

# THE BELL TOWER MARCH 2017

Our mission is to:

**Teach and share God's Word with those around us**

**Live in fellowship with one another and foster Christ-centered relationships**

**Care and grow in faith by serving God and His People**

## God's Gift of Forgiveness

As we begin this season of Lent, our focus this season will be on sin and God's gift of forgiveness that was won for us on the cross by Christ. I know for many of us, we don't like to think about sin. We don't like to focus on the things that we've done wrong, messed up on, or even hurt others. We want to think about the good things that we've done, this talk of sin doesn't really apply to me; God has already forgiven me. But as we know, the guilt of sin can pull us down, pull us away from loved ones, pulls us away from God. This past month I have been really thinking about sin and forgiveness.

As some of you know, a close friend of mine growing up committed suicide the end of January. He had a printing business that caught on fire and he was pretty down from that. I don't know for sure if he had anything to do with the fire or what led him to leave his family, run away and then end his life. It made me think how the devil works, how he can lead us to think that there is no way out, there is no forgiveness for what we might have done, the sin we have committed. He makes us think that there is no way anyone could forgive me for what I have done, that there is no hope.

But that is what Easter is all about, the hope and forgiveness we have for what Christ has done for us. No matter how messed up your life has become. No matter how far down the path of sin you have gone. No matter what nightmares trouble you and pain you have cause to yourself or others. God is merciful and forgiving. Yes God hates the sinner for breaking the law, but because of Jesus, God loves the sinner more. He loved you so much that His Son went to the cross and died for you. All of God's wrath and hate for sin went to the cross and died with Christ. God's unfailing love will put you back together when nothing else can. I only wished that my friend could have seen this in all his pain and suffering, to remember that God is with him and can help him through his struggles.

This Lent we will be taking a journey together to the cross of Jesus Christ. On this journey we are going to learn about God's mercy for lost sinners like you and like me. We are going to hear about God's gift of forgiveness that He gives in confession and absolution. We will walk through those valleys of death that sin brings us to but we will continue to walk to the cross and see and be reminded of the forgiveness and love our Heavenly Father has for us. Please join us this Lent as we see the gift of forgiveness God has for us all at the empty tomb.

In Him,

Pastor Brett

### March's Memory Verse

*"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection,  
and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His*

*Philippians 2:10*

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<b>Memorials Given by:</b> <b>Lavonne Heng Tom &amp; Paula Dobmeier</b>	<b>In Memory of:</b> <b>Annie Motschenbacher -Cemetery Fund Arlene Czizhotzki – Canadian VBS Mission Trip Tom Olson – Canadian VBS Mission Trip</b>
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**Serving March 2017**

**Elder of the Month: Randy Schellack**

**Organist:  
Anne Morris**

**Altar Guild:  
Lila Krebs & Fay Schellack**

**Fellowship:  
12<sup>th</sup> Youth**

**Greeters:**  
5<sup>th</sup> Fay Schellack  
12<sup>th</sup> Tom & Paula Dobmeier  
19<sup>th</sup> Youth  
26<sup>th</sup> Al Liedberg & Sherri Bultema

<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> <b>Randy &amp; Friends Scott Paulsen Adam Schellack Mark Johnk Brady Tollerud Scott Ahlf 26<sup>th</sup> Youth</b>
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<b><u>Food Pantry:</u></b> <b>March 6 – Lou &amp; Pat March 20- Lou &amp; Jessica</b>
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<b><u>Sunday Service Screens</u></b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month--- Emma --- March 5<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month--- Emma -- March 12<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month--- Ashley --- March 19<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month--- Kade --- March 26<sup>th</sup></b>
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**Lent Evening Screens:**  
Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> --- **Stephanie**, Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> --- **Isabel**  
Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> --- **Natalia**, Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> --- **Andrew H**  
Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> --- **Gavin**, Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> --- **Andrew Z**

