



Monthly Monitor

March 2025



Brothers and Sisters of Trinity Monitor,

It seems appropriate to me that the beginning of March this year coincides with the beginning of the season of Lent. March is a month in which we prepare for big changes coming. We start to ramp up plans for the yard and garden and begin to tidy up around the garage in anticipation of the spring growing season. The cold weather may not be 100% behind us yet, but we all know spring is coming. The season of Lent can be seen in similar ways. As we begin Lent, we know that big changes are coming, but we are not there yet. For the season of Lent is a journey of reflection, repentance, and renewal that leads us to the joyous celebration of Easter.

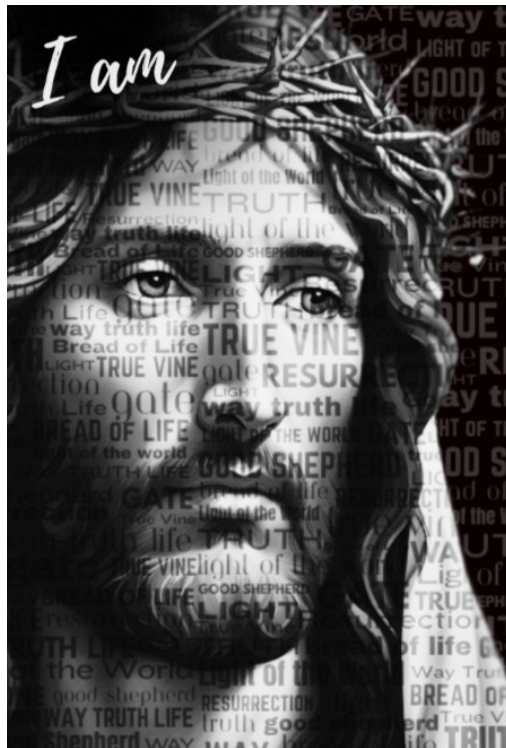


Lent is a time to draw closer to God, to tidy up our hearts in preparation of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and prepare our lives for the joy of the life to come with Him in eternity.

This year for Lent, we will be joining with several other LCMS congregations in the Bay City area to study the "I AM" statements of Jesus in the gospel of John as we gather for worship on Wednesday evenings at 4:30 and 6 PM. Each week, a different Pastor from the Bay City circuit will be present to lead us in worship and bless us with God's Word. Midweek services will begin March 5th with Ash Wednesday services and meal and fellowship beginning at 5PM.

So, all that being said, I invite you to journey with us again this March and this Lenten Season. For there is joy and growth to be found in the journey and I look forward to connecting with you there.

*In Christ,
Pastor Seth*



Trinity Lutheran Church

Worship With Us This Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday

March 5 at 4:30 & 6:00pm
w/Communion

Lenten Worship

Wednesday at 4:30 & 6:00pm
March 12, 19, 26
April 2 & 9

Lenten Dinners

Every Wednesday
from 5:00-6:00pm

Palm Sunday

April 13 at 8:30 & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday

April 17 at 6:00pm
w/Communion

Good Friday

April 18 at 6:00pm

Easter Worship

April 20 at 7:00am & 10:30am
w/Communion



Stewardship Corner

Time • Talent • Treasure

Reflecting on the "I Am" Statements of Jesus

As we journey through the solemn and reflective season of Lent, we are called to deepen our faith and examine our lives in light of Christ's teachings. The seven "I am" statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John offer profound insights into His divine nature and guide us in our stewardship practices. Let us explore these declarations and their significance for us as stewards during this Lenten season.

THE BREAD OF LIFE • THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD • THE DOOR OF
THE SHEEP • THE GOOD SHEPHERD
• THE RESURRECTION AND THE
LIFE • THE WAY, THE TRUTH,
AND THE LIFE • THE TRUE VINE

"I am the Bread of Life" (John 6:35)

During Lent, we remember Jesus' sacrifice and His provision for our spiritual nourishment. As stewards, we are called to use God's blessings to support those in need, feed the hungry, and nourish the spiritual lives of our community. Let us share our resources generously, trusting in God's abundant provision.

