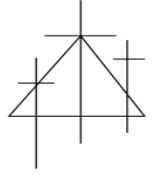
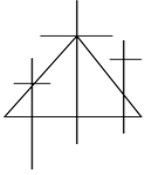


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“Running the Race, Enduring through Faith” Hebrews 12:1-3

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From our Pastors

We All Fall Down!

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,



“Ring-a-round the rosie, A pocket full of posies, Ashes! Ashes! We all fall down.” Have you ever played that game? If you haven’t, here’s how it works. People walk around in a circle while singing this song together: “Ring-a-round the rosie, A pocket full of posies, Ashes! Ashes! We all fall down.” The song stops on the word *down*. Guess what everybody does then? Everybody sits down as fast as possible. The last one standing is out of the game and sits off to the side while the game continues. The last person standing wins.

Ash Wednesday is March 5th this year and marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Christians around the world go to church on Ash Wednesday, and many have ashes placed on their foreheads. The ashes symbolize our sorrow and sadness for sin as well as the triumph of the cross over sin and death. Ashes remind us that we all fall down. “Ashes! Ashes! *We all fall down.*” We all fall down because of sin. We all stumble, trip, and fall because we disobey God. We hurt God, and we hurt other people. Think about some of the ways you sin. Ponder why it is that you fall down and how the only way up is in and through Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist says, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). This Lenten Season you will hear from many witnesses, including John the Baptist, that Jesus loves you. Jesus shed His blood for you as the sacrifice to end all sacrifices for sin. Jesus died for you. Jesus forgives you—completely and eternally.

“Ring-a-round the rosie, A pocket full of posies, Ashes! Ashes! We all fall down.” Because of sin, we all fall down. Because of sin, we all get hurt. Because of sin, we all have ashes on our foreheads. We may fall down, but Jesus lifts us back up through His forgiveness to live a life of joy and peace. Jesus, the resurrected Lord, lifts us up onto our feet every time we fall. *Every single time.*

In Christ,

Timothy J. Mech
Senior Pastor

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Divine Services:
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:45 am
Monday at 6:30 pm
Family Education Hour
9:30 am

Bible Classes
(throughout the week)

Trinity Lutheran School
3-K thru 8th grade
2 Year Old Childcare

March Calendar



Sundays: Weekly

* Divine Services 8: & 10:45 am

Mondays: Weekly

* Divine Service 6:30 pm

Tuesdays: 1st & 3rd

* Mom's Bible Study 8:45 am

Wednesdays: Weekly

* Lent Services 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

* Adult Bible Study 9:30 am (FH)

* Midweek Confirmation 3:30 pm

* Men's Choir 5:45 pm (MR)

* Mixed Choir 7:00 pm (MR) (during Lent 7:30 pm)

Thursdays: Weekly

* Women's Bible Study 9:00 am (FH)

Fridays: Weekly

* Men's Bible Study 7 am (FH)

March 2025

Saturday, March 1

* Trinity K-Gr 2 School Musical *Oh, Jonah!* 4:00 pm (LHS)

Monday, March 3

* School Board Meeting 7:30 pm
(Parent In-put Session)

Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday

* Divine Services 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

* Light supper hosted by the Board of Elders
@ 5:30 pm (Gym)

* **Elder's Meeting 7:30 pm (FH)**
(after Ash Wednesday Service)

Saturday, March 8

* Mother/Son Nerf Night 3:00 pm

Monday, March 10

* LWML 1:00 pm (Lounge)

* Stephen Ministry 5:30 pm (FH)

Wednesday, March 12

* Lent Services 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

* Light supper @ 5:30 pm (FH)

* **Council Meeting 7:15 pm (FH)** (after Lent Service)

Wednesday, March 19

* Lent Services 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

* Light supper @ 5:30 pm (FH)

* **Special Voters' Assembly Meeting 7:25 pm**

Monday, March 24

* Stephen Ministry 5:30 pm (FH)

Wednesday, March 26

* Lent Services 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

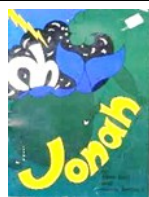
* Light supper @ 5:30 pm (FH)

March 24-28 Trinity Spring Break



NEWSLETTER SUPPORT: The funds in our monthly newsletter account is running low. If you would like to help sponsor the newsletter, you may send your donation (any amount) to the church office. If you would like more information, contact Chris Melcher (458-8246) or melcher@trinitysheboygan.org.

