

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Sunday Forum — TODAY @ 9:15**

Our weekly adult forum meets 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.

On Ash Wednesday, we were given a solemn reminder: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” During the Sundays in Lent, our weekly forum will invite us to reflect on some of the implications of our mortality.

Starting today, and continuing for the next two weeks, we’ll draw from Atul Gawande’s book *Being Mortal* (and a Frontline video on the same). Gawande engage us in a conversation about death and dying, in the hopes that it will help us in our living. Reading the book is **not** required, though it may enrich your participation.

### **Farewell to Kimberlyn & family — TODAY @ 11:30 AM**

Kimberlyn Smith and her children, Abby and Judah, have been longtime members of Trinity. In recent years, Kimberlyn has also been our nursery care provider. But they’re moving to Minnesota and today is their last with us here at Trinity. Please plan to stay for a special coffee hour!

### **Trinity Women’s Retreat ... Weaving Connection — Opening, Exploring, Nurturing**

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

Please come with your questions to the display table in Brooks Hall after both of the morning services. Members of the steering committee for this year’s retreat will be on hand with answers.

### **Help Wanted!**

Thank you to those who have volunteered to make sure we can provide childcare in our nursery in the coming weeks after Kimberlyn leaves (see above). We hope to hire someone to step into that position soon, but it needs to be the right person! If you know someone who would LOVE our children, please refer them to the church office.

### **Confirmation or Reception or Reaffirmation ... and/or a Vow of Non-Violence**

Bishop Pat Bell will be here on April 29 this year. When the Bishop comes, we present those who are prepared for adult professions – desiring to be Episcopalians and/or deciding to take on for themselves the promises of baptism. If you want to know more, please speak with Father Jed.

Members of our Peace and Social Justice Team have discussed how a vow of non-violence is a way to live out the promises of baptism. If interested, please speak with Betsy Lamb.

### **New Meals and Conversation Groups**

New Meal and Conversation groups are forming soon! Groups consist of six people who gather at least three times – rotating hosts along the way – for brunch, lunch, dinner or a picnic. This is a wonderful way to get to know others better. Signup today in Brooks Hall. Contact Peggy Ziegler @ [pjziegler@bendcable.com](mailto:pjziegler@bendcable.com) or (541) 388-1138 for more information.

## **Lenten Opportunities at Trinity and a Rule for Lent**

We have a special insert in this morning's bulletin, describing some of the many ways you might observe this holy season of Lent this year. A "Rule for Lent" is also provided there, in the hopes that you'll be deliberative. More information about some of these options is also described below.

### **Wednesdays at Trinity — Starting this Wednesday @ 5 PM**

Our "Wednesdays at Trinity" series is offered as an evening to feed body and soul. Come for all – or part – of the night's three segments. (More information provided in the "Rule for Lent" insert.)

In keeping with the seasonal emphasis, our suppers will be simple and light – a potluck of soup and bread. We're inviting everyone to take a share in bringing some soup one of the five weeks ... and one or two others to step up a team lead/coordinator. Others can bring something to add, perhaps some bread to share. (We're starting a little earlier than last year, hoping choir members can join us before heading off to rehearsal.)



In recent years, our midweek Lenten program has been a book group, but we're going to try something different this year. Not so much a Bible study, but an invitation to join together in engaging – head and heart – the Gospel we'll all read in church on the following Sunday. Accordingly, we'll read Mark 8:31-38 (We'll have the text available for everyone who comes, but you might want to bring a Bible with a translation of your own choosing.)

### **Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) 2018 Lenten Campaign Begins Today**

ERD's focus this year is collaborating with local church and ecumenical partners around the world on long-term strategies for Early Childhood Development. Please take a Lenten Meditations Booklet which includes stories about children and the gifts they bring to us. Also, consider taking a Hope Chest and Coupon Sheet which invite us to be grateful for the many blessings we have and to donate toward promoting Early Childhood Development programs.

### **Lent Madness — Started on "Ash Thursday"**

Lent Madness pits 32 saints against each other in a bracket. A bit silly. Possibly irreverent. And yes, it's still a fine way to learn more about the saints who have gone before us.

We may have run out of copies of this year's *Saintly Scorecard* (providing written background material AND a bracket), but we have plenty of copies of the individual brackets for your use at home.

It's really an online activity anyhow, so sign up for daily email updates and start voting for your favorite saint at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org).



### **Trinity Men's Breakfast — Saturday @8:30 AM**

All men of the parish (high school aged and beyond) are invited to Brooks Hall for friendship, fellowship, fun and connection among the men of our parish. Gather at 8:30; breakfast is served at 9. The suggested donation is \$5. Volunteer help in the kitchen and with setup and breakdown is always needed and welcome! Please RSVP by noon Thursday to Brian Douglass @ [bdouglass2014@centurylink.net](mailto:bdouglass2014@centurylink.net) so we'll have a headcount.

## 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).

2/18	Sunday		<b>First Sunday in Lent</b>
		8 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
		9:15 AM	Adult Forum: <i>Being Mortal</i>
		10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
		11:30 AM	Coffee Hour
2/19	Monday		<b>Offices Closed</b> – President’s Day
2/20	Tuesday	10 AM	Community Book Conversation
		2 PM	Women’s Retreat Planning Team
2/21	Wednesday	9 AM	Sermon Reflections
		12 Noon	Holy Eucharist (chapel)
			<b>Wednesdays in Lent – new this week!</b>
		5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist
		5:45 PM	Simple Soup Supper
		6:30 PM	Engaging the Gospel: Mark 8:31-38
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
2/22	Thursday	4 PM	Education for Ministry (EfM)
2/24	Saturday	9 AM	Altar Guild
2/25	Sunday		<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>
		8 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
		9:30 AM	Adult Forum: <i>Being Mortal</i>
		10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II