for the sake of sinners, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell and on the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and even now is seated at the right hand of the Father. All of this so that we might rest in the promises of Christ alone, granted to us by grace through faith.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. We encounter God's Word of Gospel in the Scriptures when we hear God's promises and what Christ has done for your sake. God speaks and reveals through His Word of Gospel that Christ has done what we could not so that sinners like you and me would be redeemed. This is the nature of God's Word to and for you.

That He reveals to us who He is in Law and Gospel so that we might find ourselves in Him. May we at Trinity hold to God's Word as both Law and Gospel. When you hear the Law in God's Word, hold fast to Christ's promises we hear in the Gospel. And in that freedom, may you love your God and neighbor, knowing that Christ has fulfilled all righteousness for your sake. And this is certainly Good News.

In Christ,



Pastor Ben

Pastor Ben Mollohan

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welcome to stop by
Trinity's office:

Monday - Thursday
9am-5pm

KITCHEN UPDATES COMPLETE

A Heartfelt Thank You to Everyone Who Lent a Hand

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of the staff members, volunteers, and work crews—past and present—who have faithfully served in our kitchen and helped care for this important ministry space over the years. We are also deeply thankful to those who recently gave their time and energy to clean, organize, and renovate the kitchen. From washing dishes and organizing drawers to moving utensils, shelving, boxes, and more, your hard work has helped restore this space into one that will continue to serve our congregation well. Because of these collective efforts, the kitchen is now fully functioning once again, complete with brand new tile that makes it easier to wash and clean, as well as a fresh coat of paint.

We are excited for the ways this refreshed space will support our ministries and gatherings in the years to come. As we continue making improvements to our church facilities, the next project will be replacing the church carpet throughout March. Thank you again to everyone who has helped care for and invest in this important part of Trinity's ministry life.



CELEBRATING THE FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

A huge thank you to everyone who made the Father-Daughter Dance a resounding success! In February, we hosted our annual Father-Daughter Dance, and we couldn't be more thrilled with the turnout. It was truly heartwarming, and we are so grateful to all the volunteers who helped with planning, preparation, setup, and cleanup. Your time and effort made this special evening possible, and created memories that will be cherished for years to come!



From Ashes TO ALLELUIA

Join us for a meaningful Lenten Season



Worship
Ash Wednesday

Communion Services

*Feb 18th | 11am | Sanctuary
*Feb 18th | 7pm | Sanctuary



Worship
Lenten Vespers

Thursdays During Lent

Feb 26th | 6pm | Sanctuary
Mar 5th | 6pm | Sanctuary
Mar 12th | 6pm | Sanctuary
Mar 19th | 6pm | Sanctuary
Mar 26th | 6pm | Sanctuary



Worship during
Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Mar 28th | 5:30pm | Sanctuary
*Mar 29th | 8:45am | Sanctuary
*Mar 29th | 11am | Jack's Place

Maundy Thursday Communion

Apr 2nd | 11am & 7pm | Sanctuary

Good Friday

Apr 3rd | 12-3pm | Community Service
Apr 3rd | 8pm | Evening Tenebrae

Easter Vigil Communion

Apr 4th | 5:30-7pm | Sanctuary



Worship on
Easter Day

Easter Communion

*Apr 5th | 8:45am | Sanctuary
*Apr 5th | 11am | Jack's Place



Join us for
New Members Class

Sunday's During Lent

Feb 22nd | 12-2pm | Trinity Room
Mar 1st | 12-2pm | Trinity Room
Mar 8th | 12-2pm | Trinity Room
Mar 15th | 12-2pm | Trinity Room
Mar 22nd | 12-2pm | Trinity Room

*Event will be livestreamed



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WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT STEPHEN MINISTRY

Sometimes we just need someone to talk it out with – someone who listens with empathy and compassion, someone who can carry you and your cares to Jesus in prayer. Don't wait for a crisis, consider a Stephen Minister now to work through those small things that keep you spinning your wheels and wishing for some traction. Contact Dan Forbes dan@trinityashland.org to talk about the possibilities.



