



The Trinity Tidings

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“Meals that Matter” are available downstairs.



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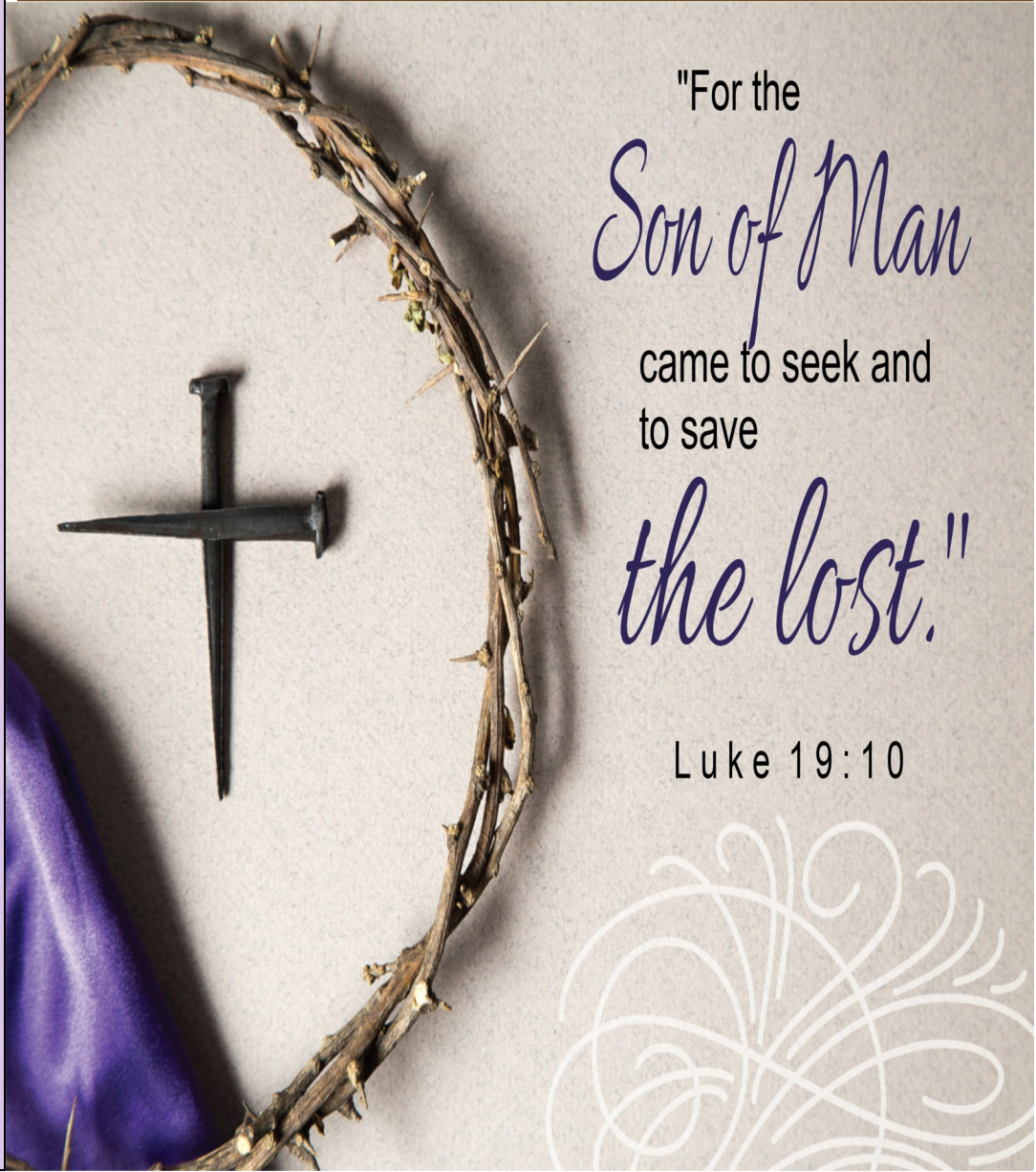
Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Fellowship Hour 10:15 am
Trinity Church School 6:30 pm Wednesdays



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.



"For the
Son of Man
came to seek and
to save
the lost."

Luke 19:10





From Interim Pastor Grant...

“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

With these words begins the season of Lent. Lent is a time of introspection, repentance, and turning back to the things of God and assessing our mortality. The season of Lent is not necessarily a season of exuberance and joy. Hopefully the Lenten season leads to a better understanding of who we are and whose we are as we walk the path of ashes to the brilliant light of Jesus’ resurrection.

