

March & April Edition

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Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request or praise that you would like sent out by email to our Prayer Warriors, contact the church office at 717-865-4361 or send an email to trinitylickdale@gmail.com. If you would like to join the Prayer Warriors, contact the church office or Pastor Brian.


Easter Flowers
 Order forms are on the table in the lobby and due Sunday, March 22. Give order form and money to Kitty Werner or Deb Shuey. Flowers can be taken home Easter Sunday, April 5.

Flower Choices:
 Easter Lillies \$10 (6.5" pot)
 Tulips \$4 (4.5" pot)
 Gerber Daisy \$4 (4.5" pot)

Dear friends in Christ,

Toward the end of the Gospel of John, we are told that Jesus did many other "signs" than those included in the book, "but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The identity of Jesus Christ is the central concern of the Gospel, aiming for readers to trust he is indeed God's promised anointed king. We're told from the beginning who Jesus is—the Word made flesh, who, in the beginning, was not only with God, but in fact was God (John 1:1, 14). Throughout the Gospel, however, no one gets it! No one understands; they keep offering Jesus lesser titles: "Rabbi" (1:38), "prophet" (4:19; 6:14; 9:17), "Messiah" (11:27), "Holy One of God" (6:69), "King of Israel" (John 1:49; 12:13), "Son of God" (1:49; 11:27). These are all good titles; they're accurate, important, significant. But they don't tell the whole story. Only Thomas, after the resurrection, finally discerns Jesus' true identity, crying out, "My Lord and my God!" (20:28).

But these titles given by various people are not the only clues to Jesus' identity. For instance, the seven "signs" John includes are all designed to reveal his character. By turning water into wine Jesus demonstrates he brings us joy and purifies his people (2:1–11); by calling Lazarus out of the tomb he shows his power over death (11:23–26, 38–44) and that he is, in fact, the Son of Man whose voice will one day raise all the dead (5:25–29). The other signs seem to be healing the official's son (4:43–54), healing the invalid by the pool (5:1–18), feeding the 5,000 (6:1–15), walking on water (6:16–21), and healing the blind man (9:1–41).

In addition to these seven signs, however, John also has seven "I Am" statements in which Jesus identifies himself with specific images of Israel's life. First, Jesus declares, "I am the bread of life" (6:35, 41, 48, 51), comparing himself with the manna Israel ate in the wilderness.

Later, during the Feast of Tabernacles, when the people lit huge lamps to illuminate the city, Jesus declared, "I am the light of the world" (8:12). He said, "I am the door" (10:7, 9)—not simply the gate for the sheep, but a gate for salvation (10:9) who comes to offer abundant life. While many "doors" show up in the Old Testament, by far the most referenced door is that of the Tabernacle, and later the Temple, where sacrifices were offered. Jesus then says, "I am the good shepherd" (10:11, 14), echoing a common metaphor for Old Testament kings and for the LORD himself (Psalm 23:1; 80:1). He tells Martha, mourning her dead brother, "I am the resurrection and the life" (11:25), an astounding claim anticipated by the rarest and most far-fetched Old Testament promises: that death would one day be swallowed up (Isaiah 25:6–8). And claiming to be "the life" was more astonishing still, as only God could give life (Genesis 2:7)! At his last supper before the cross, Jesus amplifies this claim, telling Thomas, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (14:6)—not only life, but, like God's Word (Psalm 119:160; Proverbs 30:5), the truth, as well as the way to the Father. Finally, at that same meal, Jesus identifies himself as "the true vine" (15:1, 5), a central image for Israel as a nation (Isaiah 5:1–7; Psalm 80:8). Throughout his Gospel, John consistently reveals Jesus as the fullness of Old Testament hopes and themes, the Word now become flesh and tabernacling among us (John 1:14).

Blessings,

Pastor Brian Rhea


Jesus
 THE WAY. THE TRUTH. THE LIFE.