Here is what some of our care receivers are saying about Stephen Ministry:

“Through Stephen Ministry care I made a friend and the Lord helped me to feel better. I am not alone.”

“I am truly grateful for this ministry. I knew I had a safe person to share my thoughts, feelings and emotions with. I can't imagine that year of my life without it!”

“I have recommended Stephen Ministry to several people. If anyone is even slightly considering Stephen Ministry, please just do it! A Stephen Minister is probably going to help so much, but you will never know unless you try it.”



CELEBRATING MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Let's shower our cherished members 85 and over with lots of love and well-wishes as they celebrate their birthdays this month!

Sally Dilgard | 86 years | March 19th

Barbara Applegate | 87 years | March 27th

Virginia Mosher | 86 years | March 19th

Olive Abrams | 89 years | March 27th

Juan Acuna | 96 years | March 19th

Marlene Rose | 93 years | Mar 30th

Racine Nelson | 98 years | March 20th

Fred Mosher | 87 years | March 31st

ANNUAL MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA: YOU ARE TREASURED BY GOD

Sunday, Mar 8th | 1:30-3:30pm | Church Home

Join us for a beautiful afternoon of fellowship and celebration as we remember that we are each uniquely cherished by our Creator, God. This special event will be held on Sunday, March 8, 2026, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Trinity Church Home. All moms, daughters, and friends are invited to attend. The cost for the event is \$12 per person and includes a delicious light lunch with tea, a creative craft to take home, a special devotion led by Ann VanScoy, and a professional memory photo to capture the day. Come and be reminded of the truth that you are a precious treasure in God's eyes. We can't wait to see you there! Use the QR code to register.



TODDLER TIME CONTINUES

Thursdays, March 12th, 19th & 26th
10:30-11:30am | Jack's Place



We hope to see you at Toddler Time to run off some of that energy your toddlers have been storing up during the snowy, cold weather. We'll have Creative Movement, coffee, and fellowship—hope to see you there! It is not necessary to sign up, but doing so makes it easier for us to contact you with any changes or cancellations.

In the past, Toddler Time was canceled when Ashland City Schools were on a 2-hour delay. Moving forward, we will still meet on delay days this winter. Please note that if schools are closed entirely, Toddler Time will be canceled. There will also be no Toddler Time on March 5 due to a church function.

PRAYING FOR THE YOUTH WE SERVE

In this month's series of Ways to Pray for the Youth We Serve we will feature Samuel Wolfe, Elliot Schaaf, Ethan Jurjevic, and Brayden Pence. As we continue to pray for the youth of Trinity let us also pray for the youth of our community. We pray that the children of Ashland will love God's Word and that God will give them compassion for others.



It is with joy that we present Samuel Wolfe. Samuel is a senior and will graduate this June from Ashland High School. Additionally, he is currently enrolled in College Credit Plus classes through North Central State College and plans to pursue a career in nursing.

Samuel is a diver on the Ashland Arrows Swim and Dive Team, where he competes in the one-meter dive. At Trinity, he helps control the sound system and cameras for our various services and sings with High Praise. Sam enjoys helping our congregation whenever needed.

Sam feels that God has blessed him with a wonderful life, good health and strength. His spiritual gift is his ability to help others as needs arise. Titus 3:1-9 is his preferred verse: ¹Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ²to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. ³For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. ⁹But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless."

Samuel would like to ask his Trinity family to please pray that God will continue to provide guidance throughout his life. As Samuel prepares for graduation, we would like to thank Sam for his dedication to our church community and for his Christ-like service.

MARCH YOUTH SHARE GROUPS

Sundays, Mar 8th 15th, & 22nd | 7-8pm | Youth Room | Grades 7-12

Let's come together for a thoughtful hour of prayer, scripture, and fellowship! We will gather in the Youth Room at Trinity Lutheran Church. Invite a friend and join the fun! Contact Ryane Briggs with any questions.