"I am the Light of the World" (John 8:12)

Jesus, the Light of the World, shines brightly during the darkness of Lent, guiding us on our path of repentance and renewal. Our stewardship involves offering our time and talents to spread Christ's light through acts of service, kindness, and evangelism. By reflecting His light, we help others find their way to the hope and joy of Easter.

"I am the Door" (John 10:9)

Jesus, the Door, opens the way to salvation and abundant life. As stewards, we are called to be welcoming and hospitable, inviting others to experience the grace and love of God. During Lent, let us open our hearts and doors to those seeking solace and spiritual growth, creating a community that reflects Christ's inclusive love.

"I am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11)

The Lenten season reminds us of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who lays down His life for His sheep. As stewards, we are entrusted with the care and well-being of our congregation and community. By offering support, and encouragement, we shepherd others with the same compassion and dedication that Christ shows us.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25)

Lent culminates in the celebration of Jesus' resurrection and the promise of new life. Our stewardship should embody this message of hope and renewal. By investing in programs that foster spiritual growth, education, and outreach, we sow seeds of resurrection in the hearts of those we serve, bringing them closer to the transformative power of Christ.

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6)

Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, guides us on our journey of faith, especially during Lent. As stewards, we are responsible for upholding the truth of the Gospel and leading others to Christ. Through faithful teaching, discipleship, and witness, we help others navigate the challenges of life with the assurance of God's truth.

"I am the True Vine" (John 15:1)

During Lent, we are reminded of our need to remain connected to Jesus, the True Vine, for spiritual growth and vitality. As stewards, we cultivate a deep and abiding relationship with Him. By nurturing our own spiritual lives and fostering connections within our community, we bear fruit that glorifies God and blesses those around us.

As we journey through Lent, let us embrace the "I am" statements of Jesus and allow them to guide our stewardship practices. By reflecting Christ's light, sharing His love, and nurturing our relationship with Him, we become faithful stewards of God's gifts. May this Lenten season be a time of renewal, transformation, and growth for us all.



Trinity Lutheran School

The Classroom Chronicles



March 2025

As we enter the month of March, I wanted to take a moment to update you on the exciting things happening at *your* school and share some ways in which we can continue to partner together in the work God is doing in and through our school community.

Our students have been growing in both their faith and their education. In chapel services, we've been focusing on being strongly "rooted" in Christ and the importance of our faith and connection to HIM. It has been wonderful to see how the students are engaging with God's Word. We are continually striving to integrate biblical truths into our curriculum and daily lives, helping students grow academically and spiritually. February chapel services were provided by 3rd and 4th grades in addition to Pastor Kaiser. March chapel services will start with Ash Wednesday on March 5 where students and staff will have the opportunity to take part in the Imposition of Ashes. Pastor Kaiser has started regular classroom visits with each grade to grow an even deeper relationship with all students and teachers.

As spring approaches, we have several exciting events and initiatives on the horizon. March is "Reading Month" and will be filled with activities in school as well as events that are open to our congregation. We are trying something new this year with a **Literacy Fair** on Thursday, March 13th that will include special displays by our students throughout the school. The middle school students will be creating a Food Truck Festival based on chapter books they are reading - that should be interesting. During the week of March 10th we will also have a Book Fair open to school and church families. Activities like the Literacy and Book Fairs are essential in building a strong connection between our school and the church family. We invite you to join us to see what is happening at our school and to further support the students.

Our current mission is one that most are familiar with - Orphan Grain Train. Our church has been collecting items for quite some time, but our students will be bringing in money to help feed hungry children. Did you know it takes only \$0.03 to feed a child? Our students have set a goal of feeding 15,000 students! They are excited to watch their chapel offerings grow and invite you to join in the fun! Donations can be made to the school office - marked Orphan Grain Train. We will keep you posted on our advancement toward feeding 15,000!



March is also the beginning of our enrollment period for next school year. If you, or someone you know is looking for a school “home” I would encourage you to call our school office. We are scheduling tours for all grades to visit our school and to see what makes Trinity so special.

We are deeply grateful for the ongoing prayers, encouragement, and financial support that Trinity Lutheran Church continues to provide for the school. Your faithful generosity and commitment to Christian education make a tremendous difference in the lives of our students, staff, and families. Together, we are planting seeds that will grow into strong, faithful leaders in Christ.

