

Trinity Tempo

February 2024



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This February 14 is an interesting day. Valentine's Day is typically the time we celebrate love in its many forms. Love with a significant other, love with a friend, love with a relative. We are commercially supported through boxes of chocolates, cards and/or flowers to make that certain loved one feel special. As is the case with most holidays, there is a flipside. We are also reminded of the love we do not

have. We remember that love we have lost. The pain sometimes is hard to bear, and we reflect on those memories that helped to make us who we are today.

1 Corinthians 13 is a beautiful description of the power and importance of love as given to us by God to share with others. Prophesying, showing compassion and charity are severely lacking without being motivated with God's love. "Patience, kindness, not prone to jealousy, or easily angered." These are some of the attributes that mark God's love. They are those things we are to show one another. When we celebrate the love we share with each other on Valentine's Day, we can thank God for what we have, but also ask God to help us to do better.

This Valentine's Day is uniquely set up to both celebrate love and prepare for the greatest display of the highest quality love ever. Ash Wednesday begins our season of preparation for the coming celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Lent will give us the opportunity to personally reflect on the height and depth of Jesus' love, and on our need for it, and our ability to reflect it to others.

I wish everyone a happy Valentin's Day and also a merry Lent. May these times of celebration, preparation and reflection help us to see Christ's love all the more clearly.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings

Food Drive

January is National Soup Month. February spotlights the NFL Super Bowl. So Trinity is hosting a Souper Bowl event and is collecting—what else!—cans of soup for the Trafford/Level Green food bank.

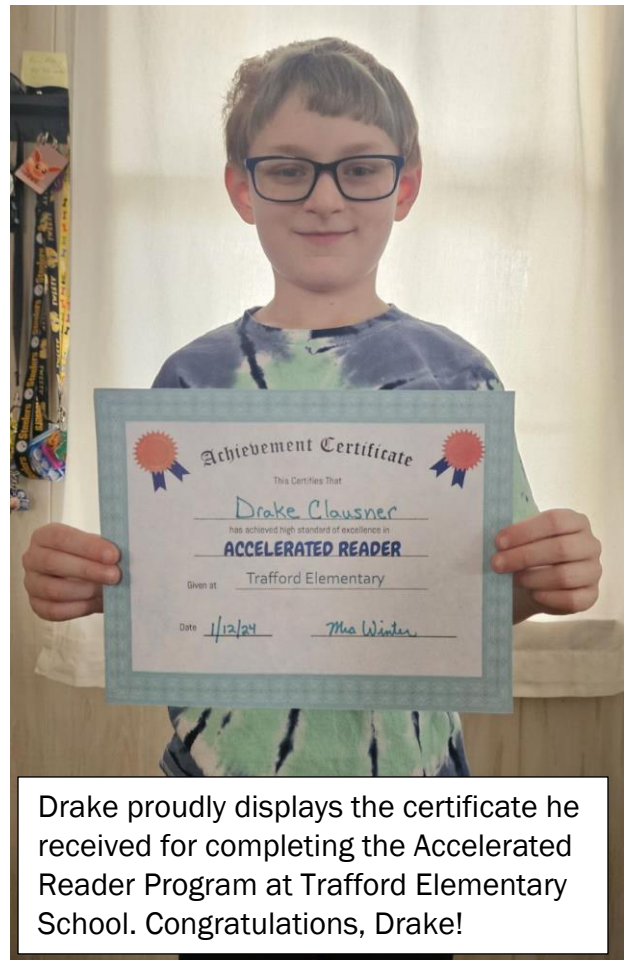
We will collect cans of soup through Sunday, February 11. Place your donation in the box located in the vestibule. Also, bring in a copy of your favorite soup recipe and post it on the Missions bulletin board. At the conclusion of the food drive, we will collect all of the recipes and compile them in a Souper Bowl Recipe Booklet.

Take time for a little fun and think of as many words or phrases that contain the word “Super.” Substitute “Souper” and see what you get. For example, **superb** becomes **souperb**. Share your creativity and post your souper new words on the bulletin board.

Homeless Kits

One aspect of Trinity’s focus for 2024 is community. Homelessness is a growing reality in Trafford and surrounding communities. Trinity plans to address the situation by assembling and distributing homeless kits.

Supplies have been purchased and we will assemble kits following the worship service on Sunday, February 11. For the initial wave, each kit will contain a pair of socks, a



Drake proudly displays the certificate he received for completing the Accelerated Reader Program at Trafford Elementary School. Congratulations, Drake!

pair of winter gloves, two bath wipes, some snack-size Slim Jims and a five-dollar bill.