**Children & Youth Ministry Newsletter**

<b>Director of Children's Ministry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stacey Zbasnik</li> <li>• Cell: 218-443-1742</li> </ul>	<b>Board of Education Members:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tami Hansen</li> <li>• Sam Rich</li> <li>• Carey Church</li> </ul>
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We are here to support the faith of our children here at Trinity. Feel free to contact members or director with questions, concerns and ideas.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HOURS FOR 2016-2017**

**Sunday School Opening/Music starts around 10:25 (Grades 2-8)**

**Sunday School 10:30-11:15**

*The first bell will be rung at 10:25 for grades 2-8 to meet in the sanctuary for opening and the second bell will be rung at 10:30 for the preschool through 1st grade to meet downstairs in the preschool room for opening.*

**Sunday School in March**

**Preschool – 8th Grade**

The Lent/Easter Season is just around the corner. The Preschool-8th Graders will be studying lessons that lead up the resurrection of Our Lord and Savior. The following will be the lessons studied during the month of March:

- The Widow's Offering
- The Lord's Supper
- Peter Denies Jesus
- The Passion of the Christ

**Youth:**

During the months of March Stacey will be teaching the Youth's Bible Study. The lessons are on the video study on RightNowMedia.com called King David.

**Sunday School Mission Project**

The Sunday School Spring Mission Project is funding Trinity's room at Lutheran Island Camp in the Retreat House. The funds will be used to update and make improvements in the living room to be used by all those that utilize the Retreat House. The goal for Spring 2017 is \$500. The current total is \$135.86.

**Youth Planning Meeting Dates**

Senior Youth planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1st from following Lent Service from around 8-9. Jr High Youth planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8th following Lent Service from around 8-9.

**Youth Screens Schedule**

**March:**

- 1st Sunday of the Month--- **Madi** --- March 5th
- 2nd Sunday of the Month--- **Stephanie** -- March 12th
- 3rd Sunday of the Month--- **Ashley** --- March 19th
- 4th Sunday of the Month--- **Kade** --- March 26th

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Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> --- **Andrew Z**

**April:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month--- **Gavin** --- April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month--- **Andrew Z** -- April 9<sup>th</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month--- **Andrew H** --- April 16<sup>th</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month--- **Kade** --- April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month--- **Madi** --- April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Lutheran Island Camp**

Can you believe that summer is right around the corner? Before plans are made for all the activities, take a look at the Lutheran Island Camps brochure. New camps have been added to the much loved camps from last year. And do not forget the Explorer Off-Island Day Camp at Our Redeemer in Moorhead. Bill from Camp will be here Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to answer any questions.

**Heggie's Pizza**

The Team going to Muskrat Dam are selling Heggie's Pizza to help fund the trip and order supplies. Please contact one of the Team members to make your orders OR make your orders on the form on the table set up in the narthex. Last day to order will be Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

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**Adult Bible Study**

This past month we have been going through the series- Perfect Blend. We have done 3 of the 6 sessions and have looked at the importance of prayer and relationships as we minister to people who don't know Christ. We have seen the importance of just going about our everyday lives and allowing God to work through our lives to share our faith with others. Join us this month as we continue our study and grow in confidence in sharing the Gospel with others.

**Men's Morning Bible Study**

Join us on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month for the Men's Morning Bible Study! March 3 & 17, at 6:00 am at the Fry'n Pan HWY 10 E Moorhead, for breakfast, fellowship and studying of God's Word. We will be doing various bible studies throughout the year. We would love to have you join us!

**Women's Coffee & Bible Study**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in each month –March 10 & 24, at 6:00 am at Caribou Coffee on 8<sup>th</sup> Street Moorhead, (Family Fare) for coffee and Bible Study. If you have questions, please contact Carrie Hartwig.

**Women's Fellowship Time**

Sometimes reading the entire Bible can seem very overwhelming. Please join us at Women's Fellowship every other Tuesday as we begin studying the books of the Bible together.

RightNow Media has short clips of each book done in a fun and unique way to help us better understand some of the main topics of each book.