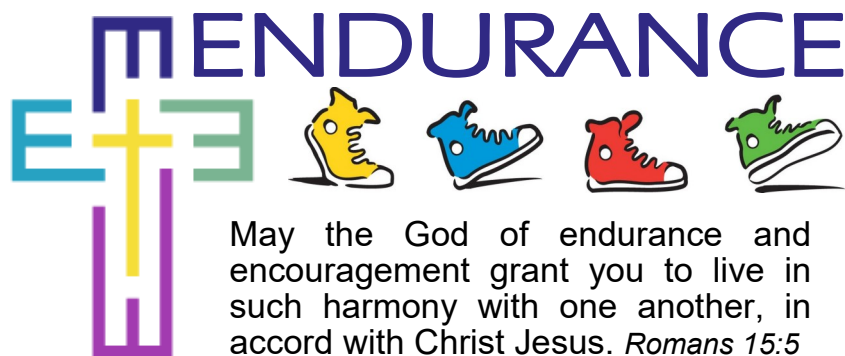
Ways You Can Help: Please continue to pray for our school, our students, and our teachers. We value your prayerful support more than you know. Additionally, we are always looking for volunteers who can assist in various capacities, whether through tutoring students, serving as a classroom Prayer Angel, helping at events, making popcorn or cookies, lunch helper/dishwasher, or simply encouraging our staff. If you feel led to get involved in any of these areas, please don't hesitate to reach out.

As we move forward in this school year, we remain focused on our mission to provide a Christ-centered education that prepares students not just for academic success, but to live out their faith with courage and conviction in a world that desperately needs strong Christian leaders.

Thank you once again for being such a vital part of our school's community. Your prayers and partnership are a blessing to us, and we are grateful for the strong connection we share as a school and church family.

May God continue to bless and guide each of you in the days ahead.

In HIS service,
Mrs. Karen Friebe



2025-2026 Tuition and Fees

Trinity Lutheran Monitor School (Grades K-8)

Enrollment Fee

Enrollment fees will be \$150/student
(Enrollment fees starting June 1 will be \$250/student)

March 3rd

Re-Enrollment start date
for all current students
(*\$100 tuition credit if forms turned in no later than March 10th*)

March 10th

Trinity Monitor
Congregation Enrollment
(*\$100 tuition credit if forms turned in no later than March 17th*)

March 17th

Open (Community) Enrollment
(*\$100 tuition credit if forms turned in no later than March 24th*)

Tuition

Tuition may be paid according to the schedule
you select.
(see “Tuition Payment Selection Form”)

Paid in full prior to September 1st

(*save \$100 per family-with no financial aid
or other entity assistance*)

Monthly-Due Dates

Trinity member

\$2300/student
\$5750/ family cap

Community member

\$3000/ student
\$7500/ family cap

First Day of School
September 10th
October 10th
November 10th
December 10th
January 10th
February 10th
March 10th
April 10th
May 10th

3rd -8th Technology Fees

Technology Fees are non-refundable
and must be paid by September 5th

*You must notify the school office if your
child is using their own Chromebook
(5-8th grades only)*

Chromebook Fee

\$70/student
(5th-8th grade students)

Management Fee

\$100/student
(Applies to ALL 3rd-8th grade students)



FRIENDSHIP GUILD

The LWML PRAYER DAY will be held here at Trinity on March 29, 2025. Our LWML Society Ladies here at Trinity Monitor will be hosting the Prayer Day Service for our LWML Bay Area Zone. The zone includes societies from 9 neighboring churches. We will begin at 8:30am in the school cafeteria and serve breakfast at 9am. We will then go over to the church for the Prayer Service. The theme of the service is based on The Beatitudes and will be very inspiring for all of us. Every woman in the congregation is encouraged and welcomed to attend. Please feel free to bring a friend to share the hymns and prayers with. Cost is \$5.00/person. Please see the attached flyer for more detailed information. For more information or to register to attend please contact Nancy Klaus by phone (989)280-4913 or by email at Jnklaus40@yahoo.com.

The LWML meeting day/time is changing. We will now be meeting on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00am. All ladies in the LCMS are automatically members of the Lutheran Woman's Missionary League. We are making this change to give working ladies of the congregation a chance to attend our meetings and be able to be more active in the Lutheran Woman's Missionary League.

