

March 2022

Dear Friends,

I want to thank all of you who took the time to take the *re:Vitalize* survey. We should be getting some results very soon. After that, arrangements will be made with Rev. Derek Mathers from the English District who will lead us in putting the results into action.

May I ask you kindly to be involved with that process?

There will be much to learn, but the benefits we reap will be felt for years to come.

We will need as much participation by as many of our folks as we can. Please prayerfully consider joining together with your fellow parishioners to usher our congregation into the future, remembering that nothing can be done without the Holy Spirit leading and guiding us to Christ Jesus.

In this newsletter, take a look at the page about our Lenten 2022 focus. A good step in our revitalization efforts would be to cultivate spiritual practices with assistance from our Lutheran Confessions, Luther's Small Catechism in particular. Please purchase the book ***Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey*** by William Weedon in any format you desire. The midweek Lenten sermons will focus on some of those practices and assist us in becoming more aware of our cohesiveness in Christ.

I pray that our God and Father will bless us with every spiritual blessing in Christ!

Pastor Hoag

**Attention New Members!** – On March 20 after the 9am service we will have an informal reception in the gym to welcome you to our congregation. If you are unsure if you are a new member or not, you are! You are invited to this reception and we would be honored by your presence. Please contact Pastor Hoag or Mike Gardner if you have any questions.

**Attention Established Members!** – On March 20 after the 9am service we will have an informal reception in the gym to welcome our new members. You are invited to attend and help welcome those who are new among us. Please contact Pastor Hoag or Mike Gardner if you have any questions.



Contribution statements for income tax purposes are available for members using the offering envelopes. If you have not received a statement in previous years and would like to request one, please contact the church secretary or Tammy Doerrer. If you received a statement in the past you are on the list to automatically receive one each year.



**LENT BEGINS March 2, 2022**

**Ash Wednesday: *In-Person Service w/Holy Communion and Livestream* on March 2nd at 6:30pm**

**Midweek Lenten Services: In Person & *Livestream* on Facebook and YouTube are at 6:30pm**

**Holy Week Services: April 10th-16th: *In-Person and Livestream* Services, at 6:30pm**

**-Palm Sunday 04/10/22**

**-Maundy Thursday 04/14/22**

**-Good Friday 04/15/22**

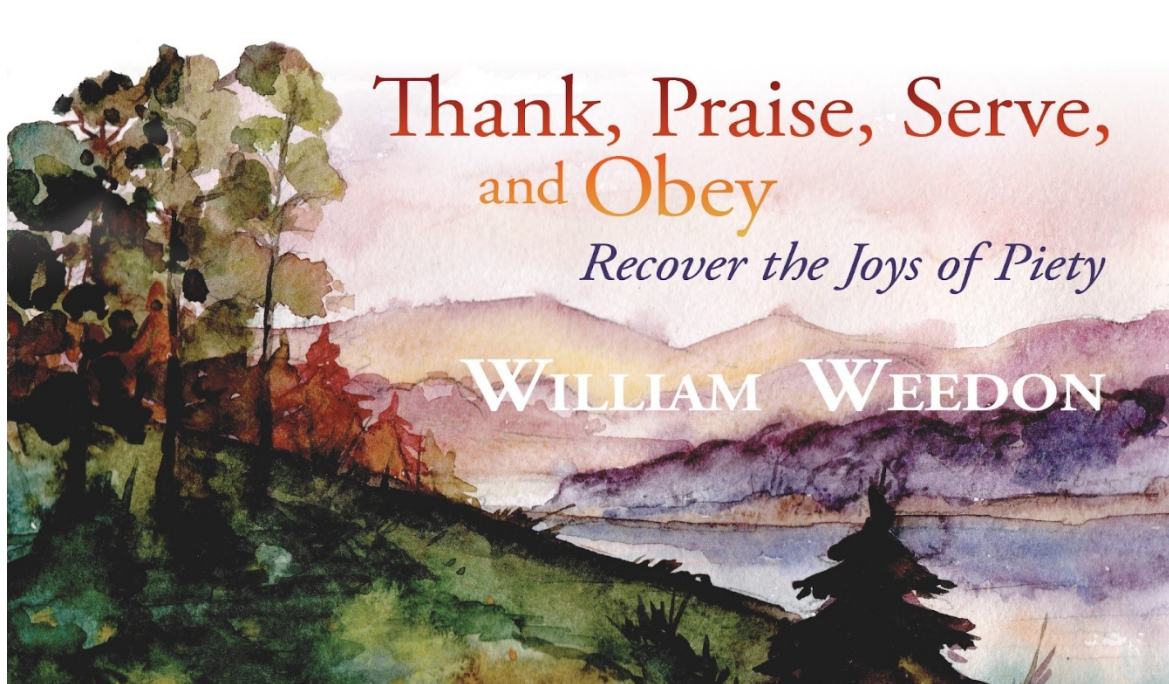
## LENT 2022

Our Lenten Focus will be *Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey: Recover the Joys of Piety* by William Weedon.

### **Piety has fallen on hard times.**

Some associate it with its evil twin, pietism, and reject piety based on the incorrect assumption that the two are one and the same. Pietism is inwardly focused, obsessed with carefully following spiritual to-do lists and rules. Piety, rather, fights against that inward focus, turning our attention out toward God and His promises and toward our neighbor in love and care. Piety is simply the cultivation of godly habits—habits that befit the household of God, the family of our heavenly Father.

In *Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey: Recover the Joys of Piety*, Martin Luther's small catechism and the Book of Concord serve as our trusty roadmaps as we explore how to properly hear in the Scriptures our heavenly Father summoning us to the joy and freedom of living and growing as His beloved children through Jesus Christ.



