

Trinity Times

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

March 2019

Keep Your Word

We are repeatedly challenged to understand what it means to be faithful to God. We know we are to be dedicated and committed, but when we see faithfulness wavering in the lives of those around us, it can be difficult to remember what it means to have this virtue. The first thing we must do is look at our actions. When we exhibit the fruit of the faithfulness, we show up on time, finish the job, are there when we need to be, and do what we say we are going to do. In other words “Just do what you say you are going to do.” Can you imagine what a difference living out this motto would make on the job, with your spouse and children, at church, and in your own life? The results would be amazing!

A successful life is based on trust and faith. Throughout the Old Testament, we read of God’s faithfulness to the people of Israel. No matter how much the Israelites complained about their situation, God remained true to His chosen people. In the New Testament, Jesus reflected the same loyalty to His heavenly Father. He always sought God’s will. Jesus’ faithfulness took Him all the way to the cross so that our sins could be eternally covered.

Do you trust God and have faith in His leading as you journey through your own deserts—your own trials? Do you stand for faith and follow through with what you say you are going to do? Some of us have had people cross our paths who have not kept their word to us and it has hurt us deeply. That can make it difficult to trust God. But one of

the best ways to overcome the fear of relying on God’s strength is to become a strong and faithful servant. You will discover that as you keep your word and you focus on being honorable and righteous, it is less important what others say and do. What truly matters is how faithfully you follow God’s leading.

The scriptures make it very clear what it means to be faithful. Someday we will stand before God, and He will welcome us into heaven by saying, “Come in! Well done, good and faithful servant!”

Be faithful in your actions today!

Gretchen Emerson
Congregational Care Director



LENT

Lenten Worship Services

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday services on March 3rd @ 6:30 pm. We will once again be having our Wednesday Soup Suppers prior to worship at 5:30pm in the basement. The youth will be hosting our Ash Wednesday meal and there will be a free will offering with the proceeds going to the youth to be used for fun activities and trips. There are sign up sheets in the Trinity Center to sign up to bring food to the suppers and for serving at our worship service.

Please consider helping.

**Holy Trinity’s website is: www.holytrinitysidney.com
and our Facebook page is Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.**

You can live stream our services each Sunday if you are unable to attend.

SHROVE PANCAKE FEED

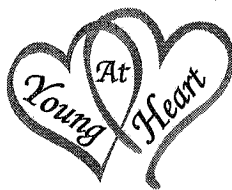
The Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Lodgepole will be hosting a shrove pancake feed March 5th, from 5-7 pm.

They will be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, milk, coffee, and orange juice. In addition they will be having drawings for

Give-a-ways and raffles.
All are welcome to attend.



There will be no Young At Heart for the months of March & April!!



Midland Universities Choir from Fremont Nebraska will be making a stop here on March 18th and will perform for us that night at 7:30 pm.

There will be no cost for the performance but there will be a free-will offering.

We will be housing them that night and providing a dinner prior to the performance and breakfast the next morning. If you would be willing to help serve the meals, please let Nancy know.

**If there is an emergency and you are in need of pastoral care while we are awaiting our interim pastor, please call the office or Steve Miller at 308-249-0832.
We have Pastors who are willing to step in when needed.**

REVISED BREAKFAST CLUB & CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE



Breakfast club will be meeting **March 10 & 17th** at 8:00 am at Grandma Jo's for those in 7-12th grade.

Confirmation will meet **March 10th** at 4:30 pm with dinner.



March's Family Fun Night will be a Seder Meal for the entire family and will be done following our morning worship on **March 24th at 11:00 am** here at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a sign up sheet coming soon so we can get a count as to how many will be attending.



Daylight Saving Time

Just a reminder....

Daylight Saving time begins **March 10th!!**
Be sure to move your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on **March 9th!!**

For the month of February and through Lent, we will be participating in the ELCA's 40 days of Giving campaign. Essentially, we are being asked to set a monetary goal to raise during Lent that will be given to the fight against world hunger. \$2 per day is more than what 10 percent of people around the globe live on. An individual gift of this amount can help those facing hunger and poverty, and setting it aside is a powerful reminder of what our neighbors face. We have set a goal of \$500 to raise through our Noisy offering. If you would like to set a personal goal of giving during that time, you can give to the ELCA's campaign by marking on your giving envelope "ELCA 40 days" or you can give directly to their website, ELCA.org/40days.



Presidents Report

Things change... Time goes on.. and how it has! We are two months into our call process here at Holy Trinity. Council has been busy working on the process. Molly Highby has collected pictures of our activities and staff photos. She has compiled this and put it on a power point presentation to show the congregation at Sunday's service. She has done a wonderful job on this phase of the call process. Council is also meeting with community leaders and business owners to get a feel of what we at Holy Trinity and our new pastor can do to help our community as Sidney moves forward. The call process is continuing and council is looking forward to the next steps.

We as council along with Christ Episcopal Church interviewed Pastor Wayne Pouppirt and his wife Caryl Miller to be our interim team pastors. We are waiting on Synod for the compensation package approval and suitable housing for them. Pastor Wayne will continue serving us in the meantime.

Ash Wednesday is right around the corner and so are the Lenten soup suppers. Please plan on attending as it is a great venue for food and fellowship. The new flooring in the fellowship hall is complete and the next phase of the basement refresh will start soon.

Thanks again for everyone that volunteers to serve on Sunday and during the week in any way. This makes it possible to have a great worship experience every week.

God Bless

Steve Miller
Council President

