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Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

I shared with you over the last few Sundays that I am truly excited about this season of Lent that is now upon us. The teams tasked with developing more opportunities for fellowship and strengthening the relationship between our church and school are doing excellent work.

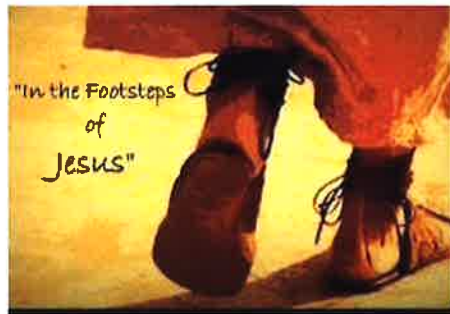
The fruit of the hard work can be seen in our first shared Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper sponsored by your Vestry and held in the Trinity School of Texas Commons. This is an outward and visible sign of a deepening relationship between the church and school.

The Fellowship Team has also been hard at work organizing Lenten Study Groups that will be studying the "Five Marks of Love" workbooks. In addition to these opportunities, a book study of John Newton's *Falling Into Grace* is being offered on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM during Lent.

The Coup de Gras for me is the wonderful response from the congregation to our Lenten Prayer Initiative. Stop and think about it for a moment. Two hundred families at the school and one hundred-fifty families at the church are being prayed for every

day during the forty days of Lent. I can't help but believe that our prayers will bear great fruit in our lives.

Once again, during the season of Lent we will be offering Evening Prayer every weekday at 5:30 PM in the choir area. I mentioned with our Lenten Prayer Initiative, one form of Lenten discipline is to take on something rather than (or in addition to)



giving up something. In addition to our Prayer Initiative or Evening Prayer or a study, how about a pilgrimage?

During the Middle Ages, after the Muslim Conquest of the Holy Land, Christian pilgrims were no longer able to make pilgrimage to Jerusalem to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. As an alternative, faith communities created outdoor Stations of the Cross. Eventually these Stations of the Cross moved indoors.

We may no longer have outdoor Stations of the Cross, but that doesn't mean we have to give up the spiritual discipline of pilgrimage. I can tell you first hand from my experience walking the 500 miles of the Camino de Santiago, there is something to be said for the rhythm of walking. There is a pace we miss as we drive from one place to another.

I want to offer you a couple of suggestions for incorporating "pilgrimage" into your Lenten discipline. Take a copy of the Stations of the Cross with you as you walk the mall, or as I do walk the Boorman Trail, stop at the location markers and pray the stations.

An alternative practice would be to walk your neighborhood and pray for the families. You don't have to know their names, God knows their names and their needs before you ask. Imagine yourself as one of the disciples walking with Jesus looking out on the crowds, moved with compassion, praying that God would meet their needs and bless their lives.

I pray that God will bless you during this season of Lent as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

STAFF

The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer	Rector
Gary Whitwell	TST Head of School
Bill Bane	Director of Music Ministries
Rae Dickson	Director of Student Ministries
Jacqui Baker	Director of Children's Ministries
Tim Baker	Parish Administrator
Leno Mancilla	Sexton
George Pliler	Endowment
Billie Padgett	Office Volunteers

VESTRY

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Christy Collins	Spencer Alford	Brenda Alexander
Karen Frith	Kathy Gray	Linda Leath
Robert Maly	Christine Prior	Cherry Sikes
Bryan Wilks	Gayland Rushing	Jack Welge
Senior Warden, Cherry Sikes		
Junior Warden, Robert Maly		
Treasurer, Andrew Snell		
Clerk of the Vestry, Tricha Wilcox		

Mission of the month



The Meals on Wheels program delivers hot, balanced meals to those who are primarily homebound, unable to cook for themselves and have no one available to help prepare meals.

The Longview Meals on Wheels program delivered its first meals in July 1982 to four recipients. Today, more than 100+ meals are delivered daily by volunteers. Within any month, there are over 300 volunteers who donate their time and transportation to the delivery of these meals. The meals are prepared in the Meals on Wheels Kitchen in Tyler, Texas to meet all FDA food requirements. These meals are transported to First Christian Church in Longview where they are separated into nine routes. The volunteers pick up the meals at 10:00 AM to be delivered to each home by 11:00 AM, in time for lunch.

Service of Compline

Come and worship with us as we celebrate the ancient monastic service of Compline performed by the men's Compline Choir.