March Birthdays

Angus Blair	5
Barb Rollman	6
Sherry Brown	6
Sam Simniskis	14
Steve George	17
Dani Newman	19
Kelly Housman	20
Ethel Lambert	21
Chris Werner	25
Liam Blair	31

March Anniversaries

Gene & Shirley Shaffer	29
John & Pat Mengel	31



April Anniversaries

Charles & Kelly Dresch	20
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Summer Church Camp



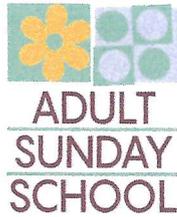
Start picking your Summer Church Camp Adventure. Brochures for Gretna Glen Camp and Retreat Center are available in the lobby. This year, the church will pay half the fee for one camp for any child/youth from Trinity who attends. Need help selecting a camp for your child, see Pastor Brian or Sheila Seaman.

Happy Birthday!



April Birthdays

Kenneth Kindt	3
Olli Kreiser	3
Josiah Rhea	4
Erin Shuey	4
Skylar Gibson	4
Ireland Gibson	6
Verling Hostetter	9
Asher Reynolds	9
Shirley Shaffer	11
Kitty Werner	16
Brodi Blair	17
Debra Boyer	17
Carrie Shuey	20
Jacey Gibson	20
Gayeleen Eckert	22
Gay Kreiser	22
Jean Bower	23
Krystopher Hawkins	23
Brynnley Jo Kreiser	23
Gloria Speck	24
James Hetrick	25



Adult Sunday School Classes ~ 9 am

Adult Class (Fellowship Hall) - led by Sue Werner
Studying The Chosen, Season 5

Adult Class (next to the Sanctuary) - led by Jeff Werner
Studying The Chosen



House of God ~ Restoration "Casa de Dios DE Restauracion"

Trinity has the privilege of hosting a new congregation as they share the good news of Jesus Christ in our area. We were contacted by Pastor Sergio Garcia, seeking a location for his Spanish-speaking, Pentecostal church Casa de Dios de Restauracion, the "House of God of Restoration." Pastor Sergio has served for many years as an evangelist, traveling the country and the world to share the gospel; he recently sensed the call of God to plant a church in Lebanon.

After much prayer and consideration, Trinity's leadership agreed to allow Casa de Dios to meet in our multi-purpose room on Sunday afternoons (services at 2:30) and Tuesday evenings for a Bible study. We'll let them meet for a free trial period during March and April, as we each see how this works for us, and then, if we proceed, determine a fair rental price. In reaching out to Spanish-speaking people in Lebanon County, Casa de Dios is sharing God's love with those Trinity is unable to reach—but we are able to share in what God is doing through them!



Spring Ahead

Daylight Saving Time Begins—Sunday, March 8 (Turn clocks ahead 1 hour)

NL UMC Food Distribution Saturday, March 14 & April 11.

1 pm (while supplies last) at Jonestown UMC parking lot
If you are in need of food, stop by.



Don't forget to support with donations of new or gently used clothing. Check them out on



Northern Lebanon United Methodist Cluster Lenten Series

Jesus' "I Am" Statements in John " 7 pm on a Wednesday

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Pastor/Message</u>
February 18	Ono UMC	Jin Chan An/Resurrection/the Life
February 25	Fredericksburg UMC	Robb Faller/Good Shepherd
March 4	Emmanuel UMC	Brian Rhea/Bread of Life
March 11	Jonestown UMC	Matt Whayland/Way, Truth, Life
March 18	Bellegrove UMC	Gail Rickard/Light of the World
March 25	Trinity UMC	Tom Robinson/The Gate

Refreshments following each service. Offering will be taken for NL UMC Food Distribution.



Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7 pm
at Trinity Church w/ Communion
Combined with Ono & Fredericksburg Church

Good Friday Service, April 3
12–3 pm at Jonestown Church

Easter Vigil, April 4 at 7 pm
at Trinity Church
Candlelight, Scripture & Songs of Praise

Easter Sunday Services, April 5
8 am Early Morning Service (w/ Communion)
9 am Easter Breakfast
10 am Easter Worship Service (w/ Communion)



Prayer and Holy Communion Service

Thursdays at 11 am in the Sanctuary. A simple service of Scripture, sharing, extended time for prayer, and gathering at the Lord's Table.

All are welcome.

Easter Egg Stuffing Party—March 29

Join the fun as we fill eggs with sweets and treats for the Easter Egg Hunt. Sunday, March 29 following the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall. Everyone (young and old) is welcome to help stuff eggs. Questions see Brooke George.



