

THE BEACON

March 12, 2025

PARISH NURSE SCHEDULE CHANGE

Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff will have office hours from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, rather than on Thursday this week.

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our March outreach project is a canned food drive for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. Grocery bags, complete with an attached suggested shopping list, are available in the narthex. We are asked to please fill and return the bags during the month of March. Monetary contributions are also encouraged. Special envelopes are available on the narthex desk



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

12:10 p.m. - Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. - Vespers

HOLY LAMENT: GOD'S PRESENCE IN TIMES OF DISTRESS

The season of Lent is an opportunity for us to acknowledge our laments of loss, grief, and despair in these challenging times in which we live. The word "lament" is an expression of grief, regret, our mourning over the loss of something. Lament is a cry or prayer of need, appealing to God for help, rescue, or guidance.

Join us for our midweek Lenten series as we hear from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures how our faith ancestors gave voice to their laments and how those ancient texts can still speak to us today.

March 12 - Hope and Strength in Weakness

March 19 - Cobwebs of Sadness

March 26 - O Lord, Why?

April 2 - How Long, O Lord?

April 9 - The Hiddenness of God

THOMAS MASS

Our final *Thomas Mass* of the season will be Sunday, March 16, at 5:00 p.m. This service of Holy Communion is in the context of a meditative liturgy which has its roots in the Finnish Lutheran tradition. Included in this worship experience is the opportunity for informal movement between various stations for meditation and prayer. Join us for this service, especially if work, sports, or travel schedules prevent your participation on Sunday morning.

THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

March 16, at 6:00 p.m.

Reading the Bible Honestly: Making Sense of an Ancient Text

Guest Speaker: The Reverend Jan Linn
College and Seminary Professor, Chaplain, Parish Pastor, Author



The key to discovering the inspirational power of the Bible is to be unafraid to read it honestly. In order to do that you have to be unafraid to ask questions not only about what the Bible says, but about how the Bible came to be the Bible in the first place. This is called being a faithful skeptic, which is trusting that understanding the Bible is enhanced by questions rather than diminished by them. The goal is for all of us to gain a deeper appreciation for the Bible precisely because it was written by people like us to people like us so that all these years later people like us can appreciate and experience the story of God at work in the world just as they did.

We will begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.

Menu: corned beef, cabbage, red skinned potatoes, sourdough bread,
chicken for alpha gal diets, crème de menthe parfaits, beverages

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

We will welcome new members into Holy Trinity in the coming weeks.
Please speak with Pastor Roberts if you are interested in joining our church family.



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16, 2025

*The Lessons: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1; Luke 13:31-35.
The liturgical color for Lent is purple. A coffee hour follows each service.*

8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
(Parlor)

Called On The Way

Neighbor / Forgiver

10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with LIVESTREAM

1:00 P.M. - JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH BOWLING (grades six - twelve; AMF Lanes)

5:00 P.M. - THOMAS MASS

6:00 P.M. - THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

THE WEEK OF MARCH 16 - 22

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- FLEA MARKET SETUP BEGINS
	9:30 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	7:00 P.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	7:00 P.M.	- CONNECTING WITH GOD - <i>An Enneagram Study</i> (via Zoom)
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	1:00 P.M.	- BIBLE STUDY - <i>The Gospel according to Luke</i>
	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	7:00 P.M.	- VESPERS (Evening Prayer)
	7:30 P.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 A.M.	- DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Living the Questions</i>
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	11:00 A.M.	- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Deliver Us from Evil</i>
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	6:45 A.M.	- HOLY TRINITY YOUTH
	7:00 A.M.	- PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUND FLEA MARKET (until 12:00 p.m.)

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Congratulations to **Maddie** and **Jack Robertson** on the birth of Olivia Jane.

Proud grandparents are **Carol Dee** and **Scott Robertson**.

LENTEN OFFERINGS

Our special Lenten offerings are used for the broader work of the Lutheran Church through the Virginia Synod. One aspect of this partnership is the GracelInside Prison Ministry. Founded in 1920, GracelInside now provides spiritual nurture to 30,000 incarcerated men and women across Virginia. Chaplains preach, teach, provide pastoral care as well as crisis counseling, and coordinate volunteers who assist with worship and musical programs. As prisoners prepare to return to society, chaplains provide counseling to help ease the transition. We are proud of the broad mission outreach of our Church and are challenged to give it our generous support. Offerings should be placed in the special Lenten envelopes, or made through the online giving portal on our website by selecting Seasonal Special Offerings fund.



FLEA MARKET

Our Holy Trinity Flea Market will be held Saturday, March 22, from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Unwanted "treasures" including furniture, toys, books, kitchen items, tools and gardening equipment, sports equipment, jewelry, and electronics may be donated to the sale and brought to the church between **Monday, March 17**, and **Thursday, March 20**. We are unable to accept clothing or old televisions. **No early deliveries, please.** All items need to be in good, clean condition and in working order. The proceeds support the Program Development Fund.

Many helping hands are needed each day to arrange and price fleas. A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall or you may call the church office to volunteer for a shift. Cashiers and shopping helpers are needed on sale day during the first shift (6:30 - 9:30 a.m.) or second shift (9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.). Volunteers are also needed to assist with pack-up and clean-up following the close of the sale at 12:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES - THE WEEK OF MARCH 16 - 22

Sunday, March 16

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (age three - grade five)
1:00 p.m. - Junior & Senior Youth Bowling (grades six - eight)
Let's Go Bowling!
Drop-off and 3:00 p.m. pickup will be at AMF Lanes.
The cost is \$18 per person - but come even without money.
RSVP to Susan by Friday, 3/14



Saturday, March 22

6:45 a.m. - Holy Trinity Youth assist with Flea Market

GUESTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

We welcome a student group from The University of Maryland to the Holy Trinity Youth House March 15 - 21. The students are doing a Spring Break work project at Lynchburg Grows.



