

# TRINITY NEWS

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## MARCH 2014

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### Members & Friends,

The first Wednesday in March is Ash Wednesday this year. And if Ash Wednesday is here, then spring must be just around the corner! I was joking with a church member at the back of church after the Worship Service on Sunday; someone who moved here from a much warmer place and who bundles up against the cold that she is not used to. I told her that spring will be here in only five more Sundays! "Really?!", she asked, almost in disbelief.

It seems hard to believe and too good to be true. With all of the snow that we have gotten this winter we have had to cancel meetings and Bible Studies and the costs for snow removal have been enormous! (By the way, our landscaper that cuts our grass – not the one who does our snow plowing - has sent over a whole basket full of refrigerator magnets, pens and key rings with his company name on it as complementary gifts. Any congregation member and anyone who attends worship is welcome to take some. The grass grew really well this summer and needed to be cut quite a bit; I guess when you do that much business with someone, they want to say "Thank-you for paying for my family's vacation to Hawaii this year!") The cost of cutting the grass aside, the news that spring is nearly here sounds like a dream!

Just when things seem coldest and bleakest, along comes spring with some hope and the promise of new life! It also brings with it the season of Lent; a rather somber time in the life of the church. Just when things seem to be at their bleakest (Maundy Thursday with its service of "shadows" or "Tenebrae") God breaks in and undoes the power of Sin, not only when Jesus dies on the cross of Good Friday, but when God raises Jesus to new life on Easter Sunday! After the winter we have had, we need to celebrate the coming of spring. After the lives that we have had, we need to celebrate the Victory that Jesus won on the cross on our behalf and the promise of a new life contained in His resurrection!

Grace & Peace,  
- Pastor Scott

In the month of January we had sermons on the following topics;

*1/5/14 - Why Be Afraid of a Baby? (John 1:1-18)*

The gospels paint a fascinating picture of King Herod; everything he did was done out of fear! Like a mighty wind, that fear can't be seen, but its effects dominated the landscape. Herod, called a "king", was in reality a puppet of the imperial Roman authorities occupying Judea. Herod feared the power of Rome, but more than that, he feared those who would appear to have little power in the world – especially and most tragically, the infant Jesus.

*1/12/14 - No Second-Class Christians (Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17)*

Through his vision of a heavenly picnic basket with all types of animals and from his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God shows no partiality. We are challenged in our day and age to put that lesson of God's inclusiveness fully into practice.

*1/19/14 - How To Evangelize (Isaiah 49:1-7, John 1:29-42)*

Evangelism is simply inviting people to meet Jesus. This can be as simple as inviting them to come to church. There is no need for formal training or a system! Hopefully we will all invite others to meet Jesus!

*1/26/14 - A Mid-Course Change (Isaiah 9:1-4, Matthew 4:12-23)*

This sermon taught that becoming Jesus' disciples required real commitment and had uncertainty and danger to it. It was not a casual "one hour a week" proposal! As a result we are also encouraged to risk everything and throw our lots in with Jesus the way that the disciples did.



BROOK CIRCLE - will meet on Tuesday, March 11th at 1:00 p.m. Betty Jane Tingley, hostess.

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JACOBA CIRCLE is sponsoring a "Pot Luck Name Game" on Sunday, March 30th, following worship.

If you plan to attend, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Bring your favorite covered dish and join in the fun.

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## Prayer List

Please remember these members and friends in your prayers.

Bunny & Don Adams	Denis O'Hara
Elaine Conway	The Roane Family
Cornelia Family	Zarnowski Family
Trinity's Shut ins	
Our U.S. Servicemen and Women	

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for April News:

Sunday, March 16th



SPRING FORWARD ! ! !

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 9th. Set your clocks AHEAD one hour on Saturday night.

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1. Susan Goss
3. Donald Tingley

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DEAR LORD, So far today, am I doing all right?

I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.

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## THE FORTY DAYS OF LENT





Lent is the name given to the period of preparation for the chief Christian festival, Easter. The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word Lenten, meaning "Spring". Christians have developed various traditions within their respective denominations for the preparation of the great festival season of Easter.

Questions have been raised about the symbolism of this significant season. Why is it 40 days long? Sundays are not counted in the days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Forty hours were first devoted to this observance in token of the time Jesus spent in the tomb. By the third century, however, this observance had been extended to a 40-day period.

The 40 days have been likened to a number of biblical parallels: Moses' fast on Mount Sinai; the number of years wandering in the wilderness; Elijah's fast on his journey to Mount Horeb; the 40 days' grace given to Ninevah in Jonah's preaching; and Jesus' fast at the beginning of public ministry.

-Ronald E. Ingram



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			Bible Study 7:30 pm.	Choir 7:30		
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*** Newsletter Deadline	 St. Patrick's Day		7:30 p.m. Bible Study	 Choir 7:30		
23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.
			Bible Study 7:30 pm	Choir 7:30		
30.	31.					
"Pot Luck Name Game"						