

March 2022 Newsletter

The Happy Accident

Artists were probably the first to use the term “happy accident.” It occurs when the artist made a mistake, but the outcome was something unexpected - and better! - than what they had originally thought. Happy accidents have happened in the science labs, too. It is reported that penicillin was discovered when Alexander Fleming discovered mold growing in his agar plates. I remember in college, a classmate whose mother was a chemist at 3M. She accidentally spilled a chemical concoction on her dress and she noticed that all of the static cling immediately went away. Her dress no longer stuck to her nylons. Her noticing what happened became the product Static Guard. (I wonder if the concoction was spilled on a man’s pant leg if he would have noticed the connection?)

I think we are in the midst of a happy accident at Trinity. When the pandemic started, we quickly had to figure out how to get worship opportunities recorded and uploaded onto YouTube. We initially thought that this was for our members to stay connected to Trinity. We have since learned that technology has helped our ministry by keeping people connected no matter where they live.



- ✦ We have had people connect to the Monday Bible Study whether they were summering in Colorado, or living in Indiana or Italy.
- ✦ We have had members continue to serve on ministry teams, even when they went north to Ohio for the summer.
- ✦ At Christmas, Ferdinand’s parents could watch him play his flute for our Christmas Eve service. (Ferdinand is Weinrich’s foreign exchange student from Germany.)
- ✦ When Alejandro Parada was baptized, some of the Parada’s extended family was in Venezuela and they could watch him be baptized.
- ✦ Elisabeth Johnson immigrated from Sweden in 1956 and has many family members still living there. Her family was able to see her memorial service from so far away.
- ✦ And when Gladys Bachman’s memorial service occurred at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Vineland, New Jersey, we showed a live-stream of the service on our TV in the fellowship hall and shared communion with them.



This has been a happy accident, an unexpected blessing for us. I think we are just now awakening to the many ministry opportunities technology can do for us. Just think of how it feels to be separated from family and friends by such great distances, especially during times of great sorrow or joy. Technology is affording us the opportunity to bridge the gap of distance to keep family and friends connected. Isn't that lovely?

If you would like to join the technology team and minister to families and friends of Trinity, we would love to have you join us. If you do not have any experience, that is ok. We will train you. Only God knows how many more happy accidents we will discover.

Our Sympathy...



To Pat Seaton on the death of Bob. Bob Seaton died on February 14th at the age of 92. Bob will be cremated and there will be a memorial service at a later date.

To Carol Topham on the death of Larry. Larry Topham died on February 12th at the age 82. Larry will be cremated and his ashes scattered at sea in May. There will be a memorial service in Michigan in the summer.



To the family of Karl Gimbel. Karl was a resident at Ocean View, New Smyrna Beach and died on February 19. He was to turn 78 on March 4. He will be cremated and has requested not to have any memorial service.

Please hold these families in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved ones. Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Council approved the recommendation from the Praise ministry team that we suspend the Saturday evening worship service. This was a difficult decision and was not taken lightly. The numbers of people attending started out at 26 but went down so that some weeks there were only half that number, including all those who serve. It was also a challenge to get greeters, ushers, lectors, altar guild and assisting ministers. Overall, it wasn't an effective witness of the faith of our community. We will revisit this in the fall and better prepare for its return.

Lenten Journey – Reading Luke’s Gospel in 40 Days (...watching videos?)

Pastor Derek Hoven of Salem Lutheran in Orlando is orchestrating a group Lenten devotional project and invited Trinity to be a part of it. During the 40-days of Lent (Sundays are not included in the 40-days of Lent, by the way), we will read through the whole Gospel of Luke, which is the Gospel appointed for this year’s lectionary.

You can also watch short videos from people throughout our congregations as we present on the reading for the day. It will be posted on Pastor Hoven’s YouTube channel (Pastor Derek M. Hoven). We will try to connect it to our Facebook page as well.

Please join us!