News & Notes



Oh, Oh, Oh - we have a "Whale of a Tale" to tell! The kindergarten through second grade students at Trinity are so excited to present their spring musical, "**Oh, Jonah**". Please join us on **Saturday, March 1st, @ 4:00 pm**, in Lutheran High's auditorium for this exciting tale of *Responsibility, Trust, and God's unconditional love and mercy!*

TRINITY LWML invites you to attend our March 10, 2025 fellowship at 1:00 pm in the church lounge. Liz Zick will be sharing a presentation about Lutherans for Life. We will be collecting mites toward a \$21,000 Mission Grant for Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs. All are welcome to come!

HIGHER THINGS THANK YOU: A big **THANK YOU** to the congregation from the Higher Things Retreat Committee! Thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave their time during the retreat, those who shared baked goods, snacks, monetary gifts and especially their prayerful support. Your support helped create a Christ-centered and memorable weekend which was a strong encouragement to over 100 attendees.

Dear Members of Trinity,



Please keep Romeo Bienfait Safari in your prayers. Bienfait was a student of mine in March of 2023 at Lutheran Theological Seminary in South Africa. He is now soon to be ordained into the Office of the Ministry in Uganda. He has also been accepted as a graduate student of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is set to begin class work there after his ordination this summer. We plan to invite Bienfait to preach at Trinity, God willing, sometime in the Fall. Unfortunately, his life is in danger due to unrest in his home country where he is visiting before heading to Uganda for his ordination, and after that, to the United States for his graduate work.

Bienfait reports that the situation is "terrifying" and that people are living in fear because the largest city in their province, Bukavu, has fallen to the M23 rebels. Government troops and foreign peace-keeping armies that were sent there have withdrawn their opposition to avoid further bloodshed, although the M23 forces are noted for rampaging and brutalizing women. Bienfait and his family are staying behind closed doors to avoid danger in the streets. He just got word that his uncle was killed. "We are now living in fear," he writes. "Pray for us." Please pray for Bienfait and the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

In Christ,

Pastor Mech

From our School

“Running the Race, Enduring through Faith” Hebrews 12:1-3

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As winter fades and the days grow longer, we welcome the renewal that comes with spring. The changing seasons remind us of God's faithfulness—just as the earth brings forth new life, so too does He work within us. “For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all nations” (Isaiah 61:11).



March is a time of faith-filled reflection and renewal, a season to walk more closely with Christ as He journeys toward the cross. From Ash Wednesday to Holy Week, we are invited to turn our hearts to Him, repenting of our sins and embracing the grace He so freely gives.

What a blessing it is to be part of a school and church community where this sacred season is woven into our daily lives. In our classrooms, through devotions, lessons, and weekly worship, we are reminded of the depth of Christ's love and sacrifice. Lent is not only a time of solemn reflection but also of hope—hope in the forgiveness He offers and the victory He has already won.

This year, our theme, "Running the Race, Enduring through Faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2), calls us to persevere in our walk with Christ. Faith is not always easy, but it is Christ who gives us the strength to endure. As we move through this Lenten season and welcome the promise of spring, may we hold fast to Him, rejoicing in His love and looking ahead to the joy of Easter morning.

The race is already won! Thanks be to God!

In His Service,

Tim Eigenfeld, Assistant Principal



BOWLING NIGHT
SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH
2:00-4:00PM
 LOCATION: ODYSSEY FUN CENTER

JOIN US FOR SOME FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND DEVOTIONS
 AS WE GATHER TOGETHER FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND FAITH.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

PLEASE RSVP
 CALL OR TEXT LEDA CARLSON (920) 980-9996
 BY MARCH 5TH



RISE Youth Group Volunteer Opportunity!

The RISE Youth Group is hosting the Lenten Supper on **March 12th, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM**, and we need student volunteers! If you're available and want to lend a hand, please reach out to Leda Carlson at (920) 980-9996 to sign up!



WHAT SHE SAW CHANGED EVERYTHING
UNPLANNED

Unplanned - the inspiring true story of former Planned Parenthood Clinic Director Abby Johnson. Once an advocate for a woman's right to choose, Abby's perspective changed after witnessing something that deeply impacted her life.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

FREE Movie Event

- Sunday, March 2, 2025
- Doors open at 1:00 PM; Movie begins at 2:00 PM
- Sheboygan Lutheran High Performing Arts Center
3323 University Drive, Sheboygan
- Pro-life organizations in the state will join us

For more information contact Germaine at 920-458-9120 or ggsouik@gmail.com

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Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2024

Lenten Services:

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

5:30 pm Soup Supper

Please join us!



Special Voters' Assembly Meeting

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

7:25 pm

Church Sanctuary

(after the Lenten Service)



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