

# TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

## MARCH 2026

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### WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am



**“Now if we died with Christ,  
we believe that we will also live with him.”**

*Romans 6:8*

This Lenten season, we are working with the theme: Dying His Death, Living His Life. Lent is a time to be reminded that we are buried with Christ in his death so that we might live with him in his resurrection. The old is gone. The new has come. Each day affords us a chance to die to self and live for him.

So what do we need to put to death? There are surely no shortage of things. Our pride. Our greed. Our lust. Our envy. Our anger. Whatever it is that we personally wrestle with, Lent is an opportunity to remind ourselves “our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin” (Romans 6:6). We are no longer enslaved to those sins! That doesn’t mean that we don’t wrestle with them anymore, or aren’t tempted. It does mean that sin doesn’t have the last word.

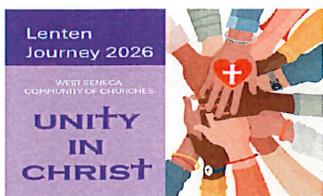
Throughout this holy season let us contemplate those things that were put to death on the cross so that we might receive the blessings of new life in Christ.

God’s Blessings,  
Pastor Nyck Greig

## Trinity's Lenten Journey Service Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30pm

Trinity is hosting a West Seneca Community of Churches Lenten Journey service again this year on Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00pm. Please join us!

We will serve coffee, tea, water, and cookies afterward for the fellowship time. **Will you consider baking or buying 1 or 2 dozen cookies to donate to this event?** If you're willing, please let Nancy Hope know at 716-674-8544 / TEXT at 716-426-9342 / email at [nandr.hope@verizon.net](mailto:nandr.hope@verizon.net). Thank you in advance!



### West Seneca Community of Churches Lenten Journey "Unity In Christ"

Join your neighbors on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm** this Lenten season for prayer and guest preachers from the West Seneca Community of Churches. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit Plymouth Crossroads and Heifer International. Non-perishable food and personal care items will also be collected for the West Seneca Food Pantry.

**March 4 at Trinity Lutheran** ~ speaker Pastor Nyck Greig from Trinity

March 11 at St. Peters UCC (Orchard Park Rd.) ~ speaker Mr. Caleb Desjardines from LIFE Church

March 18 at St. John Lutheran (Clinton St) ~ speaker Pastor Valerie de Cathelineau from St. John

March 25 at 14 Holy Helpers (Indian Church Rd.) ~ speaker Pastor Miranda Hammer from Ebenezer UCC



Daylight Savings Time begins  
**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00am.**  
Remember to turn your clocks ahead!



A new gathering for men (college age to seniors) called "Awake" started on February 25<sup>th</sup> and meets weekly on Wednesday nights from 6:15pm-7:45pm. It's not too late to join! This is a journey into the heart of what it means to be a man of God in our world. In 1 Thessalonians 5 it says, "Let us keep AWAKE, with our wits about us." The focus will be in small groups digging into God's word centered around life, challenges, and support. Inspired to go back to our families, places of work or wherever God leads us. If you would like to find out more, pick up an info sheet on the table in the narthex or contact Mark Willert (716) 601-8570 or Duane Gabel (716) 665-9565. Email [mwillert@trinitywny.org](mailto:mwillert@trinitywny.org) if you're considering coming please.

### Easter Egg Hunt Help Needed



Outreach will be hosting the annual Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 29! We are looking for people to help with the event by filling eggs, setting up the hay and hiding areas the day before, directing guests and answering questions, passing out snacks the day of the event, directing parking, cleaning up, etc. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex, or let a member of Outreach know (Joan Kopra, Rachel Eising, Lynnae Kwilas, Chris Kopra, Jan Bullock). Thank you!

### Portals of Prayer Booklets

**Portals of Prayer** (April-June 2026) devotion booklets will soon be available. They can be picked up in the church narthex. Please take one for home devotions.

## Trinity School's Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Raffle



**Saturday, March 21, 2026 11:00am-2:00pm**

**Dinner Tickets: \$13 pre-sale / \$15 at door**



Trinity Christian School's Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle is coming up! Tickets can be purchased from any Trinity student, the school office (716-674-5353), or there is a self-serve box in the church narthex. Your continued support of this event is greatly appreciated!

**Donations Needed:** A list of items needed for this event is on the posted board in the church narthex. Please consider donating items. Monetary donations and gift cards / baskets for the raffle would also be appreciated. Any donations - food or raffle items - may be dropped off at the school office.