To get the most out of this Lenten Focus, do these things:

1. Purchase the book in any format you wish (available through Concordia Publishing or Amazon)
2. Read one chapter a week
3. Attend, or watch, the Midweek Lenten Services on Wednesday evenings at 6:30, beginning March 2
4. Download the *PrayNow* app by Concordia Publishing House from your App Store (Optional)
5. Do the daily devotions on the *PrayNow* app (if you downloaded the app)
6. Read Pastor's weekly blog at <http://pastordoughoag.blogspot.com> (Optional)

Use this opportunity during the 40 days of Lent to learn and grow! Please contact Pastor Hoag if you have any questions.



**Trinity Pre-School – Registration for Fall Pre-School is now open. Please tell your friends and neighbors.** There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$65.00 per student. School year beginning September 2022 the tuition per month will be \$120 for two-day students and \$150 for three-day students. Children must be 3 by September 1, 2022. For further information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973.



### **Chancel Guild News!**

Attention ladies of Trinity. We will have meetings this year on the first Saturday of the months of March, April, May, September, November & December. Our one evening meeting will be the night before our Salad Luncheon. Saturday meeting times will be at 9:00 am. We are hoping that this change will encourage more of our ladies to consider joining our Chancel Guild. For more information, please speak to any of our members.

Chancel Guild members will again be decorating the chancel area for our Easter services. Because of the unpredictability in the number of orders we may receive this year and to ensure we have enough lily orders; we are only ordering lilies. Watch for order forms in upcoming bulletins. If you have any questions or do not have access to an order form, please contact Kay Purnell at [purnellk51@hotmail.com](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.com) or (815) 485-9017.

### **Chancel Schedule for March:**

March 2 (Ash Wednesday) – Rita Larson / Kay Purnell

March 6 - Kay Purnell / Janice Prospero

March 13 - Janice Prospero / Doris Bay

March 20 – Doris Bay / Jan Falk

March 27 – Jan Falk / Sally Jackson

**Sunday School News:** Sunday School children will be participating in the church service on Palm Sunday, with an Easter egg hunt and adult coffee hour following the service.



**Scrip Fundraiser - This is a gift card fundraiser** - they are the same gift cards you can purchase from retailers, including over 300 brand-name grocery, department stores, restaurants, gas stations, hotels, home improvement, etc. **We order the gift cards at a discount, and you pay face value for the gift cards. (For example, you pay \$25 for a \$25 Speedway gift card - the youth group obtains the card at a discount and keeps the difference.)** You can purchase gift cards by filling out an order form (located by the youth bulletin board) or by placing your order online at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com). If interested in placing orders online, you will need an enrollment code. Ask Angie Minett for the code or stop by the church office. Direct any questions you may have to Angie Minett at [minett411@yahoo.com](mailto:minett411@yahoo.com) or 815-228-4902.

**Cards are ready for pick-up!**

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our efforts!  
Your generosity is greatly appreciated



**Wednesday Morning Bible Class** is held at 8:30 a.m. in person and online. If you are interested in attending online, please give Pastor Hoag a call and he will provide the link.

**Thursday Evening Bible Class** is held at 7:00 p.m. in person and online. If you are interested in attending online, please give Pastor Hoag a call and he will provide the link.



**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Fresh flowers are used to adorn the altar as a symbol of life and joy. They are part of the beauty of the creation. Chancel Guild very much appreciates and needs the congregation's support and help in keeping fresh flowers on the altar. You can help by sponsoring an available Sunday. A new 2022 Altar Flower Calendar has been posted in the glass case hanging on the wall across from the general office. If you would like to reserve a Sunday for 2022 in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a birthday, wedding anniversary, or in celebration of God's Blessings, please fill out a sponsor order sheet and put it in the Chancel Guild mailbox. The sheets are located on a hook attached to the glass case housing the calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Purnell at [purnellk51@hotmail.com](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.com) or (815) 485-9017.

Flowers left in the refrigerator will be disposed of after 1 week.

**Flowers for March are as follows:**

- March 6 ..... Tom & Wendy Kaun  
In Thanksgiving for Their Many Blessings
- March 13 ..... Denise Buchanan and Family  
In Memory of Their Parents
- March 20 ..... Jennifer Mudrock  
In Memory of Jennifer's Father, Henry Sward
- March 27 ..... Amelia & Liliana Burbank  
In Honor and Celebration of their Daddy's Birthday

**Ushers Needed:** If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Ed Tatro or Diane Sewing.

**March Usher Schedule:**

March 6 - 9:00 am Tom Kaun / Larry Wennlund  
10:30 am Brett Carr / Paul Krol

March 13 - 9:00 am Ed Tatro / Tim King  
10:30 am Tom Buell / Bob Blecke

March 20 - 9:00 am Mike Gardner / Gary Purnell  
10:30 am Jeff McDonald / Dana Knodel

March 27 - 9:00 am Steve Tomany / Randy Varju  
10:30 am John Buell / Phil MacFarlane

**Social Ministry Announcements:**

**-Coffee Hours Are Coming Back!!** Beginning in March, Coffee Hour will take place on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. If you are interested in hosting or helping another person, please sign the sheet on the table outside the office. We will have a short meeting for all volunteers on Sunday, March 13 following the 9:00 service. At that time we will set up a schedule.

**-Soup and Sandwich Suppers Are Coming Back!** The meal will be served at 5:30 before the 6:30 service Lenten service beginning on March 9.

Schedule of Suppers and Who is Hosting:

March 9: Sunday School  
March 16: Social Ministry  
March 23: Council  
March 30: Sunday School  
April 6: Chancel

**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm