

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Sunday Forum — TODAY @ 9:15 AM ... or maybe more like 9:30 AM**

Our weekly adult forum meets weekly in Brooks Hall between our morning services, offering a time of fellowship, as well as a chance to exchange information or engage in deeper reflection.

The time allotted will be somewhat shortened, as volunteers will be jumping into action to set up tables and chairs for today's Annual Meeting. We'll offer a preview of this morning's Annual Meeting ... and maybe a preview of what's to come as we prepare for Lent this year.

### **Trinity's Annual Meeting — TODAY @ 11:30 AM**

Once each year we gather to look back at the highlights of the previous year even as we look ahead at the year to come. Please stay – or come back – to join us for this year's Annual Meeting, immediately following our later service this morning. We'll gather in Brooks Hall and enjoy a bite, along with the company of one another.

As part of the business at our Annual Meeting, we'll give thanks for those who have served in leadership positions this past year, most notably the three members of the Vestry who retire this year: Bill Silliman, Bill Swarts and John Lawson. And we'll also elect three new members to our Vestry to fill these vacancies. Three individuals have been nominated to serve a three-year term on the Vestry: Chris Bell, Jennifer MacHaffie and Mark Welch.

And finally, as time and interest allow, we may even select the five delegates – plus alternates! – to attend the Diocesan Convention, October 19-21, in The Dalles and/or Hood River.

### **The Trinity Pilgrims are back on the trail! — Thursday**

Get those hiking boots dusted, fill your water bottles, find your hiking poles - we are set for the first hike of 2018 at the Badlands. Peter, Loretta and Bill met to plan 2018 hikes and are enthusiastic about the variety of hikes to explore this wondrous state in which we live. Some will be easy, others challenging. The Badlands hike offers a relatively easy terrain with well-marked trails. Details are sent to those on the hiking email list.

Contact Loretta Slepikas @ [lorettaslepikas@gmail.com](mailto:lorettaslepikas@gmail.com) if you wish to remain on the hiking list, or if you want your name added.

### **Looking back; looking forward — Thursday @ 3:30 PM**

Fr. Jed and key Ministry folks meet from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in Brooks Hall to celebrate successes and talk about upcoming plans. Let us hear your thoughts on Advent & Christmas and the Annual Meeting and have a conversation about what's coming up for our Lenten observances. All are welcome! There is much going on to plan for and talk about and you are welcome to join the conversation. Please drop me a note at [genie@bendcable.com](mailto:genie@bendcable.com) if you have any questions.

### **Trinity Men's Group Super Bowl Party — NEXT Sunday @ 2 PM**

The Men's Group will be holding a Super Bowl Watch Party on Sunday, February 4, from 2 pm to the "Final Horn" in Brooks Hall. Bring a favorite snack that can be shared and a comfortable chair. Please enter on the west side of the building and the Accessible Ramp.

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper — Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

Please mark your calendars for February 13<sup>th</sup>, and plan to attend the pancake supper. This is our *Mardi Gras* (Fat Tuesday) event. Pancakes will start flipping at 5:30 pm, and will be accompanied by sausage, berries, applesauce, syrup, whipped cream and juice.

By tradition the cooking, serving and clean-up will be done by Trinity men. For those able to help, we'll have more information available in the coming weeks.

And remember the palm branches and palm crosses from last year? You've held on to them for one reason only: to bring them back on Shrove Tuesday. (We have a basket out this morning for those who want to bring them in early.) As part of the festivities on the eve of Ash Wednesday, we'll burn them to make ashes for the next day's liturgies (see below).

## **Ash Wednesday — Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

We will have two services at Trinity on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of our observance of Lent. At noon, we'll be joined by our sisters and brothers from Nativity Lutheran Church and Grace First Lutheran Church. The full choir will help lead worship during the evening service, at 7 pm.



Both services will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist.

## **Lent Madness**

No need to hurry or worry, we'll have plenty of brackets available for those participating in this year's "Lent Madness" – as well as this year's *Saintly Scorecard*. If you need one in advance, please speak with Father Jed today!

## **Advent Calendars**

The hand-colored Advent Calendars that adorned the walls in Brooks Hall have come down. They can be claimed and taken home today. (Those left behind after today will be recycled.)

## **Trinity Women's Retreat: Weaving Connection —Opening, Exploring, Nurturing**

Registration for our March 2-4 Trinity Women's Retreat is now open! Flyers, with the registration forms, are in Brooks Hall and in the office and more details are in the *January Trumpet*.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any one of the planning committee members:

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## **The Spirit of Giving—an all-year thing!**

This summer, plans are afoot for a fundraiser for some special children near and far! What is needed now: as you are putting your Christmas decorations away, please put aside any "like new" decorations that you are ready to pass along to others. And then watch for more about "Christmas in July: the Spirit of Giving" in our monthly newsletter and Sunday bulletins.

## CALENDAR

This following list of events is not comprehensive. To add your meeting or event to our calendar, please contact the parish office by phone - 541-382-5542, or email - [ministry@trinitybend.org](mailto:ministry@trinitybend.org).

1/28	Sunday	8 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
		9:30 AM	Adult Forum: <i>Annual Meeting Preview</i>
		10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
		11:30 AM	Annual Meeting
1/30	Tuesday	2 PM	Women's Retreat Planning Meeting
1/31	Wednesday	9 AM	Sermon Reflections
		12 Noon	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
		4 PM	Centering Prayer
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
2/01	Thursday	3:30 PM	Ministry Leaders Meeting
		4 PM	Education for Ministry (EfM)
		7 PM	Taizé Service
2/03	Saturday	9 AM	Altar Guild
2/04	Sunday	8 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
		9:15 AM	Adult Forum
		10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
		11:30 AM	Coffee Hour
		11:45 AM	Peace and Social Justice Meeting
		2 PM	Men's Group Football Party