Day/Date	Text	Day/Date	Text
Wed., Mar 2	Luke 1:1-38	Fri., Mar 25	Luke 11:24-54
Thurs., Mar 3	Luke 1:39-56	Sat., Mar 26	Luke 12:1-34
Fri., Mar 4	Luke 1:57-80	Mon., Mar 28	Luke 12:35-59
Sat., Mar 5	Luke 2:1-21	Tues., Mar 29	Luke 13:1-35
Mon., Mar 7	Luke 2:22-52	Wed., Mar 30	Luke 14:1-35
Tues., Mar 8	Luke 3:1-38	Thurs., Mar 31	Luke 15:1-32
Wed., Mar 9	Luke 4:1-30	Fri., Apr 1	Luke 16:1-31
Thurs., Mar 10	Luke 4:31-44	Sat., Apr 2	Luke 17:1-37
Fri., Mar 11	Luke 5:1-16	Mon., Apr 4	Luke 18:1-43
Sat., Mar 12	Luke 5:17-39	Tues., Apr 5	Luke 19:1-27
Mon., Mar 14	Luke 6:1-26	Wed., Apr 6	Luke 19:28-48
Tues., Mar 15	Luke 6:27-49	Thurs., Apr 7	Luke 20:1-26
Wed., Mar 16	Luke 7:1-17	Fri., Apr 8	Luke 20:27-47
Thurs., Mar 17	Luke 7:18-50	Sat., Apr 9	Luke 21:1-28
Fri., Mar 18	Luke 8:1-25	Mon., Apr 11	Luke 22:1-38
Sat., Mar 19	Luke 8:26-56	Tues., Apr 12	Luke 22:39-62
Mon., Mar 21	Luke 9:1-27	Wed., Apr 13	Luke 22:63-23:12
Tues., Mar 22	Luke 9:28-62	Thurs., Apr 14	Luke 23:13-43
Wed., Mar 23	Luke 10:1-42	Fri., Apr 15	Luke 23:44-56
Thurs., Mar 24	Luke 11:1-23	Sat., Apr 16	Luke 24:1-53



Ash Wednesday

We will have two opportunities for worship on Ash Wednesday, one at 11 am and the other at 7:00 pm. We will also use ashes two ways, one for grieving and cleansing, the other recognizing our mortality.

Ashes have long been a symbol of grieving. Whether it is Job sitting on an ash heap or others sitting with sackcloth and ashes. Ashes have also been used as a symbol of cleansing and purifying. Ash from certain wood contains lye, which when mixed with some lard became some of the earliest soaps developed.

This Ash Wednesday, we invite you to write down some of your own griefs and hurts. You can write it out ahead of time, if you wish, or there will be paper on hand to write it there. You can write about the loss of people, or relationships, that are still painful for you. You can write about the grief of how the pandemic has changed us. You can write about things you have done and things you have left undone that still make your heart ache. We will take those papers outside when we leave and we will burn them, releasing them to God. The ashes that remain will be symbolic of the cleansing that God provides through acceptance and forgiveness.

For the Imposition of Ashes, you will receive a small packet of ashes when you arrive; one packet per household. At the appointed time, you will make the sign of the cross on your forehead or on the forehead of your loved ones. Either way it becomes a solemn reminder of our mortality (that one day we will no longer be alive) or of our loved one's mortality (that one day this person we love will no longer be alive).

Please plan on joining us! Invite others to join you!

Monday Morning Bible Study

We meet via Zoom at 11 am (Eastern Time) on Mondays to study the lessons that will be used in worship the following Sunday. It is a good way to dwell in the word and reflect more deeply on the lessons. Here are the Monday dates and the assigned readings for each week:

February 28 – First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 *The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand*

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 *God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.*

Romans 10:8b-13 *If you confess that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved*

Luke 4:1-13 *The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days*

March 7 – Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 *The covenant with Abram and his descendants*

Psalm 27 *In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter.*

Philippians 3:17--4:1 *Our citizenship is in heaven from where we expect a Savior*

Luke 13:31-35 *I have desired to gather Jerusalem as a hen gathers her brood*

March 14 – Third Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9 *Everyone who thirsts, come to the water; seek the Lord*

Psalm 63:1-8 *O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.*

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 *Israel, baptized in cloud and seas, ate the same spiritual food as Christians*

Luke 13:1-9 *Unless you repent, you will perish: parable of the fig tree*

March 21 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9-12 *Israel eats bread and grain, the produce of the land*

Psalm 32 *Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord.*

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 *The mystery and ministry of reconciliation*