Join us for refreshments in Guild Hall immediately following.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12
8:30 PM

~ ~ St. Monday's ~ ~

Monday, March 6th • 11:30 AM



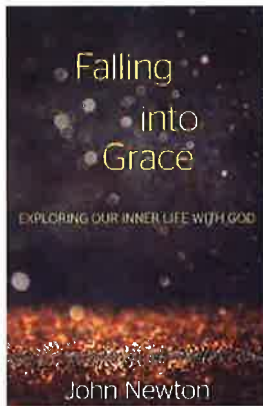
Come and enjoy a wonderful lunch of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, curry rice salad, green salad, and of course, great desserts!

Guest speaker will be Dawn Martin, from Windridge Therapeutic Riding Center of Longview. She will speak on the activities that they offer and their annual fundraising event coming up in April.



SPRING FORWARD

Remember to set your clocks ahead
Sunday March 12th at 2:00 AM



LENTEN AFTERNOON BOOK STUDY

Beginning March 1st and continuing at 1:00 PM every Wednesday during Lent
In the Guild Hall. Debra McLemore, instructor

Jesus was quite clear that we must lose our life before we find it. This book gives a hopeful and realistic look at what losing our life entails, articulating how "growth" in the Christian life is not our ascent to God but the process by which our eyes are opened to the beauty God has already given to us. It is a book about descending into God, and into our own inner depths, about the deep waters of the Christian faith. "Put out into the deep and let your nets down for a catch." (Luke 5:4)

Cost of the book is \$15 and can be purchased in the church office. For more information, please contact Debra McLemore at (903) 936-4568 or email at breagan@mediator.com



The East Texas Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists and
The Music at Trinity Concert Series
presents

Spring Choral Festival Concert

featuring brass, organ, handbells, and mass choir
comprised of churches and civic choirs from Longview,
Tyler, and surrounding communities. Come and
experience beautiful and thrilling sacred works under
the direction of Dr. Alan Hightower, Head of Choral
Activities at the University of North Texas.

Saturday, March 4, 2017 • 5:00 PM

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Admission is Free - Grand Reception Following in Parish Hall



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Service Times

10:00 AM
Imposition of Ashes

12:15 PM & 6:00 PM
Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes



ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH

AIR U

March 5th - 6:00 - 7:00 PM
\$10 for an hour of fun. This
event is for both middle
school and senior high.
Bring your friends!

Middle School Youth S'mores and a lesson



Starting March 19th,
Trinity will offer a new
youth event twice
monthly for our middle
school youth. Meet at the Trinity
Outreach Center from 5:30 PM to 7:00
PM for S'mores and a Lesson on God's
grace. Bring your friends!!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNER



COMING APRIL 2ND! *Road to Resurrection* is an
incredible multi-sensory experience of the
powerful moments that surrounded the death and
resurrection of Jesus. You will taste the Passover
meal, visit Barabbas in his cell, hear a Roman
soldier's remorse, and join in other powerful
experiences. Invite your friends! Sunday, April 2nd
from 5:30-7:00pm.

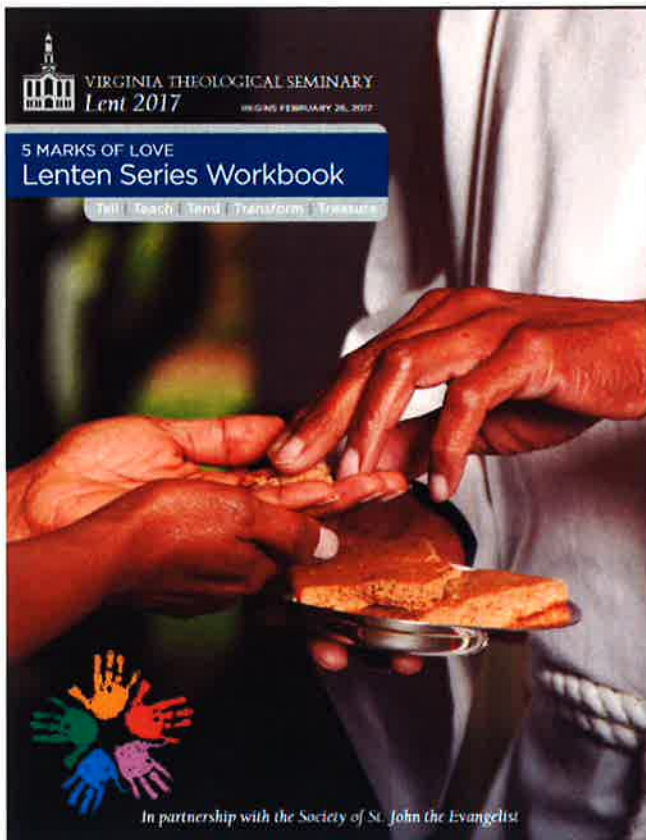
If you didn't pick up your *Stations of the Cross* coloring posters on Shrove Tuesday,
they are available in the church office.