PARISH NURSE EDUCATION SERIES

Sunday, March 23
2:00 - 3:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

Finding Humor and Hope in Aging and Caregiving

Speakers:

Joseph Lugo, Director, Beard Center on Aging, University of Lynchburg
Wayne Lanham, Chaplain, Centra Health (retired) and Tharp Funeral Home; Humorist

Humor is one of God's gifts to humans. The ability to find humor in challenging and stressful situations lightens our burdens and helps us experience the abundant life that Jesus promised. Humor helps us find the hope that saves us from despair. Humor and hope help us find the unexpected gifts in aging and caregiving. Our first speaker will help us understand the benefits of humor and hope in two of life's greatest challenges. Our second speaker will give us a "practicum" by sharing his humor and making us laugh.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry will be held March 26, from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. A light supper and a variety of learning and creative activities are provided for children from age three through grade five.

NEW FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Friday Morning Book Discussion Group will begin its exploration of *Decolonizing Palestine: The Land, The People, The Bible* by Mitri Raheb on March 28, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Books will be available for purchase in the church office for \$19.00 each.

LAWN WORKDAY

There will be a church lawn workday Saturday, March 29, at 8:00 a.m. Please bring tractors, trailers, wheelbarrows, rakes, scoops, shovels, and other lawn tools. The primary task will be spreading mulch. Work will proceed rain or shine, unless there is heavy rain that morning. The inclement weather date is April 5.



NEW SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Sunday Morning Book Discussion Group begins its exploration of *A Faith of Many Rooms: Inhabiting a More Spacious Christianity* by Debie Thomas on March 30, at 9:30 a.m., in the Parlor. Books will be available for purchase in the church office for \$19.00 each.



JEWISH-CHRISTIAN TEXT STUDY

Sunday, March 30
from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

Join Rabbi Michael Gillette and Pastor Roberts for an exploration of texts from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. How do the two traditions interpret these texts? What are the similarities and differences? How do these texts speak to our lives today?

UPDATED YEARBOOK INFORMATION NEEDED

We are currently working on the 2025 Holy Trinity Yearbook which will be mailed later in the spring. All members are asked to review their household's information as listed in the 2024 Yearbook. In particular, let us know if you have discontinued your land line telephone, what cell phone number(s) you would like published, and what email address(es), if any, you would like published. You may email or call the church office with updated information. Thanks for your cooperation.

CANDY NEEDED

The Holy Trinity Youth will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt for young children in our congregation and in the community on Sunday, April 6. Would you be able to make a candy donation? Any kind will be enjoyed! The candy will need to be in individual packages as we'll not be using Easter eggs for hiding the candy. Please drop-off candy at Susan Williams' office for safe keeping.



TABLE TALK

The final session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, April 1, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor. In keeping with the tradition of Martin Luther when he would gather around the table for the theological discussions, participants may bring their beverage of choice to enjoy during the class. *Signs of Belonging: Luther's Marks of the Church and Christian Life* is our theme this year and the next class explores "The Cross: The Shadow Where We Belong" and "Belonging Together: Community, Risk, and the Presence of Christ." Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$9.00 each.

BRUNCH BUNCH

The Brunch Bunch will meet Sunday, April 6, at 12:00 p.m., at Oliver's on Rivermont Avenue. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall or call the church office by **Friday, April 4.**



EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 6, at 4:30 p.m.
on the lawn

Games, Crafts, Prizes!

Open to all children from birth to fifth grade.
Invite your family and neighbors to join in the fun!

Hosted by the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Youth.

THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Susan Barney** and **Tamara Colagreco** for assisting in the church office.
- Sunday's Soup Luncheon was a great success! Donations of \$667 were received to be used for youth mission projects. Thank you to the "customers," the soup makers, the youth who helped in every way, and the adults who helped with clean up.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2025 Altar Flower Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Flowers are needed for **April 27, May 4, June 1, June 8, June 29, July 6, and July 20.** The cost of altar flowers is \$90 per week for two vases. Payment for altar flowers is requested *before the selected date* and should be made payable to *Holy Trinity*. There are no delivery fees or sales tax. Please contact the church office with any altar flower questions you may have.

CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2025 Candle Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Candle sponsors are needed **May 11, June 1, July 13, and July 27.** The cost is \$20 per week, with checks made payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*. Please note "Candle Fund" on the memo line. Please contact the church office with any questions.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please email the church office with your current email address if you are not receiving church communications and worship links electronically. In addition, our monthly EDU.NET adult education newsletter is distributed via email. Also, there is the option to receive *The Beacon* each week via email, which helps reduce postage expenses.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR ANIMAL CLINIC

The Lynchburg Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic is in need of old newspapers and old top sheets and towels. Items may be placed in the "Animal Clinic" basket in the narthex. Please speak with **Mary Beth Thompson** (993-2596) for additional information.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP RESOURCES

Large print worship resources are available each Sunday in the three-ring binders on the narthex table.

BRUNSWICK STEW FOR SALE

There is still Holy Trinity Brunswick Stew available. The cost is \$10 per quart. Proceeds support our Program Development Fund. Please pay in the church office.

EASTER LILIES

Those desiring to purchase lilies for the altar for the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday and our worship on Easter Day are asked to return the form below with payment (\$20.00 per plant) by **April 6.** Lilies may be picked up following the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Day.



Given by _____

Number of plants _____

In Honor/Memory _____
(please circle)

Payment of _____ is enclosed. (\$20.00 per plant)

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

Parish Administrator: *Carol Dee Robertson*

Director of Youth and Campus Ministries: *Susan H. Williams*

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