## Trinity Christian School News



### PreSchool Open House

**March 4, 2026 4:00pm-6:00pm**

Join us for our PreK Open House on March 4 from 4pm–6pm to explore our PreK 3 and PreK 4 programs. Tour classrooms, meet teachers, and learn how our early childhood program helps students learn, grow, and thrive.

### Lutheran Schools Week Highlights

Lutheran Schools Week 2026 was a joyful and faith-filled celebration here at Trinity! Each day began together in the gym with all-school devotions, reminding us that everything we do is centered on Christ. Our week-long theme, “Joyful Noise,” guided our celebrations as we explored worship, service, community, and standing firm in Christ alone. Students and staff embraced the fun with creative dress-up days, from country singers and Christian t-shirts to 80s and 90s outfits, and finally a sea of purple and white for Spirit Day.

On Tuesday, as we celebrated “Joyful Noise in Worship,” we were blessed by a lively performance from the Heart2Heart Bluegrass Band and enjoyed time together as a school family. Wednesday focused on “Joyful Noise in Service,” highlighted by special friends making cards for the neighborhood together. Thursday’s “Joyful Noise in the Community” brought laughter and amazement with a magic show by Mike Randall, along with a sweet ice cream treat. We wrapped up the school week on Friday with our Trinity’s GotTalent Show, where students shared their God-given gifts with family and friends.

Our celebration continued into Sunday as students and choir members lifted their voices at the 10:30 service at Trinity. The afternoon Family Bubblefest brought families together for hands-on bubble stations, classroom visits, and fellowship. We were able to do 13 tours to prospective families, that have already resulted in 11 new enrollments for next year.

Service remained at the heart of our week. Our By Kids/For Kids Craft and Bake Sale raised over \$600 for Poetice Christian School in Zambia, supporting the important ministry taking place there. We also collected items for Family Promise of Western New York to assist local families in need. Trinity 5th and 6th grade took the items to Family Promise last week and learned about the ministry there. Lutheran Schools Week was a beautiful reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing — making a joyful noise not just with our voices, but with our lives.



## YOUTH SCOOP

### March Youth Nights

- March 4: Pizza and Service Youth Night  
 March 11: **NO** Youth Night (come to the Lock-In)  
 March 18: Skate Night at West Seneca Ice Rink  
 (see below article for info)  
 March 25: Youth Night

### Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser. We were able to sell a total of 57 subs and raise \$689.65. That money goes towards future Youth Program hosted trips for each student who participated in making the subs. A special thank you to Wegmans and Pasquale's for donating the condiments and other packaging supplies. Our next fundraiser is the Easter Breakfast on April 5th from 8:30 am - 10:30 am.

### All Night Lock-In

Friday, March 13 at 7:00pm to Saturday, March 14 at 7:00am



Games, fun, and growing in faith, food and NO sleep will be provided! Anyone in 5th to 12th grade (even non members/ students) are invited. The cost is **\$10 per child until March 6th**; signing up after March 6th (March 7th-12th) will raise the cost to **\$20**. You are able to sign up on our app, the church website, scan the above QR code, or sign up here: <https://forms.gle/zWxvK96j7Urfe8Fo6>.

Please hand in the money to Nathan Thomas or to the church office once this form has been filled out to be fully registered. If you do not turn in the money before March 11th, your child will not be considered to be signed up. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Thomack at [youthministry@trinity.org](mailto:youthministry@trinity.org).

**Chaperones for the Lock-in:** One chaperone for every eight youth are needed throughout the night. There are 3 different jobs options for you, the parents:

1. Chaperones throughout the night:
  - a. Chaperone all night long (6:30 PM – 7:00 AM)
  - b. Chaperone from 6:30 PM – 12:30 am
  - c. Chaperone from 12:30 am – 7:00 am
2. Cooks for the dinner (11:00 PM – 1:00 AM)
3. Cooks for the breakfast (5:00 AM – 7:00 AM)

Important dates for chaperones:

**March 6th** morning ~ Email with itineraries will be sent out to those who have been chosen as chaperones

**March 8th 1PM - 3PM** ~ Meeting to go over the lock-in's schedule, games, responsibilities, security, etc. (lunch included)

**March 13th 5PM - 6:15PM** ~ Meeting with final preparation or questions

There will be a separate email sent out to those volunteers to remind them of these meetings.