The theme of this years Lenten series is “Frogs without Legs Can’t Hear.” a somewhat provocative title but one that is centered around the connections between the church and the home. The service of Ashes begins on Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m. Each of the following services are as follows: Feb. 21 The Five Principles of Faith Formation, Feb. 28, Croaking Frogs, March 6, Praying Church Frogs, March 13, Frogs for the Pond, March 20, Frog Habits and Habitats, March 28, a Traditional Maundy Thursday service, March 29 a Traditional Good Friday Service and the on Sunday, March 31 two Easter services. Please check the church calendar or the Trinity Tidings for more information on the services and Lenten meal prior to worship.

Interim Pastor
Grant Fischer





The Boards of Trinity cordially invite you to join us for supper each week before the evening service and Church School at 6:30.

We are raising funds to support Summer Church Camp with the help of Thrivent Action Teams

**Meals are served from 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm each Wednesday
Cost for the meal is a Free Will Offering**

**February 14th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Welca Child Friendly Option**

**February 21st: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Youth Child Friendly Option**

**February 28th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Social Ministries Child Friendly Option**

**March 6th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Property Child Friendly Option**

**March 13th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Evangelism and Stewardship Child Friendly Option**

**March 20th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Lay Ministry & Fellowship Child Friendly Option**

Due to postal changes, Trinity Tidings will no longer be mass mailed. There will be copies in the Narthex which can be picked up and they will be emailed to all whom Trinity has current email addresses. Our homebound members will continue to have a smaller copy mailed to them. If you do not have email, please let Darlene know and you will receive a copy as well. Thank you for your understanding in this change.



Children, Youth *and* Family



Trinity Wednesday Church School

Our Trinity Church School is on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30! Our students will be following the Sunday School Curriculum at the evening classes. This change has been made after asking our parents if this change would help with busy children's activities.

Please join us!

Please watch for notices!

Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. February 7th they will be visiting Sturm Funeral Home.



Confirmation

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Coordinator
Trinity Lutheran Church
Sleepy Eye, MN
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Job Description

Trinity Lutheran Church is a welcoming church focused on evangelism and mission in the community of Sleepy Eye and beyond. As a welcoming and nurturing church, we are shaped by prayer, worship, scripture and the Holy Spirit, where everyone's gifts are valued, where people's spiritual needs are met, and God's love with the world is shared.

Position: Faith Formation Youth Ministry Coordinator (Part-time)

Summary of Position: Faith Formation Youth Ministry Coordinator oversees and directs Christian Education for the youth and children's ministries, and manages the development and growth of the Christian Education and Youth programs while building relationships with families and their children.

Supervision: Christian Education Board and Board of Young People's Work

Supported by: Senior Pastor, Personnel Committee other church staff and members of Trinity Lutheran Church

15 hours per week which are flexible to meet the needs of the church based on planned activities and evenings and weekends required as needed. Compensation: \$16/hr

Further information and Application are on our website www.trinitysleepyeye.org under About Us/ Employment or in the Church office.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

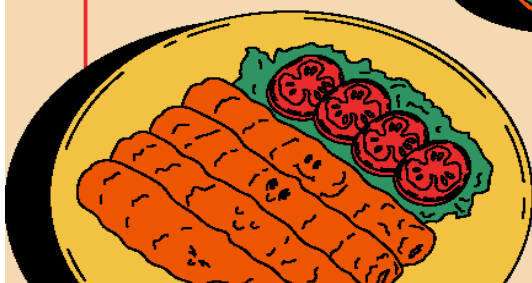
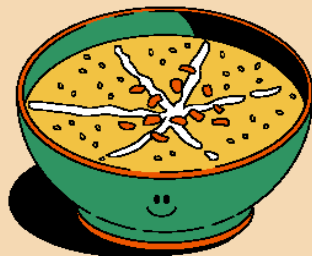
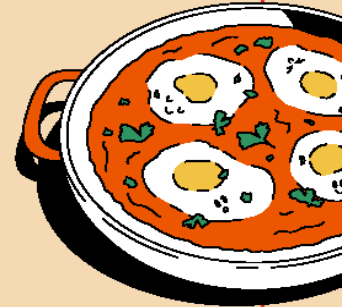
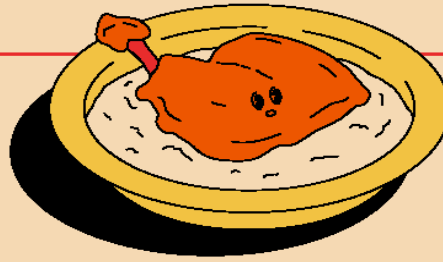
LENTEN DINNERS

