# March-April 2019 Volume 29, Issue 2

Trinity Lutheran Church and Learning Center (ELDoNA affiliated) 1000 North Park Avenue, Herrin, IL, 62948 Church Office 942-3401 School 942-4750



#### Service Schedule:

#### Sunday

Bible Study &	9 AM
Sunday Sch	ool
Divine Service	10:15 AM

#### Wednesday

Catechesis	6:30 PM
Service	7:00 PM

Monday-Friday

Children's Matins10:00 AM

#### Private Confession & Absolution

Wednesday 10:30-11:00 AM Saturday 8:00-8:30 PM or by appointment



Pastor Michael D Henson Deacon Gary K. Harroun <u>www.eldona.org</u> <u>www.trinityh.org</u>



### Take up the Word

The season of Lent has historically been a forty-day period of instruction in order to bring people into church membership at Easter. The two-and-a-half week, three-Sunday, pre-Lenten season, often called the Gesima season, was used to enroll people to participate in the Lenten instruction.

The first Gesima Sunday included the parable of the owner who called workers into his vineyard. Our Triune God is the owner who desires all people

to enter into His vineyard, the church. Those who trusted in the owner's grace and mercy were not only given the free gift of eternal life, but they were blessed beyond measure with secular benefits in this life for any work they did in the church. The second Sunday we heard the parable of the sower who went out to sow his seed. Faith is created and sustained by the external means of the Word of God alone. We need to be careful that we who have been given "ears to hear" (faith) continue to hold fast to the Word of God. The third Sunday, we

heard about the blind man who recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah and cried out to Him for mercy. His faith came by hearing the Word of God. Putting all three Gesima themes together, we understand that God's Word reveals Jesus Christ to be our Savior from sin so that by God's graciousness we are forgiven and welcomed into fellowship with the church!

As Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6, this would be a good time to pick up the habit

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## The Learning Center

#### By Keely Gelso **ECLC** Director

It's that time of year again....Spring has sprung. The weather is changing and that means we are getting outside more which makes the children happy and it also makes the teachers happy. I love this time of year St. Patrick's Day, Daylight Savings Time and Easter. Such a great time to make memories with your family and loved ones. I look forward to the amazing projects which the children do in the classrooms in between St. Patrick's Day and Easter. I am also looking forward to the longer days and more sunlight! Maybe, this year more than ever. It seems we have had an abundance of rainy days this winter, with no outside time. The children are stuck inside and don't get to run off all that extra energy.

Please make sure to call the school if your child is absent for the day. Due to DCFS

regulations, we are in the process of having each teacher complete their annual 15 continuing educational hours. If we know one child will be out for the day, our ratios may allow a teacher to complete an on-line class in my office.

Also, you need to make sure that your child's folder is checked daily. Often, I go into the rooms and the children's files are completely stuffed full of papers from the previous weeks of children's daily reports and art work. On the daily reports, we will indicate items that are needed for your child-such as, wipes, diaper cream, diapers, extra clothes or a water bottle.

I will also be sending out bi-weekly reminders about classroom and teacher information concerning class activities. Please make sure I have your proper working email, so you don't miss these reminders. I will also send out the menu for the month and the monthly calendar for the school. My email is eclcdirector@trinityh.or g. There is a sign-up

form to make sure I have your proper email in each room on the sign in sheet.



If you are one of the many families are needing tax documentation for 2018, please email me at

#### eclcdirector@trinityh.

org to request that form. Also, check your spam or junk mail, in case it ends up there for some reason.

Please make sure you contact your teacher if you have any questions about vour child, a great time to make contact is between 1 pm -2:45 pm. However, we can always set up a parent/teacher meeting if needed,



942-4750 or send me an email me.

#### Important dates to remember....

Spring Break March 11-15, 2019 Graduation, April 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm

#### Closures.....

Monday, May 27, 2019 Memorial Day Thursday, July 4, 2019 Independence Day Monday, September 2 Thursday, November 28 Friday, November 29 Monday, December 23 Tuesday, December 24 Wednesday, December 25 Mrs. G



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#### Take Up the Word

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of daily reading God's Word. Sometimes, wellmeaning people give up something for Lent. Nevertheless, most things which they give up are either foolish exercises in the denial of innocent pleasures (chocolate, etc.), or the object of their denial is to gain a purely secular benefit (weight loss, etc.). Maybe you should give up a few snicker bars and watch less television, but the denial of these things certainly doesn't count as a spiritual exercise.

