

THE MESSENGER

Trinity Methodist Church, Lapeer

February 2024

THE LOBBSTER TALE

This year Valentine's Day happens to also be Ash Wednesday. This will cause a struggle for those who always give up chocolate for Lent! I imagine that some couples will celebrate a day early in order to get around that conundrum.

It seems rather appropriate to have a "secular" holiday about love that has been created by, or at least maintained by, this country's florists, candy makers and greeting card companies fall on a day when Christians begin to seriously reflect again upon how much God loves us!

We share cards, candy, balloons and flowers on February 14 as a way of expressing our love with special people. Many of the decorations are red. Jesus expressed His love to all of humanity by giving His life on a cross so that we might be forgiven and experience new life through Him! His red blood brought us cleansing.

During February of 2024, let us celebrate love between friends, spouses and significant others. Let us also celebrate the love of God expressed to us through the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Look in another section of this newsletter to see the speaking schedule for our Thursday Night Lenten Services, based upon *The Sermon on the Mount* by Jesus.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Grant





Our afterschool Kids Street Program has begun again after a long Christmas break. We have 40-50 third through fifth graders who come each Wednesday for afterschool activities including crafts, cooking, snack and homework help. After dinner, we hold a short Bible study for those who wish to stay. We can always use help if anyone is interested in this ministry.

If you would like to volunteer, please call or email Debbie Muldoon.

GRIEF CLASS



Beginning on Wednesday, January 31st, a new grief class will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the North Parlor. This class is open to anyone experiencing a loss—death, relationship, job, medical condition. Repeat attenders are welcome. If you know of someone who you think would benefit from this group, please encourage them to attend.

Trinity Christian Men will meet for dinner on MONDAY, Feb. 5th at 6:00 p.m. at LEO'S RESTAURANT and **we invite all men and women** to attend! Glenda Brady, Director of Love, INC will be our guest speaker. A love offering will be taken to support this vital Lapeer program. Come and hear of new programs and how LOVE, INC is ministering to the community.

TRINITY CHRISTIAN WOMEN (TCW)

February's Meeting will be held Monday, February 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the North Parlor. The meeting is open to all ladies of Trinity. Our special speaker for the day is Andrea Anderson, Director of The Refuge. Come and hear about the new ministries at Lapeer's homeless shelter and the services that are available to our community members. Light refreshments will be served, too! Please consider joining us for this meeting.



Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy

The Church Office will be closed and all other activities and meetings canceled whenever the Lapeer Community Schools are closed for any type of inclement weather (temperature, snow and/or ice).

Monday Community Meal and Sunday mornings will not be cancelled.





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LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday Service—February 14th at 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Rev. Lobb
Matthew 5:1-16 Communion and Interment of Ashes

Thursday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. SOUP SUPPERS in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary.

February 22—Matthew 5:17-32 Jim Elzerman

February 29—Matthew 5:33-6:4 Ray Sturm

March 7—Matthew 6:5-18 Libby Kress

March 14—Matthew 6:19-34 Steve Waun

March 21—Matthew 7:1-23 Nancy Brinker



Great Reads @ Trinity

By Jean Best

I recently enjoyed reading a novel called *The Joy of Falling* by Lindsay Harrel. It was fairly quick to read, well-written and unusual. Two sisters-in-law are widowed by two brothers. The young men were interested in adventurous and often dangerous experiences, one of which killed both in a SCUBA diving accident. Each woman reacts differently to the new life forced upon her because both marriages were quite different. Their redemption comes with a trip to New Zealand to run in an ultra-marathon which their husbands had planned to do before their accident. In training for and then running in the grueling race they learn ways to cope with and grow beyond their loss. It is a unique and interesting plot and held my attention throughout with characters who seem like people you would like to know.



You can find the book on the large round table in the library. Our new library hours on Sunday are before worship from 9-10 and after the service until 11:30. I am attending a Sunday school class right now after the service, but instructions for checking out a book are in on the top of a small file box on the desk. There is also a pad of paper where you can leave me a message.



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

02/06 Terry Adams
 02/06 Jim Stuart
 02/07 Jane Ruscoe
 02/09 Tim Kigar
 02/09 Carl Shifflet
 02/10 Mayvin Muldoon
 02/11 Dennis Perry
 02/14 Kim Schoepach
 02/14 Emily Lass
 02/14 Khaley McRorie
 02/16 Robert Wojcicki
 02/17 Paula Alt
 02/18 Ken Pike
 02/18 Dean Thompson
 02/19 Jim Elzerman
 02/19 Harper Vangel
 02/20 Cheryl Keefe
 02/20 Jillian Roush
 02/22 Ryan Wilson
 02/23 Barb Wightman
 02/24 Sam Arrington
 02/27 Laura Barnard
 02/28 Janice Palmer

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

02/02 Chris & Kristine Stheiner
 02/14 Tom & Shirley Terbrueggen
 02/15 Dan & Carrie Dreyer
 02/21 Steve & Gale Waun

Please continue praying for the following families who have lost a loved one: Ward, Jessop, Rasnick, Exelby and Lalonde.

Please continue praying for those who have been hospitalized: Bruce Cox, Vivian and Tom DeRiemaker, Shirley Terbrueggen and Kay Bauer.



The Mom Co (MOPS) at Trinity is working hard to plan activities to keep our moms in fellowship during the long cold winter months. The Leadership Team is working hard to coordinate some more fundraising events for this year. We plan to host another Spring Mom 2 Mom Sale at the church on April 20th, more details to come on that. Our group loves to donate and support the Trinity Personal Needs Pantry. We have started a Penny Wars competition at our meetings, this is a fun way to help raise funds. We will use the proceeds to purchase bulk items for the pantry.

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Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 9 - 3 p.m.

Preaching Schedule: Feb. 4, 11, 18, —Rev. Grant R. Lobb

February 25—Michael Schlusler

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 10:00a Worship 11:00a Adult SS	5 9:00a TCM Executive Board 10:00a Pantry Activities 3:30p Food for Families 6:00p TCM Dinner @ Leo's	6 9:00a MOPS 9:30a Tuesday Quilters 6:30p Bell Choir Practice	7 10:00a Bible Study 1:00p TCW Card Recycling 3:30p Kids Street 5:45p Night Time @ Kids Street 6:00p Youth Group 7:00p Choir Practice	1 10:00a Blood Drive	2 10:00a In Stitches 10:00a Praise Moves	3 11:00a Bob Exelby Memorial Service
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