We welcome women of all ages and encourage the women of Trinity to invite others to come. You do not have to be a member of Trinity to attend. Mothers are encouraged to bring their children if needed. Fun, Fellowship and Food guaranteed! Upcoming dates: March 14, 28

If you have any questions, please email me at [tljohnk50@gmail.com](mailto:tljohnk50@gmail.com). You can also message me or call me.

My number is 218-329-2561.

**Trinity Lutheran Church Sabin Community Food Pantry** will be open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each and every month. March 6 & 20. Hours are 6-7 pm. Please use the kitchen door by the park. *All inquiries and persons are kept confidential*

*Our Food Pantry is in need of the following:*

Fruit juices, Stewed or canned tomatoes, chili beans, cream of mushroom (and other) soup, canned chicken, cake mixes and frostings.

Donations can be brought to the church during office hours, food pantry hours or call for an appointment. \$10. Gift Cards can be purchased at the General Store in Sabin, Hornbachers, Family Fare or Cashwise, Gift cards are for milk, eggs, bread etc.

### **Sunday Evening Worship Service in March**

The next Sunday Evening Worship Service will be March 19, at 5:30. This is a relaxed, more contemporary service.

**Annual Report** If you did not receive a copy and would like one please contact the office. You can also read the report on our web site [tlcsabin.360unite.com](http://tlcsabin.360unite.com)

### **Mainstreet Living North Choir**

My name is Ramsey Dahl and I am the choir director at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. I have been asked to direct the Mainstreet Living Choir. We are trying to get a number of people from all of the area churches to come together and record hymns. These hymns will provide a bank for the pastors to choose from. If you are not sure what Mainstreet Living is, google it and check it out. Right now we are shooting for the end of March or the beginning of April to record these hymns. The pastors will record their sermons in the morning and the choir will record their hymns in the afternoon. I am planning to rehearse that same morning so we don't take up another day of your week. I am looking to see how many people we can get. I will also need an organist anyone is interested. Down the road, we might even record some more contemporary music. Please feel free to call or e-mail me at 701-866-5403 or [dramseydahl@msn.com](mailto:dramseydahl@msn.com).

### **2017 Youth Bible Bowl**

If anyone youth- grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>- is interested in the Youth Bible Bowl, sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. The date is Saturday April 1 at Concordia University St. Paul. There will be a cost for registration and staying the night in the Cities. Any questions, see Carrie Hartwig.

### **DCE Update**

The call committee has finished the job description of the DCE and have also put in requests for candidates at the Concordia's for a new graduate. We will be getting applications of candidates to interview in the next month and will keep the congregation up to date on the process. Please keep the committee and candidates in your prayers as we move forward in calling a DCE here at Trinity.

### **Lent Service – “God’s Gift of Forgiveness”**

The theme for our Lenten services this year will be on God's gift of forgiveness, especially as we find this forgiveness in the seven penitential psalms (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143). The sermons in this series expound on the nature of sin as seen in the psalms, the devastating effects it has on the soul and the

conscience, and what we receive through God's gift of the forgiveness of sins in our Lord Jesus Christ. Please come and join us each Wednesday during Lent at 7:15.

**Ash Wednesday (March 1)**

Psalm 6 "Save Me Because of Your Unfailing Love"

**Midweek of Lent 1 (March 8)**

Psalm 32 "Hiding from God or Hiding in God?"

**Midweek of Lent 2 (March 15)**

Psalm 38 "Make Haste to Help Me"

**Midweek of Lent 3 (March 22)**

Psalm 51 "Against You and For Me"

**Midweek of Lent 4 (March 29)**

Psalm 102 "But You, O Lord, Are Enthroned Forever"

**Midweek of Lent 5 (April 5)**

Psalm 143 "Teach Me to Do Your Will, For You Are My God"

**Holy Thursday (April 13)**

Psalm 116 "Delivered"

**Good Friday (April 14)**

Psalm 130 "Divine Forgetfulness"

**Easter (April 16)**

Psalm 16; Mark 16:1-8 "The Path of Life"

**Lent Suppers**

Please join us during Lent for Suppers before service. We will start serving at 5:45 and go until 7. The following groups will be providing the meals:

