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Darkness Gives Way to Light Rev Gail Shafer

Spring is almost here! I can tell because the sun lines up almost perfectly with the road as I drive to work in the morning. The clocks are adjusted for daylight savings time. It is light when I get out of work. The buds are starting to swell on the trees, and some of the bulb flowers are starting to bloom. The ground isn't quite warm enough to plant the garden – but I am so tempted!

As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter, our gaze is toward resurrection. The gifts of Christ fill us with hope, and life even as light increases the length of the day light. We emerge from the introspection of Lent and stretch ourselves toward the joy and action of Pentecost. Our snowbirds are starting to return.

There will be lots to do here at Trinity. Wednesday evening Vesper / Eucharist continues at 5:30. This lay led service precedes our adult forum and Bible study. We will continue to with the Gospel of Matthew. We share a light repast of sub sandwich. Feel free to bring some snack items or dessert to add, or just come as you are! We are usually done by 7:30. This makes a great way to have a mid-week devotion during Lent.

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Holy week begins with Palm Sunday April 5 with our outdoor procession of the palms. There will not be a Wednesday night service, because there will be Maundy Thursday including foot washing. Friday afternoon we will walk the way of Christ Crucified in the Stations of the Cross. We will be hosting the Community Good Friday Tenebrae service at 7 pm. April 10. This beautiful candlelit format is an ancient way to contemplate the gift of reconciliation given by Christ.

We will have our Easter Saturday afternoon gathering with music, stories, and food in the playground behind the church. Watch for more information! Easter Sunday will be a festival celebration complete with brunch and Easter egg hunt! Plan on bringing the whole family as we bring back Alleluia to the church!

Contact Information

If you need pastoral care, please contact Rev Gail Shafer directly, if she does not answer leave a message and she will get back with you as soon as her schedule permits. Her information can be found in the weekly bulletins and in the church directory.

Remember that there is not always someone at the church to receive a voice mail message. After you have left a message on Rev Gail's phone, call the senior warden, no answer, leave message, then call the junior warden, no answer, leave message. This does seem like a lot of calling, but the more people that are aware of the request the sooner you will hear back from someone.

Make sure you family members know where to find this information and if your family members are listed in the church directory make sure that their contact information is correct.

An updated church directory is available at church and will be emailed out to everyone on the church members emails.

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter and the other emails that are sent out from the church, reach out to the church and let them know so your email can be removed from the members email list.

Exit and Fire Extinguisher Signs

Thanks to John & Ellen Bunday for the purchase of the exit and fire extinguisher signs, John then framed them all to match the other wood in the church and with help from Red Dexter, they hung all the signs.

Farewell to Paul & Judy Viles

As most of you know, Paul & Judy Viles have bought a home in Ocala, Florida and will be moving there in early March.

On Sunday February 23 a farewell dinner, during coffee hour, was provided by Trinity members. Thanks to everyone that helped with that, a lovely Thank you card has been received at the church from Paul & Judy and you can find it on the round table in the undercroft. Paul & Judy's new address and email can be found in the updated directory.

To Paul & Judy, sure going to miss you, enjoy your new adventure in Florida!!!

Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan Beloved Community: Task Force on Dismantling Racism

The Task Force on Dismantling Racism has a mandate to develop knowledge and skills aimed at dismantling racism in our diocese via training and other initiatives. The Task Force's goal is a step toward making visible God's likeness and goodness in every person and in the life of the church institution in which we minister, so that the church leaders can be healing and reconciling agents in our communities and in our time. The Rt. Rev. Wayne M. Hougland, Jr. is serving as the Spiritual Lead of the Task Force, while the Rev. Canon Valerie Ambrose has been appointed to serve as the convener of the Task Force.

Four Sub-Committees have been created to facilitate the mandate of the Task Force. Those Sub-Committees are:

- Education/Training/Facilitation
- Evaluation and Assessment
- Parish Strategy and Mentoring
- Marketing and Public Relations

Denise Clarity is serving on the Marketing and Public Relations Sub-Committee, and as a member of this team, will develop and manage the strategic communication process that builds mutually beneficial relationships across the EDWM. The Task Force on Dismantling Racism continues to build on the fine work of the long-standing Healing Racism Commission of our diocese.

Spring outdoor clean-up

Watch your weekly announcements in your bulletin for the date of our yearly Spring outdoor clean-up day.

Food Bank

Hello Friends,

Thank you so much for your continued support.

FOOD SUGGESTIONS

Ketchup, Mustard and Mayonnaise
Hot Cocoa Packets
Canned Pears, Canned Peaches and Canned Pineapple
Boxed Potatoes
Rice Mixes
Flour
Sugar
Cake Mixes and Frosting
Muffin Mixes

PERSONAL CARE

Shampoo
Conditioner
Deodorant
Razors

CLOTHING ROOM

Men's Jeans
Men's Shoes (especially size 11 and up)
Bath Towels (gently used and new)

BABY ROOM

Baby Wash
Diaper Rash Ointment
Crib Sheets

GIFT SHOP

Cleaning Supplies

As always, there is never a cost to the clients. Your contributions impact the quality of life of our neighbors and serve to strengthen the community. Your support is essential to the food bank goals and we are grateful.

Peace,

Cheryl Mulder

Easter Season information

In Rev Gail's article she talked about the services that will be held during the Easter Season, here are a few more details regarding Easter.

Watch for the times for all the services in your weekly bulletin or in an email.

Donation envelopes for Easter Lilies, can be found on the table in the narthex.

The 8 am Palm Sunday service will begin in the narthex and the 10 am service will begin in the Trinity Room.

We will once again have an All-Night Vigil starting on Thursday night April 9, at 8:30pm, after the Maundy Thursday service and will go till 11:30 am on Good Friday. A sign-up sheet, for your one-hour vigil in the chapel, can be found in the undercroft.

Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 8 – Daytime Saving Begins

Sunday, March 15 – Vestry meeting 11:30am

Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday 8 & 10am

Thurs, April 9 – Maundy Thurs, service 7pm

All-night Vigil 8:30p – 11:30a

Fri, April 10 – Good Friday

Stations of the Cross, 1pm

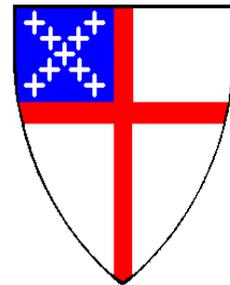
Community Good Friday Tenebrae

Service at Trinity 7pm

Sun, April 12 – Easter Sunday 8 & 10am

Easter Brunch 9-9:45am

Easter Egg Hunt 11:30am



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