You are encouraged to take a kit or two and store them in your vehicle. When you encounter a homeless person during your travels and the opportunity presents itself, offer a kit to the individual.

This is a new program for Trinity, so kit contents and distribution methods may change. Your feedback is wanted. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Justin or a member of the board.

...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. — Matthew 25:40

Easter Candy Fundraiser

We enter the season of Lent this month, and that also means it is time for our annual Easter Candy Fundraiser. Order forms are available online at tumctrafford.org and in the vestibule. Orders are due in the church office by Sunday, March 3. Candy will be delivered to the church before Palm Sunday.

Online Ordering

You may also order candy online at SarrisCandiesFundraising.com.

- 1) Click on **Online Ordering**.
- 2) Enter the church's Group ID # **10-0582**.
- 3) Start shopping.

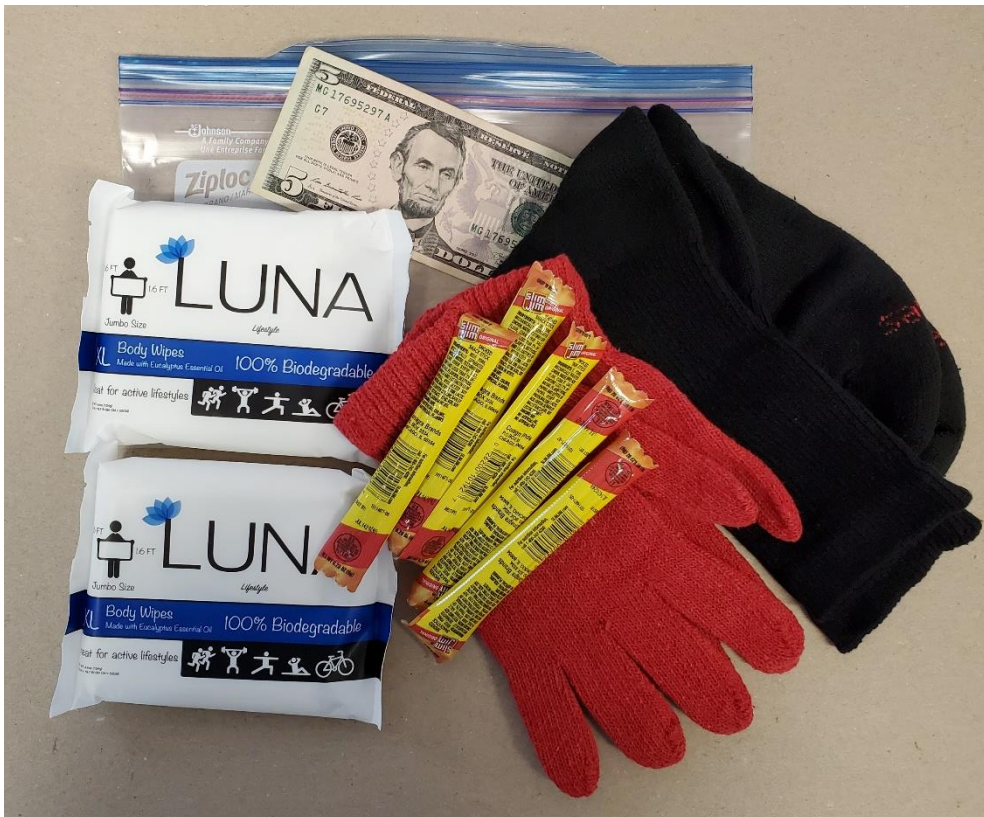
Online orders will be shipped directly to your home; a \$5 packaging and handling charge applies. Online ordering is open through March 22, 2024.

Altar Flowers

Many dates remain open on the 2024 Altar Flowers Calendar To reserve dates, fill in the calendar in the vestibule or, email or write to the church office and include the date, the name of the person, group, etc. being honored or remembered. The cost has increased to \$20 per vase or \$40 for the pair of vases. Available dates are:

February 4, 11
March 3, 10, 24, 31
April 7, 21, 28
May 5, 12
June 2, 16, 23, 30
July 7, 14, 21, 28
August 4, 11
September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
October 27
November 3, 10, 17, 24
December 1, 8, 22, 29

Payment is due on the reserved date(s) and can be made by cash, check or the online giving platform. Please use the online giving platform only to make a payment. Do not reserve dates through it. Contact the church office if you have any questions.



Each Homeless Kit will consist of one pair of socks, one pair of winter gloves, two body wipes, five snack-size Slim Jims and \$5.00.

Joys & Concerns

Please keep Trinity family, friends and neighbors in your prayers.