Instead of turning your Lenten fast into a second chance at your failed New Year's Eve resolution, actually do something which brings spiritual benefits. Get in the habit of reading the Word of God! For those of you who already follow a daily devotional, maybe this would be a good time to add a daily psalm, chanted or spoken to your daily regimen. Maybe you have devotions at night, but don't begin the day with the Invocation, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Luther's Morning Prayer and the singing of

a hymn. On the other hand, maybe you begin the day with prayer, but don't regularly kneel beside your bed and end your day with Luther's Evening prayer.

In the back of the church, we have *The* Lutheran Herald available which includes a Scripture reading, short devotion and a prayer. We also have *Our Family* Daily Prayers which includes readings, a psalm, a hymn, the Small Catechism and a paragraph from Luther or another writing. If you already begin and end your day in prayer, then maybe you could work on retaining what you hear. Take notes during the sermon, so that the Word doesn't just go in one ear and out the other. By writing down the main points of the sermon or Bible study, you might be better able to remember the Word which you have heard. You could pick up a solid book by one of the Lutheran church fathers. We have several books from Repristination Press downstairs.

Having said that you ought to pick up the reading and studying of God's Word, you will find that something will have to give way. Before you added the Word of God, something else was



occupying that place in your life. When you stick the Word of God into your life, it will upset your quite comfortable routine. Rather than making a big deal out of what you give up for Lent, pick up the Word of God and just let less important things fall away. When you take up the study of the Word of God are you doing something about which to brag? No, you are a Christian. We are supposed to be hearing the Word anyway. "So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we

have only done our duty" (Luke 17:10). This daily schedule of the reading of God's Word is not to be put away again when Easter comes. Instead, this new habit can continue to sustain you in your Christian faith. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

--MDH

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# March 2019

MONDAY - FRIDAY Children's Matins 10 AM - 10:30 AM



# April 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
ElderDan Byrne (997-4667); Altar GuildClaire Stretch; Church CleaningMar 31/Apr 7 Field, Larry, Apr 14/21 Field, Bob, Apr 28/May 5 Dunaway	1	2	3 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Leam-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	4	5	6	
7 Judica (Leut 5) 8:30 AM Choir Practice 9:00 AM Sun day School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Div he Service Learn-by-Heart Certificate for Lord's Supper Council Meeting #2 After Service	8	9 6:00 PM Board of Education	10 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM Ladies Missionary Society	12	13 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution	
24 Palm Sunday 8:30 AM Choir Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School /Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divin e Service	15 Holy Monday 10:30 AM Divine Service	16 Holy Tues day 10:30 AM Divine Service	17 Holy Wednesday 10:30 AM Divine Service 3:00 PM Tenebrae 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	18 Maundy Thursday 3:00 PM Tenebrae 7:00 PM Divine Service	19 Good Friday 3:00 PM Tenebrae 7:00 PM Divine Service	20 Holy Saturday 10:00 AM Matins 7:00 PM -10:30 PM Easter Vigil	
2] Easter 7:00 AM Easter Matins 8:00 AM Easter Break fast 9:00 AM Sunday School /Adult Bible Class and Egg Hunt 10:15 AMDivin e Service	22 Easter Monday No Divine Service	23 Easter Tuesday 10:30 AM Divine Service	24 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	25 Saint Mark, Evangelist 10:30 AM Divine Service 6:00 PM ECLC Graduation	26	27 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution	
28 Quasimodogeniti (Easter 1) 9:00 AM Sunday School /Adult Bible Class 10:15 AMDivin e Service Learn-by-Heart Recitation of Christian Questions with their Answers	29 Eldona	30 Synod	Acolytes: Sun(7) Colton Weber, Palm Sun(14) Crucifer-Luke Phillips, Gospel Book-Tom Weber, Actolyes-Dylan Dunaway, Liam Phillips, Maundy Thu(18) 7 PM Gospel Book-Tom Weber, Acolytes-Liam and Luke Phillips, Good Fri(19) 7 PM Gospel Book-Luke Phillips, Acolytes-Tom and Colton Weber, Sat-Easter Vigil(20) 7 PM Paschal Candle-Tom, Gospel Book Luke, Acolytes-Dylan and Olivia, Easter Sunday(21) Crucifer-Luke, Gospel Book-Tom, Acolytes-Liam and Colton, Sun(28) Liam Phillips				

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Here is a screenshot of the Facebook Page of our mission in Florida! If you know of anyone in the area who would be interested let them know. "The Port Charlotte Confession Lutheran Mission seeks to provide the excellence in proclaiming the Gospel of Christ that comes only through adhering to the Lutheran Confessions in teaching and practice, faithfully making use of the historic liturgy and hymnody of Christ's Church."

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