### Family Skate Night

Wednesday, March 18 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm



Everyone is invited to go skiing March 18th from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the West Seneca Town Ice Rink (by the West Seneca Police Station). We are meeting in the parking lot by 6:45 pm and will go in as a group. The cost will be \$5 per person going plus an additional \$5 if you need to rent skates. Helmets are recommended, but not required. I was told bike helmets work just fine. Each ticket comes with a voucher for one complimentary hot drink (hot chocolate, coffee, cappuccino, etc.) AND a 20% off coupon to redeem for one item in the concessions stands. Once you arrive, you can give me the cash (or a check written out to Trinity), and then I will pay for everyone as one big group. I hope everyone will be able to make it. SIGN UP at <https://subsplash.com/u/-XNMXQR/forms/d/f2e66785-cce0-474c-82a4-b11bea7b7af9> or scan the above QR code. If you would like to chaperone, but not skate, the admission cost for you will be FREE.

RULES of the rink: <https://www.holidayrinks.com/west-seneca-ps-rules>

YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE....

# Easter Egg Hunt

**Where:** Trinity Lutheran Church & School

146 Reserve Rd. West Seneca NY 14224

**When:** Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2026 (Register below)

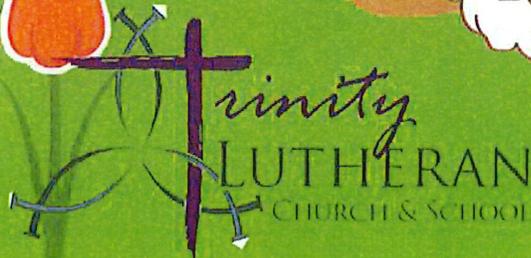
**Time:** Starts promptly at 12 pm  
(lasts until all eggs are found)

**Ages:** Walking – 10 years old

Dress for the weather as  
this is an outdoor event

Bring your own bag or basket  
to collect eggs

Scan the QR code to register





## **You Can Play an Important Role in Our Stephen Ministry**

. . . Because you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister.

### **What Do Stephen Ministers Do?**

Stephen Ministers are members of Trinity who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are facing a crisis or simply going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister meets with his or her care receiver once a week for around an hour to listen, care, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers.

### **Christ Caring for People through People**

That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

If someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Don Meissner (479-4862), Kevin Kot (445-5923) or Colleen Kot (445-5922)

**Our Stephen Ministers are ready  
to care for you!**



## Hope Willert's January Ministry Update



Hello, friends and family! I hope you are all doing well and had a productive, but also restful, first month of the year. I arrived back in Zambia on January 8th, one day later than expected as a result of bad weather in Amsterdam and an unexpected stay over-night there. But we thank God that I arrived here safely!



### Start of School Year

We have officially been in school for four weeks now, and it has been a journey! We have brought four new students into our class this year, making the Lower Primary Classroom have a total of 17 students. It has been really fun to bring in three students who have moved up from pre-school - they bring so much life and energy into the class. While this energy can make learning quite difficult at times (we are working on this haha), I am thankful for each of these kiddos and the ability to love on them and pour into them every day.

Something that I have talked about before is how exciting it is to watch my children develop a personal relationship with the Lord. This is still one of my favorite parts of teaching here at Poëtice. Last week during our weekly prayer and worship set at Poëtice, the leader of the set prompted everyone to pray about a person in their family that they are thankful for. A lot of the time, my kids need prompting and reiteration of the directions when asked to pray about something during prayer set, and even then some of them struggle with how to pray and how to sincerely connect with the Lord. However, on this day, I looked over and three of my kids were kneeling down and praying so fervently together. They proceeded to pray together like this for around five minutes. I was so moved to see my students meeting with the Lord like this; it is just such a beautiful reminder that no one is too young to meet with the Lord!



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## Hope Willert's January Ministry Update *(Continued from page 7)*

### Life Update

So, there have been some pretty big things going on in my life recently and I thought I would share them with you all. First of all ... I'm engaged! Charles proposed to me on January 17th in Livingstone right next to the Zambezi River, and it was literally so perfect. After the proposal, we watched a video of several clips sent in from so many of my friends and family congratulating us and blessing us as we embark on this next step. Then we went to dinner and when we showed up, so many people from my Poetice family were there! We ate dinner together and they all celebrated Charles and I getting engaged. And, on top of all of that, the ring is my Grandma Hadedank's engagement ring!!! My Grandma and Grandpa have such a beautiful, loving, Christ-centered marriage, and they are like second parents to me, so I am so so honored to be able to wear their engagement ring. We are praying that our marriage will be just as beautiful and godly as theirs.