For the Spring 2017 Children's Ministry Calendar, visit our Facebook page: Trinity
Episcopal Children.

Thank you for your help with our *Sunday School Service Project* so far! We will be
continuing to fill our Buckner Baskets during Sunday School in March. March 5th,
the children have been asked to bring deodorant...his & hers. March 19, the
children will be asked to bring razors & shaving cream.

Just a Reminder: Sunday School –

March 5th - 5:30-7:00pm (Learning about Queen Esther and celebrating Purim).
March 19th - 9:30-10:15am (Learning about the Exodus).



Lenten Study: 5 Marks of Love

Beginning Wednesday, March 8th

The 5 Marks of Mission frame the Church's life and ministry. However, the Marks can be narrowly defined or used to promote unreflective activism displacing the foundational role that discernment and contemplation should play in responding to God's mission. The 5 Marks of Love is an invitation to discern the work of God in life, in community, and in creation. It is an invitation to ponder the awesome revelation that God is love. It is an invitation to be shaped by the revelation that God's love overflows to us in creation and re-creation. The mission is God's. It is God who calls us into life and it is God who calls us to form life-giving communities.

Daily videos from Society of St. John the Evangelist will invite viewers to notice and engage God's acts of love, providing rich inspiration for the everyday faithful who seek a deeper connection to God and neighbor during this holy season.

This year, rather than meeting at the church on Wednesday evenings, we will be meeting in homes, according to geography. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and fellowship as we study and learn during this holy Lent. Dinah Rushing will coordinate the groups, so if you wish to participate in this wonderful five week event, please contact Dinah at (903) 234-1929.

FEBRUARY VESTRY REPORT

As is the practice of the Vestry, we opened our meeting by asking for prayer requests from the vestry members. After prayer the meeting was called to order by Fr. Kevin. There were no additions to the meeting agenda and it was approved without exception. After a minor spelling correction the minutes from the January meeting were unanimously approved. The next order of business was the election of a Junior Warden. The current Jr. Warden, Robert Maly was re-nominated and elected by acclamation. A motion was then made to nominate Tricha Wilcox as Clerk of the Vestry and she was elected unanimously.

Treasurer, Andrew Snell provided an explanation of the financials for the Vestry. There was a question of what would become of the \$9,205.40 in gift shop monies that remain on the books. Fr. Kevin noted that it would need to be dispersed at some later date pending the Vestry's discretion and approval. The month

ended with a deficit of \$2,678.25, but the Vestry was encouraged by non-pledge income and pledge income being over budget for the month of January.

Junior Warden, Robert Maly reported that the front door repair is on the agenda to be handled. He also noted that the carpets throughout the church need to be cleaned. Brenda Alexander inquired about the AC units and the electric bill being high. Fr. Kevin explained that these are normal amounts for heating and cooling and that all units have recently been serviced and or repaired.

Senior Warden, Cherry Sikes discussed the upcoming Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper that will be held at the Trinity School of Texas' Hollandsworth Commons on February 28th. The Vestry will host the event and is expected to help cook and serve during the event as well as clean up after. Cherry also made the Vestry aware of an upcoming Vestry Training session to be held on March 11th from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church in Lufkin. New Vestry members were encouraged to attend.

Fr. Kevin reported that new members to the vestry need to receive the Safeguarding God's People training. This is a diocesan requirement for all parishioners in leadership positions. This includes, but is not limited to staff, Vestry members and Lay Eucharistic Visitors. The training is to be offered March 25th. Bill Bane is the person in charge of sign up for this. Fr. Kevin shared that he was very excited about the response from the congregation to the Lenten Prayer Initiative, and that all but one folder had been distributed. That last group of names was then taken by a Vestry member.

The Vestry meeting closed with Karen Frith requesting volunteers for the Sunday evening Children's Ministry. It was discussed that while volunteers are needed for several dates, committees are in the process of discussing the children's program as a whole and our needs for that area may change in the near future. Jack Welge made a motion for adjournment of the meeting and it was passed unanimously.