YOUTH FUN NIGHT: GLOW PARTY

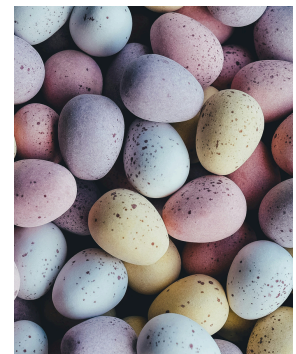
Youth Glow Night | Mar 10th | 7-8pm | Youth Room

All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for Youth Glow Night on March 10 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room! We'll be transforming the space into a fun glow party for an exciting evening of games, music, and fellowship. Come out for a night that's sure to be bright, energetic, and full of fun—we hope to see you there! Invite your friends and let Ryane Briggs know you'll be attending!

YOUTH EASTER OUTREACH PROJECT

Wednesday, Mar 26th | 6-7pm | Youth Room

Spread some love this Easter season by joining us on March 26 in the Youth Room for a special outreach project! We'll create Easter gifts to brighten the days of our Trinity shut-ins. Your time and care can bring joy to someone in need and make a difference in our church family. Contact Ryane Briggs with any questions.



Youth Committee Meeting

All youth serving on the Youth Committee are reminded that there will be a meeting on March 23 in the youth room from 6-8pm. We look forward to gathering together to discuss upcoming events and plans.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT: FLIP 7

Monday, Mar 9th | 5:30pm | Mitchell Hall



Let's learn a new game together! Has anyone ever played Flip 7? It seems easy enough—at least according to the girl who still can't figure out Bunco—so let's give it a try!

We'll have pizza, dessert, and plenty of laughter to go around. The fun happens on Monday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m. in Mitchell Hall. All women of Trinity and friends are welcome! As part of the evening, we will also be working on a service project to uplift Ashland University students during finals by writing notes of encouragement that will be delivered along with cookies from "Baked by Chocolatina". We will be accepting cash donations to help support this ministry.



Contact Dawn Forbes at dawn@trinityashland.org if you are willing to help with food. The cost is \$5 per person, payable at the door. Registration is open—just scan the QR code!

SENIOR MINISTRY

LUTHER CLUB

Thursday, Mar 5th | Noon | Jack's Place

Our seniors will soon gather for a catered lunch and a time of fellowship as they hear from Pastor Ben, Becky Schaaf, and Jeff Gray on the topic, "What's Happening at Trinity." The cost is \$7. Please note that RSVPs were due by February 26 to allow for food preparation. We're looking forward to a joyful and engaging time together.

MNM'S: MAKING NEW MEMORIES

Tuesday, Mar 17th | Noon | O'Bryan's Pub



Women on their own are invited to join us for the next MNM's (Making New Memories) lunch! We will be wearing our green and meeting at O'Bryan's Pub, located at 1065 Claremont Avenue to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Please RSVP by contacting the church office. We hope you'll join us! *Don't forget to wear green!*

EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH

Friday, Mar 20th | Noon | Lower-Level Elevator Hallway

Do you enjoy making greeting cards? Join us for Expressions of Faith, a creative time for anyone interested in crafting cards. Bring your lunch and any ideas you'd like to share—we'd love to see your creativity in action! No sign up needed. Contact Wendy Shreffler with any questions.



EUCHRE NIGHT

Wednesday, Mar 25th | 6:30pm | Jack's Place

If you enjoy playing Euchre, join us for a fun evening of cards! You don't need a partner to register—just come ready to have fun and meet new people as you rotate partners throughout the night. Be sure to RSVP by contacting the church office at (419) 289-2126. All ages and skill levels welcome. Please note this is on Wednesday to avoid conflict with our Lenten Vesper Service Thursday evening.



TRINITY TRAVELERS TRAVELING AGAIN

Coming this Summer!