Charles did such a great job. I am so excited to spend a life with this man who loves me so dearly and who leads me closer to Christ. We will be getting married here in Zambia in August, but we are making sure that we will live stream the wedding so that any of you who would like to watch can join in : ). We are trying to get Charles a visa so that he can come back to the states with me in November, and then we will have a state-side wedding celebration in December.



### Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Charles and I as we begin to prepare, plan, and save up for our wedding that is quickly approaching. Pray that Charles and I would honor God and seek His wisdom throughout this whole journey.
- Please also pray for patience for me as I teach. While it has been a blessing to add four students to our classroom, I feel like the number of students going from 13 to 17 has just changed the atmosphere of the classroom a lot - in many good ways, but it is just a lot to adjust to. There is definitely more noise and many more little hands touching me and trying to get my attention. Please pray that the Lord would supply me daily with peace, patience, and strength as I try my very best to pour into these children every day and help them to learn.

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support! None of this would be possible without each one of you. As always, feel free to email me if you have any questions, comments, or just want to chat!

Blessings,

**Hope Willert**  
hope@poetice.org

*Happy Birthday*

3/1	Carolyn Habedank	3/7	Micah Anderson	3/15	John McCoy	3/27	Maryanne Ringle
	Beverly Weiss	3/9	Carolyn Minko	3/16	Gigi LoGalbo	3/29	Lynn Metzler
	Abigail Lafferty		Michael Monahan		Patricia Peterson		Karen Tedesco
3/2	Nevin Hope		Mary Harris	3/17	Emma Tripi	3/30	Kimberly Thomack
3/3	Ryan Hamann	3/12	Brady Manzo	3/24	Peter Colson	3/31	Dan Sullivan
3/4	Brian Makey		Gavin Gabel		Marian Post		
	Elliana Colson	3/14	Judeen Babcock		Debra Wrobel		
3/5	Erin Kotowski		Rhonda Carlone	3/25	Lars Osberg		
3/7	Hillary Ferrara	3/15	PJ Colson	3/26	Bill Haas		
	Amanda English		Roger Meissner		Ryleigh McGinnis		

*Happy Anniversary*

3/16 Eric & Stephanie McGinnis



**Easter Plants**

Trinity will once again be ordering plants to be placed in the church for Easter Sunday. Plants can be taken home following ANY of the Easter services or can be picked up from the church the following week Monday-Thursday from 8am-3pm. Order forms can be found in the weekly bulletins. **Order deadline will be Sunday, March 15.** Forms, along with payment, should be placed in the church office mailbox in the coatroom (cash or checks made to "Trinity Lutheran Church"). Thank you for helping to beautify our church for Easter!

**Altar Candle Donations Needed**

We are in need of members to sign up to donated altar candles. Many months for 2026 are open. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church coatroom. Candles are \$25 per month. Payments should be placed in the Church Office's message center or can be mailed to the church. Checks should be made payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church" (memo: *Altar Flowers or Altar Candles*).

*\*Please make sure to include your name and special intentions on the sign-up sheets.*

**DOMESTIC MISSION TRIP**

**Life is meant for ministry**

**"Each of us will give a personal account to God"**

*Romans 14:12 (NLT)*

Participate in a mission trip right here in the States!

Trinity has partnered with Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) to serve the people of Appalachia

- When:** Sunday, July 26, to Friday, July 31, 2026
- Where:** Eastern Kentucky
- Age:** Anyone 14 years of age or older
- Service:** Making homes safe, warm, dry and accessible/home repairs/yard work
- Cost:** **ADULTS** - \$325 Includes room, board, and travel expenses  
**YOUTH** – Ages 14 to 21 – NO Registration Fee

Any Questions? Please contact:

Kevin Kot (716-445-5923) / [kkot57@gmail.com](mailto:kkot57@gmail.com)  
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**Emergency Contacts**

If a family member is **hospitalized** or there is an **emergency need**, please inform and phone Pastor Nyck (716-336-1767), the church office (674-9188), or one of the Deacons.

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