A SOUP AND KID FRIENDLY
OPTION WILL BE PROVIDED

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT FROM
5:30-6:15

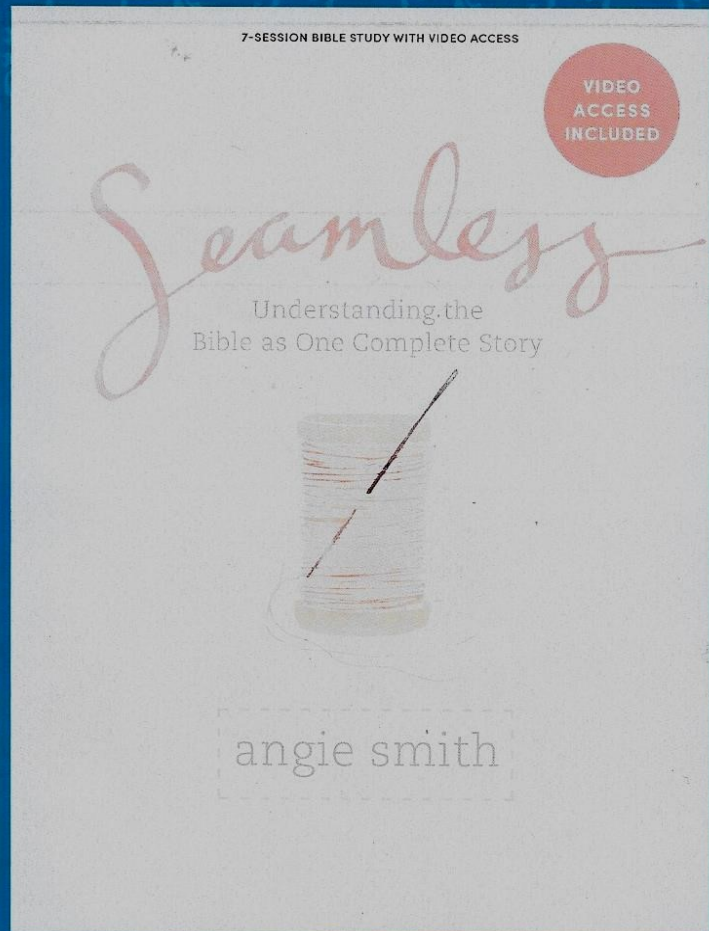
JOIN US FOR CHURCH AND CHURCH
SCHOOL AT 6:30

PARENT REQUIRED TO
ATTEND WITH CHILD



PARAGRAPH TEXT

*Wednesday
Morning
Bible Study*



For more
information or to
obtain a book,
contact Darlene in
the church office or
Cheryl Neidt.

**Beginning January 3, 2024
9:00 –10:00 a.m.**

All are welcome!



GOOD STEWARDSHIP

“A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them.” (Luke 7:41-42a NRSV)

The season of Lent offers more opportunities for worship than at any other time of the church year. Beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 14), many congregations add a mid-week worship service to their schedules. This service is meant to be attended in addition to Sunday worship. In this worship we are to reflect on the sufferings and death of Jesus as we “rend our hearts and not our garments.”

Our motivation for attending Lenten worship services comes not from “ought” and “should”, but from “can” and “may”. Like the debtors in Jesus’ parable, we find that we have no resources with which to pay for our offenses against God and one another, for the chaos we create, for the sins we commit. We rest, instead, on the grace of our creditor, who cancels our debts and sets us free to respond in joy to Christ’s love.

Giving more time to worship God during Lent is one of those response-opportunities. Embrace the call to repentance for the relief it gives, receive the offer of forgiveness for the wholeness it brings, and walk a spiritual path through Lent debt-free.

A huge thank you to the many giving units that were able to help Trinity meet the goal for receipts of \$298,000.00 in 2023. In fact, the total received was \$308,708.23! Furthermore, spending was only \$272,678.48 which helped us start 2024 with a positive balance.

At the annual meeting on January 28, the 2024 budget approved was set at \$298,000.00. This requires about \$25,000 per month in receipts to keep on track. January shows us \$4,000 behind!

Wednesday church school participants also have two goals for their weekly offerings: Food Backpack program and School and Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Remember to include an offering for your children when they come on Wednesday night or it can be brought on Sunday morning as well.

Some special offerings will be happening in the coming months. The **Lenten quarter folders** as well as the **Lenten supper donations** have been designated for Green Lake Bible Camp Scholarships.