Join fellow Trinity members for a fun day trip to see Elijah: Prophet of Fire at the Ohio Star Theater on Thursday, May 21, 2026! This exciting Trinity Travelers outing includes deluxe motor coach transportation, a full Amish-style buffet meal, and your ticket to this powerful musical production for \$139 per person. Seats are limited, so be sure to register soon if you'd like to attend! For more information or to reserve a seat, call Stephanie Kozak at (419) 685-7058 or contact Wendy Shreffler in the church office.

We also have additional Trinity Travelers trips planned for later this year, including a June 30 outing to Buc-ee's and the Uranus Fudge Factory, and on July 18, a Riverboat lunch and Motown show cruise down the Detroit River. Keep an eye out for more details to come. Contact Wendy Shreffler with any questions.

EASTER PRAISE CHOIR

Easter Sunday, April 5th | 11am Service | Jack's Place

Come sing with us this Easter! The Easter Praise Choir is forming now for Easter worship in Jack's Place. With only two rehearsals and recordings available, it's easy to jump in. All are welcome—contact Kim Wolbert if you'd like to participate.

HIGH PRAISE SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, April 19th | 2pm | Jack's Place

You're invited to the High Praise Youth Choir Concert on April 19th at 2pm! Enjoy music from the youth choir along with individual and small-group instrumental and vocal pieces. Donations will be accepted during the concert to support our group. Come be uplifted by these incredible young musicians!



WOMEN'S CHORUS

April 25th - 26th | All Weekend Services

Women of all ages are invited to sing with our Women's Chorus! Whether you're a longtime singer or just love to lift your voice in worship, you are welcome. Join us for fellowship, joy, and meaningful music-making together. For details or to get involved, contact Kim Wolbert. All rehearsals will be 7-8:30pm in the Sanctuary. See the rehearsal dates below.

- Tuesday, March 31st
- Thursday, April 9th
- Monday, April 13th
- Tuesday, April 21st
- Thursday, April 23rd

INTRODUCING SPANISH ENRICHMENT TO OUR PRESCHOOL

A Special Thank You to Andrea Maggelet for Sharing Her Time and Talents

Every other Wednesday, Andrea Maggelet, the mother of two children attending our preschool, joins the afternoon class to introduce our students to the Spanish language. Through engaging activities and interactive learning, the children are gaining early exposure to new words, sounds, and cultural experiences in a fun and meaningful way. We are grateful for Andrea's willingness to share her time and talents with our preschool community, helping to enrich our students' learning and spark curiosity about the world around them.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES TAKE PLACE THIS MONTH

Sundays, March 1st – 22nd | 10-10:50am | Mitchell Hall

If your child is in 3rd grade or has not yet taken a first communion class, join us in March for a 4-week class. Each class is designed to introduce The Sacrament of communion through instruction and hands-on activities led by Pastor McClain.

**Parents are required to attend with their child/children.*



JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to join others in prayer for requests that are brought to us as a congregation, please let us know and we will include you on our prayer chain. As prayers are received we will forward an email to you for your faithful prayers! Bring hope and help to those who are in need of prayer. Please send us a message on the “reach out” section of our website, or call the office to be included.

A LENTEN TREASURE HUNT

Join the hunt and share the reminder

Our Youth will be busy hiding miniature Lenten trinkets around Trinity to help us keep our focus on Christ throughout the season of Lent. As you discover one, feel free to keep it as a reminder of our faith—or take part by rehidng it somewhere around the church or even in our community to encourage someone else. We invite everyone to join in this meaningful activity by searching for these small reminders and helping to share them, creating opportunities for reflection and connection throughout the Lenten season.

