

February 2020

# Trinity Times

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**HOW** you  
can  
**HELP**

### Donation are needed and much appreciated!

33 gallon trash bags,  
paper towels, dish soap,  
hand soap, bank boxes  
(for archives) and toilet  
paper can be brought to  
church anytime and placed  
in church office!

Thank you!

## From the Pastor...

*“Western science...believed man  
could force nature to reveal its  
secrets; the Sioux simply petitioned  
nature for friendship.”*

— Vine Deloria, Jr.

(Vine Deloria Jr., C.G. Jung and the Sioux  
Traditions)

I absolutely love this quote. It challenges us to look at the world through a different lens and with a different perspective. It reminds us that relationship and/or partnership can be much more meaningful than control. It encourages us to seek a spiritual connection above and beyond a simple knowledge. Comprehension of photosynthesis is nothing compared to that which the soul can experience by walking through the forest as a participant rather than as an observer.

Vine Deloria Jr. was a Native American author, theologian, historian, and activist who wrote at great lengths of the plight of the Native American at the hands of western culture. It is no surprise that he, on many occasions, especially focused in upon the differences between religion and spirituality. In all honesty, his writings can seem harsh to those of us who have lived our lives within the benefits

of that western culture—but that is exactly what we need to hear sometimes. We can learn a great deal by listening to the insights of other perspectives. It is my hope, and even my prayer, that I may see something unique, and/or learn something new to me, every single day of my life. For I firmly believe that God is ever molding us, and that we are perpetually a work in progress.

Thus, I encourage you today to “petition nature to be your friend.” Watch the squirrels frolic in your yard. Observe the grand and steady beauty of the oak tree in a nearby grove. Admire the hawk soaring far up in the sky. Be moved to tears by the artistry that is a sunset. Listen with curiosity to the owl calling out at night. Enjoy the voices and choir of the songbirds. At the very least, your soul will be warmed, and at the very most you may even learn something from the Wisdom of God that is buried deeply into the heart of the Lord’s Creation. This is the spirituality of friendship...

-Pastor Jeff Mikyska

## Thank you!

Thank you to Dick Q, Marcie, Gail, Heather, Angie, Deaconess Andrea, Sue, Kristen, & Scott for cleaning and organizing two storage rooms downstairs! They look great!

The next clean-out day is

**Wednesday, 2/11/2020  
at 9:00 a.m.**

### Caring Team

Do you know our caring committee sends out 100's of cards every month? We recently received a nice note from a member who expressed his thanks for receiving cards after his wife's death. Thank you caring team for taking the time to send out cards on birthdays, holidays, and other life events. Your ministry is so appreciated!



**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Friday**

**9:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

*Pastor Jeff and Deaconess Andrea are available beyond these hours, please call the office, e-mail, text their cell phones.*

## From the music director...

Dear Members of Holy Trinity, I would like to thank everyone who shared their musical talents throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. Much time was spent practicing and rehearsing but the end result was well worth it! Personally, it was very rewarding working with everyone to get things ready for the celebration of our Lord's birth. A lot of positive feedback has been received and I am already eagerly

anticipating preparations for next Christmas. Also thank you to everyone who attended the December Hymn Sing. To have music bring so many people together is one of the most rewarding aspects of my position here at Holy Trinity. I am looking forward to planning additional hymn sings in the future.

In His service,  
*Matt Wahl*

## Winter Jam

Friday, March 13, 2020

7:00 P.M.

(meet at Holy Trinity at 5:15 p.m.)

Sears Centre Arena

\$15 donation at the door

Food is available for additional \$.

Family friendly event! Please let

Allison Mikyska or Deaconess

Andrea to sign up!



## Looking ahead...

**Mini Mission Trip** – June 16-17 for grades 3-5 (they serve during the day at places around Elgin and go home to sleep!

**VBS** – interested in helping plan a community based VBS this summer? Contact Deaconess

Andrea today!