The **noisy offerings** are currently being collected on the Sunday that the children sing and four non-budget items were chosen: January-March for the local Food Shelf; April-June for Green Lake Bible Camp scholarships; July-September—the Good Samaritan Fund which Trinity uses to help people who need gas, lodging etc.; October-December—ELCA World Hunger.

Look for the following items that will be in mailboxes or bulletins during February: time and talent sheets and or pledge cards. Quarter folders or film canisters will be located on the table in the back of the church for your use.

Continue to keep the financial needs of Trinity in your prayers. Thanks to Everyone who continues to serve in so many ways at Trinity.

Board of Stewardship



THIS & THAT

Read the Bible in a Year



Week of February 4

Su Mark 1:29-39
 M Acts 14:1-7
 Tu Acts 15:36-41
 W Mark 3:7-12
 Th Hebrews 12:7-13
 F Acts 19:11-20
 Sa Matthew 26:6-13

Week of February 11

Su Mark 9:2-9
 M Hebrews 2:1-4
 Tu 1 Timothy 3:14-16
 W Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
 Th 1 John 1:3-10
 F 2 Timothy 4:1-5
 Sa Matthew 9:2-13

Week of February 18

Su Mark 1:9-15
 M Ephesians 2:1-10
 Tu 1 Peter 3:8-18a
 W Matthew 4:1-11
 Th Romans 3:21-31
 F Romans 4:1-12
 Sa Mark 8:27-30

Week of February 25

Su Mark 8:31-38
 M Hebrews 1:8-12
 Tu Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19
 W John 12:36-43
 Th 1 Peter 2:4-10
 F Acts 7:30-40
 Sa Mark 9:2-8



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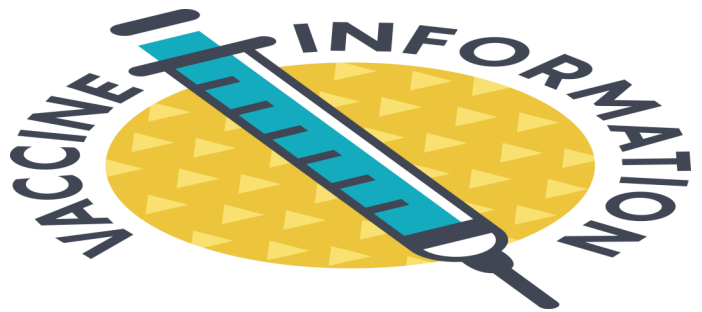
**TURN IN
 YOUR ARTICLES
 EARLY!**

Our Services are broadcast on Channel 8 each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. or on our webpage anytime. Share the Good News with those who are unable to join us in person!

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of *Tidings* will be emailed by the 1st of the Month. Please have items for the newsletter to Darlene by the 20th of each month. Thank you.



Please join us for Trinity's "Dining Out", following church services 2/18/2024. "Breaking Bread Together" is an opportunity to get to know each other better and share stories. We will meet at 11:00 AM at the Golf Course Meeting Room. Our goal will be to "Dine Out" the 3rd Sunday of each month!



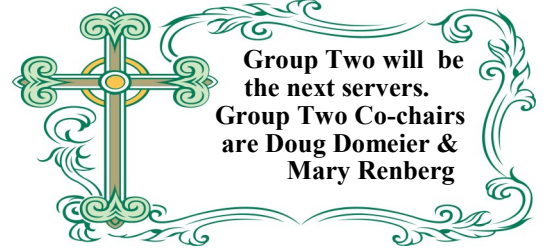
SEMC has the New Flu and the Bivalent COVID booster available. You have call SEMC at 794-3691 to schedule an appointment. Forms for the vaccine are available at the church in the narthex or on the SEMC website.

Boosters are also available at Randy's Drug. Please call ahead. Flu shots are available anytime.

10 Worship Assistants



January: Mary Renberg & Sara Sellner
February: Joleen Dittbenner



FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 2/4 Kelsey Ladd
- 2/11 Blaine Arneson
- 2/18 Shea Evers
- 2/28 Jacob Fullmer

Readers

- 2/4 Cheryl Neidt
- 2/11 Terry Newgord
- 2/18 Sue Pedersen
- 2/28 Mike Petersen

Communion Assistants

- 2/4 Lee Johnson-at the rail
- 2/14? Neil Neidt-at the rail
- 2/18 Larry Baumgardt, Mark Miller

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

February Ushers

Dennis Mangen & Mike Petersen

February Greeters

Eric & Juliann Wahlborg

Lenten Services 6:30 pm.