March 1- Canada Mission Team

March 8- The Youth

March 15- Church Council

March 22- Women's Fellowship

March 29- Saints-N-Sinners

April 5- Canada Mission Team

**Read the Bible in a Year**

Each month will be a reading for each day. So I encourage you, if you have never read the Bible from beginning to end, to do it this year as we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup>A

**March 1- 1 Chronicles 13-16**

**March 2-1 Chronicles 17-19**

**March 3 - 1 Chronicles 20-23**

**March 4 - 1 Chronicles 24-26**

**March 5 - 1 Chronicles 27-29**

**March 6 - 2 Chronicles 1-4**

**March. 7 - 2 Chronicles 5-7**

**March. 8 - 2 Chronicles 8-11**

**March 9 - 2 Chronicles 12-16**

**March 10 - 2 Chronicles 17-20**

**March 16 - Ezra 1-4**

**March 17 - Ezra 5-7**

**March 18 - Ezra 8-10**

**March 19 - Nehemiah 1-3**

**March 20 - Nehemiah 4-7**

**March 21 - Nehemiah 8-10**

**March 22 - Nehemiah 11-13**

**March 23 - Esther 1-5**

**March 24 - Esther 6-10**

**March 25 - Job 1-4**

**March 26 - Job 5-8**

**March 27 - Job 9-12**

**March 28 - Job 13-16**

**March 29 - Job 17-20**

**March 30 - Job 21-24**

**March 31 - Job 25-30**

**March 11 - 2 Chronicles 21-24**  
**March 12 - 2 Chronicles 25-28**  
**March 13 - 2 Chronicles 29-31**  
**March 14 - 2 Chronicles 32-34**  
**March 15 - 2 Chronicles 35-36**

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### **Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

The stewardship committee wants to remind you that Trinity Lutheran participates in the Simply Giving electronic giving program as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for all our members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church.

Simply Giving is a secure direct debit giving program used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

As you consider future contributions, please think about electronic giving. An authorization form and additional information are attached to the newsletter. Both are also available from the church office. Completed authorization forms should be returned to the church office.

### **March Birthday Celebrations**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Kade Hall, Travis Ingebretsen, Lindsey Nelson**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Stephanie Windus**

**5<sup>th</sup> Tom Dobmeier, Dorothy Tabatt**

**6<sup>th</sup> Kailey Ahlf, Ryan Krabbenhoft**

**8<sup>th</sup> Donald Hoppe, Beverly Kuehl**

**9<sup>th</sup> Jamie Zutz**

**10<sup>th</sup> Gerald Krabbenhoft, Roger Poehls**

**11<sup>th</sup> Ardis Rosenfeldt**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Andrew Zapata**
- 13<sup>th</sup> Chelsea Merritt, Janice Miller, Charles Skatvold**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Steve Brush, Erin Rezac**
- 18<sup>th</sup> Diane Mead, Braynden Zutz**
- 24<sup>th</sup> Darcy Burgard, Jayden Smart**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Joe Moore**
- 26<sup>th</sup> Trenton Granzow, Hunter Zbasnik**
- 28<sup>th</sup> Eric Hansen**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Sheila Bryam, Becky Nyland**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Caroline Danielson, Gavin Hall, Paula Tollerud**
- 31<sup>st</sup> Cable Morin, Miles Skatvold, Colton Zutz**

### **March Anniversary**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> George & Pat Kruger 44 years**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Ryan & Jessica Krabbenhoft 10 years**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Kurt & Kathy Sogn 30 years**
- 21<sup>st</sup> Jeremy & Ashley Ecker 3 years**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Gary & Penny Schellack 21 years**