Easter Breakfast ~ Join Us!
Sunday, April 5
at 9 am (multipurpose room)



Bring your favorite "hot" breakfast food (breakfast casserole, breakfast potatoes, bacon, ham etc.) or fruit. Everyone is encouraged to attend this blessed gathering and stay for the Easter Worship Service at 10 am.



A lot can happen in *seven days.*



Easter Egg Hunt & more
Saturday, April 4
11 am

All kids up to 6th Grade are invited to our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Questions see Brooke George.

Bring your Easter basket and Join Us!

A sign up sheet for candy and monetary donations is on the table in the lobby. Place candy in the kitchen and monetary donations can be given to Brooke. All donations are due March 22.



Worship Service Volunteers



The Church is looking for volunteers to help with Jr. Church during the Worship Service.

Also, sign-up to read Scripture, be a Greeter, prepare Communion Elements and lead in a Children's Message during the Worship Service. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the lobby.

What Do They Believe
April 22—June 3

Wednesday evenings 7—8 pm

Have you ever wondered what that church across the street, or that religion across the world, thinks about God? Different religions and different Christian denominations offer very different perspectives. We'll explore different faith traditions in light of Scripture with the goal of better understanding one another and our own viewpoints.



Rainforest Falls VBS
Exploring the Nature of God

July 6 to 10 6:30—8:30 pm

3 years old thru completed 9th grade

Let's get ready to make a splash at Rainforest Falls VBS! Kids will discover how God's love grows everywhere! Everyday, we'll go on an exciting Bible adventure through the rainforest and learn more about God and his Son, Jesus. Our young adventurers will be guided by our jungle guides to create awesome crafts, enjoy wild games and eat some treetop treats.

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Sunday Schedule

Sunday School 9 am in the Sunday School Hallway (Classes for all ages - nursery through adult)
Worship Service 10 am in the Sanctuary
Handicap Accessible.

Bible Studies and Small Groups (see weekly church bulletin for a complete schedule or contact the church)
Men's and Women's Bible Studies meet 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 7 to 8:15 pm
Women in Faith Ministry (UMW) meet 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm
Trinity Kidz Group and Youth Group meet 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 6 to 7:30 pm



Purpose Statement "To build a body of committed Christ-followers who demonstrate His love daily."

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service w/ Communion 2:30 pm Casa de Dios Worship 6-7:30 pm Trinity Kidz Group & Youth Group	2 7 pm Men's Bible Study 7 pm Women's Bible Study	3 9 am Koffee Klatch (Quilting Group)	4 6 pm Worship Team Practice 7 pm Lent Service at Emmanuel UMC	5 11 am Prayer & Communion Service	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 2:30 pm Casa de Dios Worship	9	10 6:30 pm SPR Meeting	11 6 pm Worship Team Practice 7 pm Lent Service at Jonestown UMC	12 11 am Prayer & Communion Service 7 pm Mission & Faith Meeting	13	14 1 pm Food Distribution at Jonestown UMC
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22 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 2:30 pm Casa de Dios Worship	23	24 2 pm United Women in Faith (UWV)	25 6 pm Worship Team Practice 7 pm Lent Service at Trinity UMC	26 11 am Prayer & Communion Service	27	28
29 Palm Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service & Joyful Noise Offering for Gretta Glen Camp Egg Stuffing Party following Worship 2:30 pm Casa de Dios Worship	30	31 9 am Koffee Klatch (Quilting Group) 7 pm Trustee Meeting				



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6 pm Worship Team Practice	2 Maunder Thursday 11 am Prayer & Communion Service 7 pm Maunder Thursday Service at Trinity (combined with Ono and Fredericksburg UMC)	3 Good Friday 12 pm Good Friday Service (at Jonestown UMC)	4 11 am Easter Egg Hunt & more 7 pm Easter Vigil 
5 Easter Day 8 am Early Morning Worship w/ Communion 9 am Easter Breakfast 10 am Worship Service w/ Communion 2:30 pm Casa de Dios Worship	6 7 pm Men's Bible Study 7 pm Women's Bible Study	7	8 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	9 11 am Prayer & Communion Service 7 pm Mission & Faith Meeting	10	11 1 pm Food Distribution at Jonestown UMC
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