PLEASE NOTE: The date for the March LWML Meeting will be March 15, 2025. This change of our date (from 2nd Saturday to 3rd Saturday) is due to the Bay Area Zone Board Meeting being held at Trinity on Saturday, March 8th. Three of our society members are on the zone board so need to attend that meeting.



Prayer Day Service Bay Area Zone LWML

March 29, 2025 – 9:00 to 11:30 AM
Trinity Lutheran Church - Monitor
20 E Salzburg, Bay City, MI 48706

Breakfast will be served in the school cafeteria,
a brief business meeting will follow breakfast,
Prayer Service to follow in the Church Sanctuary,
\$5.00 registration fee

Please RSVP to Nancy Klaus by March 22, 2025

All are welcome to attend!

A Mite offering will be collected

Questions Contact

Nancy Klaus at jnklaus40@yahoo.com, or

Dorothy Krider at dorothykrider@yahoo.com



The ladies of the LWML have chosen to again make fleece blankets as our servant project. We will put together the kits and have them ready for members of the congregation to take home and knot the sides. We are hoping to have them put together and ready for pickup after services on Sunday March 9th. And returned at church by March 23rd. The blankets will be delivered to three area locations including the dialysis center, chemo center and Orphan Grain Train. Please watch for more information over the next few weeks and plan to take some blankets home to knot!

Announcements

TRI-CITY GOOD FRIDAY COMMITTEE

The Tri-City Good Friday Committee, after meeting several times and doing some investigation, has decided not to hold the Tri-City Good Friday service this year at Horizons or at any other location. There were several factors that led to our decision including decreasing attendance and decreased collections prior to and at the service which has led to a deficit over the last two years. Other locations were evaluated but none worked out at this time. The committee will reconsider a service next year.

MUSICAL SHOWCASE

Great Lakes Bay Region LUTHMusicals Presents a Musical Showcase Playing at Bethlehem Lutheran School from Friday to Sunday, March 21 & 22, at 7 PM and March 23 at 2 PM. This 60-minute showcase features 13 students from five area Lutheran Schools and includes music from 12 different shows! Audiences can expect to hear classics from shows like *The Wizard of Oz* and *Annie* as well as numbers from newer shows like *The Greatest Showman* and *Frozen*. There is something for everyone to enjoy in this production! Admission is \$5 at the door starting at 6:30 pm on March 21 & 22 and 1:30 on March

CHICKEN BBQ

On Sunday, March 9, 2025 from 11:30 - 1:00 a drive-thru take-out dinner will be served at Immanuel Lutheran Church-Frankentrost (8220 E. Holland Road, Saginaw). Menu includes ½ grilled chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, cole slaw and cupcake. Cost of the meal is \$14.00 and is sponsored by Immanuel Men's Club.

FISH FRY

The Men's Club of St. Peter Lutheran Church, 2461 North Raucholz Road, Hemlock, is sponsoring their Annual Fish Fry on Friday, March 14, from 3:30 – 7:00 pm. The dinner will be held in the school gymnasium. Take-outs will be available from 3:30 – 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$17.00 for adults; \$8.00 for children 6-12; Kids 5 and under Free. Dine in is all you can eat. Dinner includes fries, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls, and cake.



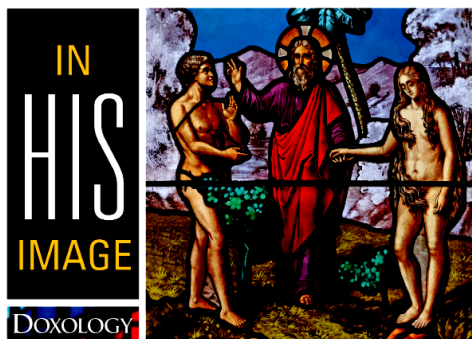
Valley Lutheran HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Events at Valley Lutheran High School

Valley Lutheran's Lenten tour home concert will be held on Sunday, March 16 at 3 pm at Peace Lutheran Church. Join the musicians of the Symphonic Band and Golden Voice Choir, under the direction of Rebecca Sugden and Paul Eschmann for this special worship concert. The theme of this year's worship is CROWNS, based on Revelation 19:12.