### March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26  <b>10:00 am Worship &amp; Communion</b>  <b>10:00 Fellowship</b> <b>10:30 Adult Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</b>	27	28 <b>9:30 Staff Meeting</b> <b>10:00 am Women's Fellowship Time</b>	<b>March 1</b> <b>5:45 Lent Supper</b> <b>6:30 Confirmation</b> <b>6:30 FPU</b> <b>7:15 Ash Wednesday Service</b>	2	3 <b>6:00 am Men's Bible Study Fry'n Pan, MHD</b>	4
5 <b>9:00 Worship &amp; Communion</b> <b>10:00 Fellowship</b> <b>10:30 Adult Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</b>	6 <b>Food Pantry Open 6-7</b>	7 <b>9:30 Staff Meeting</b> <b>6:45 pm Elders Meeting</b>	8 <b>5:45 Lent Supper</b> <b>6:30 Confirmation</b> <b>7:15 Lent Service</b>	9	11 <b>6:00 am Women's Coffee &amp; Bible Study</b>	11



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19 9:00 Worship & Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 5:30 pm Evening Worship Service	20 6-7 Food Pantry Open  Newsletter Deadline  1st Day of Spring	21 9:30 Staff Meeting	22 5:45 Lent Supper 6:30 Confirmation 7:15 Lent Service	23	24 6:00 am Women's Coffee & Bible Study	25
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## March 2017 Stewardship Article

**Lent is a season of repentant joy. There is joy in repentance because in repentance, God, through His Word, turns us away from our sins — our failures of thought, word, and deed — to believe in the forgiveness and new life He has accomplished for us in the death and resurrection of His Son. For our God is our Father, and fathers discipline their children. He loves us enough to point out when and where we have erred, so that we are not weighed down by false belief, despair, and other great shame or vice.**

**Thus we do well to listen to God's Word, His own teaching, about giving. St. Paul exhorts: "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor" (Gal 6:6). This means that the local congregation is primary. In other words, everything else that we might give to during the year — laudable and worthy charities — are to be on top of what we give to our local congregation. For the local congregation is the place that serves us with the gifts of Christ's death and resurrection. The local congregation is where our spiritual needs are met when Christ's atonement is preached, when the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed, when we were baptized into the name of the Triune God, and when we partake of the body and blood of the risen and living Lamb of God.**

**But how much are we to give to this local congregation? His instructions are these: to give regularly (1 Cor**

**6:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor 16:1–2; 2 Cor 8:12), and generously (2 Cor 8:20) of our first fruits (Gen 4:4; Prov 3:9; Lev 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor 9:7), and love (2 Cor 8:23).**

**Thus, giving to the church is not to be an afterthought, given after everything else is spent. In this way, it is deliberate. We give it regularly, whenever we have income. We set it aside beforehand, before anything else is spent. From those first fruits, we set aside a proportionate and generous amount. Ten percent was the standard for the Israelites. Tithing was a command for them. St. Paul never mentions a tithe. Since a tithe was the bare minimum for the people of Israel in the Old Testament, perhaps St. Paul had more in mind. That aside, however, ten percent is an easy way to figure out an amount. You simply move your weekly, bi-weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, or yearly income one decimal point to the left. And that's it. That's what you put in the offering plate to support your local congregation so that you may continue to be a hearer of God's word by sharing all good things with those who teach it to you.**

**And how are we to give it? We give it with eagerness and earnestness. We give it cheerfully and with love, not out of compulsion. For through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, God has made us His children, forgiven us all our sins, given us grace upon grace, promised us life everlasting with Him in His kingdom, and filled us with His own Spirit, the Holy Spirit. This makes giving a joy. For it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).**

**In repentant joy, then, do we hear God's Word on giving, and we let that Word dwell in us richly. We let that word wash over our ears and seep into our hearts, to turn us away from our own selfish desires and turned toward Him in faith and love. We love the Lord and His Word. And we desire to do it. And when we have failed, that Word reproves and corrects, forgives and consoles. It calls us back to Him who is our God, our Savior, our Father.**

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*Our Church Schedule*

**Worship service 9:00 am with  
Communion Service the first,  
third, and fifth Sunday of the  
month.**

**Sunday Evening Worship, 3rd  
Sunday of the month 5:30 pm.**

**Fellowship is at 10:00 am  
followed by Sunday School and  
Bible Study at 10:30.**

**We hope to see you there!**

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