January 2026 Church Services		
DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	CHURCH SERVICES
January 3-4, 2026	96	380
January 10-11, 2026	106	329
January 17-18, 2026	85	359
January 24-25, 2026	Cancelled	90 Sunday Services Cancelled

January 2026 Receipts	
DATE	AMOUNT
January 3-4, 2026	\$15,399
January 10-11, 2026	\$16,656
January 17-18, 2026	\$10,984
January 24-25, 2026	\$21,335

Operating Fund YTD	
INCOME	\$64,373
DISBURSEMENTS	\$117,908
DEFICIT	-\$53,535
WEEKLY INCOME NEEDED FOR OPERATION BUDGET	\$29,477

**Newsletter receipt and operating fund amounts reflect information from two months prior, as approved and available at the time of newsletter composition.*

COUNCIL REPORT: JANUARY 2026 MEETING

Opening & Pastor's Report

Lent begins tomorrow. This season calls us to humble self-denial and repentance as we follow Christ. As we consider what to lay down for Christ's sake and what to take on in its place, may we do so with hearts resolved to follow His leading.

Key Updates & Reports

Approval of Minutes

- Gary moved to approve the minutes and treasurer's report. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

From Pastor McClain

- Fostering Families is requesting to host a Sunday School hour forum for those interested in becoming foster parents.
- Diana Scott will be stepping down as Library volunteer in May after more than 25 years of service. Council is considering recognition and exploring future management and use of the library space.
- Ashland United Way requested \$5,000 toward their campaign goal, which would help unlock a \$1,000,000 endowment gift. Rob moved to approve the request from the 2026 Outreach disbursement. Becky seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Updates

- Membership roster cleanup is underway.
- Council members are encouraged to attend upcoming Cottage Talks; a sign-up sheet was provided.
- Becky moved to approve the updated Property Use Agreement Form, pricing structure, and indemnity clause through May 2027. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Continued conversations regarding Pastor Ben's NALC candidacy status.

Christian Education

- Planning is underway for Summer and Fall Sunday School. The proposed 2026 model includes a summer break for children's classes and an eight-week fall session format with rotating teachers. Additional elementary teachers are being sought. New adult class materials are being purchased.

Finance Committee

- Irwin Financial of Ashland has been asked to provide a proposal to review Trinity's financial systems and records.

Kitchen

- Repair work is now complete.

Montessori

- Open House: February 21 (10:00 a.m.–Noon)
- Granola with Grandparents: February 26 (10:00 a.m.)
- Safety concerns regarding student access points are being evaluated.

Missions & Grounds

- No report.

Nurture

- MNM's are planning three summer trips through 1018 Travels:
 - May 21: Elijah: Prophet of Fire at Ohio Star Theatre
 - June 30: Buc-ee's & Uranus Fudge Factory
 - July 18: Detroit Princess Riverboat Lunch Cruise & Motown Show

Outreach

- Fred moved to approve the second reading of revised Outreach bylaws. Sara seconded. Motion carried.

Personnel

- Submissions for the Kitchen position are being reviewed.

Property

- Jeff moved to approve a roofing contract with Progressive Roofing. Rob seconded. Motion carried.
- Kitchen renovations are nearly complete.
- New carpet installation will begin soon.
- TLC Properties February balance: \$25,033.03
- Trinity's 15-passenger van has been sold to Camp Nuhop.

Senior Ministries

- Luther Club resumes in March.

Women & Children

- Toddler Time launched successfully this month.
- Trinity Kids 456 will serve again at Matthew 25.
- Mother-Daughter Tea: March 8
- 2026 Father-Daughter Dance welcomed over 170 attendees.
- February Girls Night Out hosted 37 attendees; next event March 9 at Trinity.

Worship & Music

- Women's Chorus rehearsals begin late March.
- Children's Choirs resume next week in preparation for Palm Sunday and Mother's Day.
- Easter Choir will sing in Praise on Easter Sunday.
- High Praise Concert: April 19
- Broadway Revue will be held every few years moving forward.
- Offering will not be passed during Praise & Worship; instead, it will be highlighted during announcements and presented during the post-sermon song.
- Bach Vespers welcomed 94 attendees.

Youth

- Nerf Night hosted 29 youth.
- 17 youth attending the Seph Schlueter concert on February 26.
- VIBE returns on Wednesday evenings in July.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded with prayer and the Lord's Prayer.