The Annual Handbell Concert, featuring the handbell choirs from Valley Lutheran and four area churches, will be held on Sunday, March 23 at 4 pm at Valley Lutheran.

Our last 'Peek at Valley' for this school year will be held on Tuesday, March 25. These interactive tour experiences are for interested grade school families of any age! Take a peek into life at Valley Lutheran and what sets us apart. Let us know you're coming and pick your arrival time at www.vlhs.com/takeapeek.



We are hosting a seminar with Doxology presenting "Navigating Christian Sexuality in a Post-Christian Culture. With the legal redefinition of marriage, the confusion regarding gender, and rapidly changing sexual mores in society, biblical educators, pastors, singles, couples, and parents are looking for guidance in articulating and promoting a positive view of the Christian vision for marriage and sexuality. Please visit our website to register and save your seat. The conference will be featuring speakers Rev. David Fleming and Dr. Beverly Yahnke from Doxology. To register scan the QR code, go to www.amelith.org, see the event on Facebook or call Deb Hutter 989-316-8322

March 22, 2025
8am - 4pm

St. John Amelith Lutheran
Church and School
1664 Amelith Rd.
Bay City, MI 48706
989-686-0176

Scan here to register



March-2025



Greeters	1st Service	2nd Service
2nd	Brian Berkobien	Kurt & Laurie Arnold
9th	Tim Schnell	Alan McCartney & Debbie Dambro
16th	Breann Fry & Logan Davis	Friebe Family
23rd	Larry & Judy Miller	Eileen Loesel & Rosemary Hoff
30th	Jury & Ettalea Carpenter	Virgil & Lugene McGuire

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 WGD
2 8:30am & 10:30 Communion 9:40am Bible Study & Sunday School 12:00pm The GATE Mite Box Sunday	3 <i>Current Student Re-Enrollment Begins</i>	4	5 8:15am Chapel 4:30 & 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion 5-6:15pm Lenten Dinner	6	7	8 9:30am LWML Bay Area Board Meeting
9 8:30 & 10:30am Worship 9:40am Bible Study & Sunday School 12:00pm YSC @ Grace	10 <i>Trinity Member Enrollment Begins</i>	11 7:00pm Athletic Club	12 8:15am Chapel 4:30 & 6:00pm Lenten Worship 5-6:00pm Lenten Dinner	13	14	15 10:00am Friendship Guild
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30 8:30am & 10:30 Communion 9:40am Bible Study & Sunday School	31 No School 1st Day of Spring Break		<u>Elders</u> Steve Rivet Dave Arnold	<u>Ushers</u> 1 & 3	<u>Altar Guild</u> Shirley Mosher Barb Friebe	<u>Prayer Chain</u> Nancy Klaus 280-4913



March



March 1	Charlotte Huber Jennifer Young	March 17	Shelly Pomaville <i>Mia Mindykowski</i>
March 2	Donald Behmlander Tiffany Sheppard	March 19	Stuart Kernstock Jr.
March 3	Denise Fournier Eileen Loesel	March 21	Ryan Weiss
March 5	Judy Herbolsheimer	March 22	Joan Hansen
March 6	Cody Behmlander Jeffrey Feinauer Kyle Kowalski	March 23	Janet Mrozinski Lori Hurd
March 7	Bernieda Kernstock Nancy Klaus Kelly Wright	March 24	Kyle Feinauer Julie Kernstock Alden Rezmer
March 8	Duane Feinauer Jeanne Starin	March 25	Ronald Smith Kyle Rechsteiner
March 9	Kathleen Vogel	March 26	Mark Dixon
March 10	Kristi Feinauer Brandi Jimenez Scott Walter	March 27	<i>Beckham Hanson</i> Jeanne Miner Andrew Vogel
March 11	Felicia Leinberger	March 28	David Robbins
March 13	Madeline Fournier Emily Kuch John Mrozinski	March 29	Julie Loesel Shelly Walter
March 14	Daniel Behmlander Amanda Shaw	March 30	Jerry Prah
		March 31	Brady Feinauer Cindy Sauvage Christopher Walter

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!