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 *The parable of the prodigal father and the repentant son*

March 28 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21 *The Lord gives water in the wilderness to the chosen people*

Psalm 126 *Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.*

Philippians 3:4b-14 *To know Christ and his resurrection, to share in his sufferings*

John 12:1-8 *Mary anoints Jesus for his burial*

Zoom information for the Monday Bible Study

Join Zoom Meeting via computer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87504774403?pwd=VUpUUGJPRkNlVVlyahHVSXBHUKh3UT09>

Join Zoom Meeting via telephone

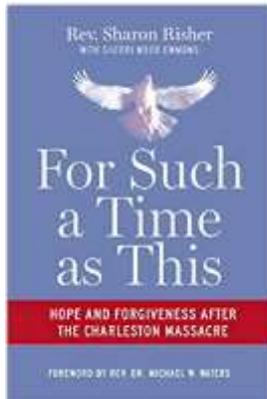
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The **Elizabeth Circle** meets every third Thursday to have a bible study along with great fellowship! Their next Bible Study, found in the March/April issue of Gather magazine will be led by Mary Mathews on March 17th at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall entitled "The Kingdom of God: Here and Now". Please join us.



The Sunday Study

This week (2/27) we will be watching a couple of short videos that will help us talk about our biases and our values when it comes to race. You do not need to read or prepare anything ahead of time. Simply join us on Zoom at 11 am with a desire to watch, listen, and share your insights and reflections on the videos.



Then, we want you to join us for the next book discussion. It is *For Such a Time as This: Hope and Forgiveness after the Charleston Massacre* by Rev. Sharon Risher. This is what the publisher writes about this book:

How can you forgive the unforgiveable??

The instant her phone rang, Reverend Sharon Risher sensed something was horribly wrong. Something had happened at Emanuel AME Church, the church of her youth in Charleston, South Carolina, and she knew her mother was likely in the church at Bible study. Even before she heard the news, her chaplain's instinct told her the awful truth: her mother was dead, along with two cousins. What she couldn't imagine was that they had been murdered by a white supremacist. Plunged into the depths of mourning and anger and shock, Sharon could have wallowed in the pain. Instead, she chose the path of forgiveness and hope - eventually forgiving the convicted killer for his crime.

In this powerful memoir of faith, family, and loss, Sharon begins the story with her mother, Ethel Lee Lance, seeking refuge in the church from poverty and scorn and raising her family despite unfathomable violence that rattled Sharon to her core years later; how Sharon overcame her own struggles and answered the call to ministry; and how, in the loss of her dear mother, Sharon has become a nationally known speaker as she shares her raw, riveting, story of losing loved ones to gun violence and racism. Sharon's story is a story of transformation.

This book has a direct connection to all of us in the ELCA.

Emanuel Nine, martyrs, 2015

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

Join Zoom Meeting via Computer (Or simply go to our website and click on the second red link)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81415640321>

Join Zoom Meeting via Telephone

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Cantor's Notes [March 2022]

**“We believe that the holy act of singing together shapes faith,
heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace.”**

The guiding stance of *The Center for Congregational Song* of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.

All Things of Dust to Dust Return is a helpful text as we begin the season of Lent. Our choir has sung an anthem using this text several times on Ash Wednesdays in previous years. It is included in the new Lutheran hymnal supplement *All Creation Sings*. Hopefully we will all be able to safely sing together again soon. Thomas Troeger is Professor emeritus at Yale Divinity School and Institute of Sacred Music. He has written many books in the fields of preaching, poetry, hymnody, and worship. He is also a flutist and a poet whose work appears in the hymnals of most denominations and is frequently set as choral anthems. Ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church and as a minister in the Presbyterian Church, he is now retired and living in Falmouth, Maine.