Acolytes

- 2/14 Levi Johnson
- 2/21 Kaden Braun
- 2/28 Gavin Fischer

February Usher & Greeter

Jon Hansen

- 2/14 Caleb Oscarson, Shea Evers, Anders Coulson, Brayden Heiderscheidt,
- 2/21 Kaylie & Natalie Fulmer, Jacob Fulmer, Brayden Heiderscheidt,
- 2/28 AuDee Darnell, Callie Evers, Jacob Fulmer, Carson Uecker

Readers

- 2/14 Megan Sellner
- 2/21 Levi Johnson
- 2/28 Megan Sellner



MARCH 2024

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 3/3 Brayden Heiderscheidt
- 3/10 Carson Uecker
- 3/17 Calie Evers
- 3/24 Riley Voigt
- 3/31 (6:30) Kelsey Ladd
(9:00) Megan Sellner

Readers

- 3/3 Cindy Steffl
- 3/10 Karen Voge
- 3/17 Eric Wahlborg
- 3/24 Rosanne Wall
- 3/31 (6:30 am) Pat Stevermer
(9:00) Cindy Anderson

Communion Assistants

- 3/3 Lee Johnson at the rail
- 2/18 Larry Baumgardt, Mark Miller
- 3/24 Neil Neidt, Darlene Brummund
- 3/31 (6:30 am) Lee Johnson
(9:00) Larry Baumgardt, Brian Polesky

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

March Ushers

Mark Miller & Doug Domeier

March Greeters

Larry & Diane Evers

Lenten Services 6:30 pm.

Acolytes

- 3/6 Megan Sellner
- 3/13 Hayden Domeier
- 3/20 Kenley Jensen
- 3/28 Maundy Thursday Kayden Braun
- 3/29 Good Friday Gavin Fischer

March Usher & Greeter

Jon Hansen

- 3/6 Carson Uecker, Blaine Arneson, Karter Haala, Braylon Nelson
- 3/13 Gavin Fischer, Blaine Arneson, Riley Voigt, Kenley Jensen
- 3/20 Shea Evers, Hayden Domeier, Davin Suess, Michael Pool

Readers


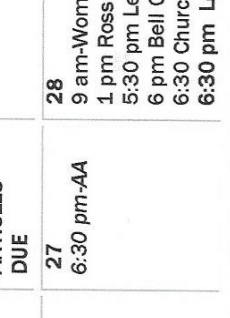
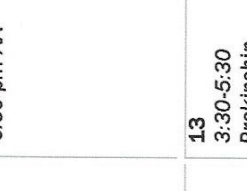

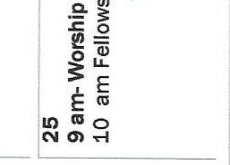
- 3/6 Kaden Braun
- 3/13 Kelsey Ladd
- 3/20 Kelsey Ladd

Communion Assistant

- 3/28 Lee Johnson at the rail



FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 Children sing 8:45 9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Fellowship Hour <i>Fifth Sunday after</i></p> 	<p>5 9 am Quilting Noon WELCA</p>	<p>6 6:30 pm-AA</p>	<p>7 9 am-Women's Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 Church School 7 pm Confirmation Service Project</p>	<p>8 7 am-Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>9 ACT Practice in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 9 am- Worship 10 am Fellowship Hour</p> 	<p>12 9 am Quilting</p>	<p>13 3:30-5:30 Prokinship for Kids 6:30 pm-AA</p>	<p>14 Ash Wednesday 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Ross Park 5:30 pm Lenten Supper ~ Welca 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 Church School 6:30 pm Lenten Worship for all</p> 	<p>15 7 am-Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Fellowship Hour 11 am Breaking Bread Together</p> 	<p>19 Office Closed 9 am Quilting</p>	<p>20 6:30 pm-AA</p> <p>TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE</p>	<p>21 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Supper ~ Youth 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 Church School 6:30 pm Lenten Worship for all</p>	<p>22 7 am-Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 9 am- Worship 10 am Fellowship Hour</p> 	<p>26 9 am Quilting</p>	<p>27 6:30 pm-AA</p>	<p>28 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Ross Park 5:30 pm Lenten Supper ~ Social Ministries 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 Church School 6:30 pm Lenten Worship for all</p>	<p>29 7 am-Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>



DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON,
***we praise God for
his righteous Son,***
who perfectly kept all of God's commandments
for us and paid the full price
for our disobedience.



Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM
Fellowship Hour 10:10 AM

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services
Wednesday Evenings at 6:30
Lenten Suppers at 5:30



Trinity Wednesday Church School

Trinity Church School
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Confirmation Classes
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Watch the Lenten Schedule