MARCH 2017

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday

3/01	Kathy Gray	3/12	Steven Harkrider	3/17	Keely Barbe
3/01	Jim Heinz	3/12	Cliff Phoenix	3/17	Patsy Charles
3/04	Jerry Harris	3/12	Christopher Wilks	3/17	Gayland Rushing
3/05	Hal Willoughby	3/13	Jacob Baker	3/19	Betty Hurst
3/05	Rachel Rowe	3/13	Alan Robertson	3/20	Claire Foster
3/08	Ron Fadal	3/14	Glenda Mann	3/21	Christy Collins
3/08	Charles Thomas	3/15	Elizabeth Stroup	3/26	Harper White
3/10	Ted Skeans	3/16	Janet Brown	3/27	Wyatt Scott
3/10	Jan Stanley	3/16	Russell Rowe	3/28	Beverly Paschall
3/11	John Martin	3/16	Emily Sparks		

Happy Anniversary

3/07	Jim and Nancy Sawyer
3/08	Chris and Tisha Grotemat
3/08	Cliff and Terry Phoenix
3/11	Tim and Jana Tiefenwerth
3/12	Michael and Linda Leath
3/13	Joe and Ellen Hendrix
3/25	Tali and Jessica Wilkinson

Trinity Service Calendar

Month of March – Lectionary Year A

Date	March 5 The 1st Sunday of Lent	March 12 The 2nd Sunday of Lent	March 19 The 3rd Sunday of Lent	March 26 The 4th Sunday of Lent
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
Altar Team	Campbell	Crittenden Team	Mann Team	Baker Team
Vergers	J. Barbe	C. Collins	M. Wilks	S. Alford
Coffee Hour				
Flower Delivery	K. Frith J. Walters	M. Arnold C. Prior	C. Wilks J. Barth	B. Crittenden D. Fricks
Early Service				
Ushers	E. Campbell M. Piiler	E. Campbell M. Piiler	E. Campbell M. Piiler	E. Campbell M. Piiler
Greeters	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	McWhorter Team
Acolyte	G. Rushing	T. Gignilliat	G. Rushing	T. Gignilliat
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	J. Welge G. Rushing	G. McWhorter J. Hall	J. Welge G. Rushing	B. Charles N. Collins
L. E. M.	J. Welge G. Rushing	G. McWhorter J. Hall	J. Welge G. Rushing	B. Charles N. Collins
Late Service				
Ushers	Crittenden Team	Jones Team	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team
Greeters	Gray Team	Skeans Team	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team
Acolytes	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	S. Thomas S. York	Z. Brown J. Sawyer	J. Sloan V. Boaz	R. McPhee D. Conrad
L. E. M.	G. McWhorter S. York V. Boaz	A. Robertson J. Sawyer C. Grotemat	J. Sloan V. Boaz H. Barth	J. Hall D. Conrad J. Fowler
L. E. V.	M. Arnold C. Grotemat		J. Mraz N. Collins	

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ASH WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM Imposition of Ashes 12:15 PM and 6:00 PM Imposition of Ashes with Holy Communion 1:00 PM Lenten Study 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	2 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	3 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	4 5:00 PM Choral and Hymn Festival Concert Reception Following
5 Regular Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM Young Adult Fellowship 5:30 PM Children's Evening Sunday School 6:00 PM Youth Event At Air-U	6 11:30 AM St. Monday's 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	7 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	8 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 1:00 PM Lenten Study 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	9 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	10 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	11
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19 Regular Sunday Schedule 9:30 AM Children's Sunday School 5:30 PM Middle School S'Mores and Lesson Trinity Outreach Center	20 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	21 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:00 PM Vestry	22 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 1:00 PM Lenten Study 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	23 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	24 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	25 9:00 AM Safeguarding God's People Training Parish Hall 6:00 PM TST Spring Gala - Summit Club
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March Special Events

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| 1st | Ash Wednesday - 10:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 6:00 PM Imposition of Ashes |
| 4th | Hymn/Choral Festival Concert, 5:00 PM, Nave |
| 7th | St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall |
| 8th | John Newton Book Study, 1:00 PM Guild Hall - Continuing every Wed through Lent |
| 8th | The 5 Marks of Love Lenten Study - Continuing every Wed through Lent |

April Special Events

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| 3rd | St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall |
| 9th | Palm Sunday Services: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM with Procession of Palms |
| 13th | Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 PM, Nave |
| 14th | Good Friday Services:
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Tower Room
12:00 PM, Nave - followed by Stations of the Cross |
| 16th | Easter Sunday Services: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, Nave |