*All things of dust to dust return on earth and in the sky.
The hottest, brightest suns that burn in time grow dim and die.
The fish that leap, the birds that soar, the newborn young that play,
the leaves that fill the forest floor revert to dust and clay.*

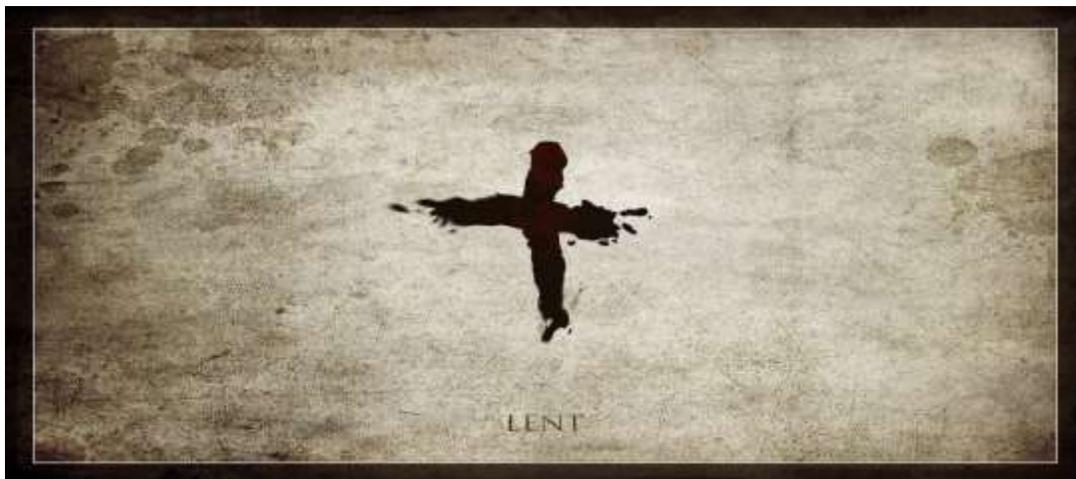
*Lord, mark with dust and ash my brow so I may comprehend
that ev'ry moment here and now links me to that same end
I share with all that breathe and burn, that flare and fade and tire
yet by their waning light discern your own undying fire.*

*Lord, mark upon my brow this sign: a stark and barren cross
reminding me that though divine you know my pain and loss,
and at the touch of dust and ash awake my heart to view
how death itself is but a flash that dies away in you.*

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Cantate Domino! (Sing to the Lord!)

Brian Larson



Elizabeth Circle invites you to put the following chart on your refrigerator or an area that you will see each day during Lent and feel motivated to put into action.

40 ways to love God and neighbor

APOLOGIZE.	PUT YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND BREATHE.	TURN OFF THE TV.	ASK A STRANGER A QUESTION.	GIVE SOMEONE THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.
LET GO.	GIVE GENEROUSLY.	BE PATIENT.	DON'T TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT.	RESERVE JUDGMENT.
GIVE YOUR BEST.	FORGIVE SOMEONE.	FORGIVE YOURSELF.	MAKE PEACE.	REST.
PAY ATTENTION.	SAY "YES" TO SOMETHING NEW.	TAKE THE DAY OFF.	TAKE A WALK.	BE THANKFUL.
ACT JUSTLY.	SAY "NO" WHEN YOU NEED TO.	GO OUTSIDE AND COUNT THE STARS.	SHAKE THE DUST OFF YOUR FEET.	GRIEVE.
FACE A FEAR.	HELP SOMEONE.	LISTEN.	KEEP YOUR WORD.	SLOW DOWN.
BE THANKFUL.	CARE FOR THE PLANET.	THINK GRACIOUS THOUGHTS.	SING.	CELEBRATE.
LEARN.	CONSIDER SOMEONE ELSE'S PERSPECTIVE.	STOP LOOKING AT YOUR PHONE.	HAVE FAITH.	CHOOSE YOUR WORDS WISELY.



March Birthdays

4	Kathryn Losnes	17	Kay Smith
5	Michael Lawrence	18	Penny McKeever
7	Gerry Ceglia		Joady Schroth
8	Joe Kellermeier	20	Henry Currey
12	Bobbe Owen	24	Marilyn Langenbach
14	Jean Wronowski		

A NEW BIRTHDAY SONG

Using the tune KREMSER, *We Praise You, O God*

We celebrate with you the life that God gave you.
 We thank him for letting us share in your joy.
 God bless you and keep you and shine his light upon you.
 With love we sing together happy birthday to you.

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NON-MEMBER \$3000.00

Includes one niche which will hold two urns, a faceplate (to covers the niche) that is engraved with name of deceased, plus year of birth and death.

APPLICATION AVAILABLE

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