Pray for

Jennifer (Beverly Piper's friend)
Patty Aubele
Mary Ann Casper
Bob Chiappetta family
Sandy Chiappetta
Bryce Dulemba
Taryn Kline (Jeanne Ruccio's sister-in-law)
Michael Kasarich family
Harry and Marge Little
Donna Piper
Tom Puckey
Vicki Stokes
Faryn Wolff and family (Ashley Kitchen's friends)

Also take a moment and give thanks for friends and family who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month.

Birthdays

- 1 Becky Mallik
- 3 Sandy Keller, Diane Kerrigan
- 6 Matt Lorrve
- 10 Donna Piper
- 11 Ashley Kitchen
- 16 Roger VanRyn
- 27 Richard Allen Aglietti

Anniversaries

- 14 Kevin and Beverly Beam

Wanted: Teachers and Aides

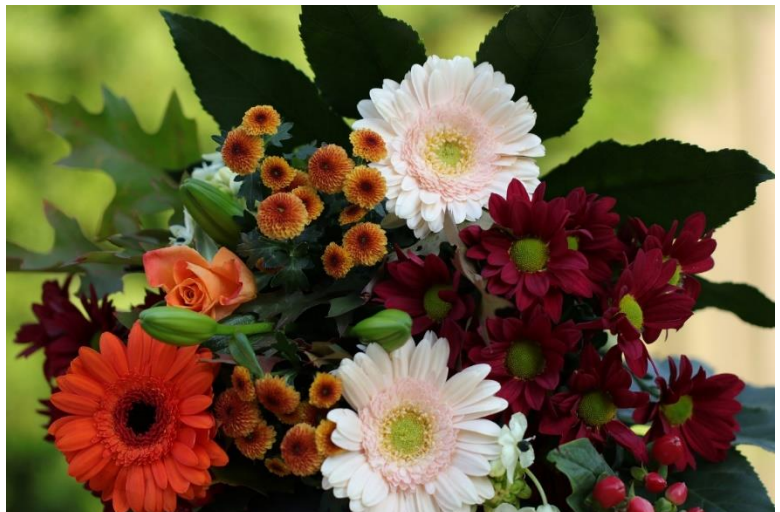
Trinity has a long-lived Sunday School program, offering classes from nursery to adult. Currently, the program needs someone to teach (or facilitate) an adult class and aides for one or more of the children classes.

If you are interested in exploring how you can support or help with the Sunday School program, speak with Pastor Justin or Beverly Piper.

February Schedule

Altar Flowers

- 4 open
- 11 open
- 18 Lou Booher
- 25 Thelma Johnson



February

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
28 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Camping Sunday</i> Scrip Order Day	29 1 p.m. Senior Friends	30	31	1 7:15 p.m. Choir	2	3
4 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion	5 1 p.m. Senior Friends	6	7 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	8 7:15 p.m. Choir	9	10
11 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship Transfiguration Sunday	12 1 p.m. Senior Friends	13 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	14 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 7:15 p.m. Choir	16 Tempo Deadline	17
18 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 1st Sunday in Lent	19 1 p.m. Senior Friends <i>President's Day</i>	20	21 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	22 7:15 p.m. Choir	23 6 p.m. Bible Journaling	24
25 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 2nd Sunday in Lent	26 1 p.m. Senior Friends	27	28 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	29 7:15 p.m. Choir	1	2

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the
March issue of the
newsletter are due
in the church office
by Friday,
February 16, 2024.

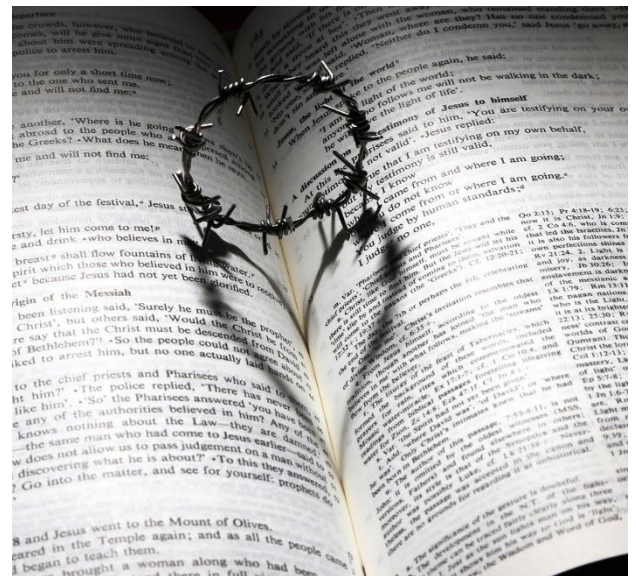


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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.



The season of Lent begins Wednesday,
February 14, with Ash Wednesday. Join us
in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. for the Ash
Wednesday Service.