**Mission Trip** – July 24 – 31 to Rocky Boy Indian Reservation, Montana

**National Night Out** – Tuesday, August 4 – Contact Bob Langlois or Deaconess Andrea to help!

## Project PJ's

The Salvation Army reported that they were able to hand out 1, 456 PJ's this year to people in our community! Holy Trinity donated 48 pairs! Thank you to all who donated! They also gave 604 reusable bags to families filled with paper goods and light bulbs! Thank you to Clare Ollayos for leading this effort to help in our community.

## Altar Guild

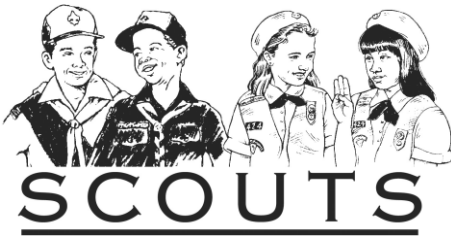
The Altar Guild is looking for people to help fill candles after worship on Sundays. Only requirement is to be strong!. Also help us needed to prepare the table on Sunday mornings. Need to be at church by 9 am. Great job for families! Contact Jackie K if you can lend a hand!

## Healing Service

**Join us once a month; February 16** for a time of prayer and healing. We will meet after the 9:30 service in the sanctuary to pray for our world our community and any special prayer request you may have. We will follow a simple spoken service with the same gospel reading and prayer petitions. As well as lay our

hands on any members who would like individual prayer and healing. Where one or more of us are gathered in Jesus name there he will be also. All are welcome to invite the Holy Spirit to move with in your life and the lives of others through spoken prayers and worship.

## Scout Sunday



All scouts are invited to worship Sunday, March 1 as we honor the service these programs give back

## Spiritual Visioning - February

**Sunday, February 9** – congregation meeting on prayer: talking about our experiences

After worship in community room

**February focus**

**Brick one:**

***What are we good at?***

A booklet with questions will provided on 2/8 & 9 so you can reflect and answer this question.

Answers will be compiled and used in the next steps as we continue to seek God’s direction for Holy Trinity!

## Wednesday Cafe



Wednesday, February 18, 2020

Worship at Noon

Delicious meal following. Sign up at church or call the church office!

## Feed My Starving Children

Monday, February 17, 2020.

2:30 – 4:30 pm.

Age 5 and up are welcome to serve!

Contact Deaconess Andrea to register!

### Finance Snapshot

As of 12/31/2019
Total Income \$253,354.05
Total Expenses \$266,581.48
Line of Credit Principal \$120,814.04
Imagine Balance \$14,561.14

**Holy Trinity was asked and has accepted the request from the Northern Illinois Food Bank to host a Mobile Food Pantry on Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm – 4pm. We need 4-5 volunteers to assist the needy in three areas:**

1. Handing out Hot Chocolate and Coffee in the church hall at Holy Trinity for people in line waiting to go outside to the parking lot for their food. We don't want a line outside waiting in the cold.
2. Handing out food from the food truck.
3. Assisting the people in moving the food from the truck to their cars. Please bring a wagon if you have one.



## Peace by Piece: Lent 2020



How can we build peace into our church, homes, communities, world? Join us this Lenten season as we learn together how we can do our piece to bring God’s peace to others! All are welcome to join the soup supper and evening prayer each Wednesday during Lent. We will explore how the gifts of love, hope, grace, peace are key pieces in building a Christian community.

### Ash Wednesday Worship – February 26

- Noon           Worship with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes
- 6:00 p.m.     Ash Wednesday for Children (a ½ simple service for children, families, and youth)
- 7:00 p.m.     Worship with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes

- 5:30 p.m.     Soup & Bread supper
- 6:00 p.m.     Evening Prayer

March 4, 11, 18, 25, 4/1

Like to make soup? Contact Deaconess Andrea to sign up to bring a soup to share one for one of the Wednesdays during Lent!



### Wednesday lunches for the community

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Talk to Bob L. if you are able to help serve, make soup, or clean-up at our Wednesday lunches for the homeless. Lunches begining March 26 and run through Lent.



Children’s Easter Activities, Saturday, April 4	10:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 5	9:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 9	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, Friday, April 10	Noon & 7:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 11	5:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 12	9:30 a.m.