

CROSSBEAMS

Trinity Lutheran Church
of Las Cruces, NM

Worship Services: 9:00 am & 11:30

**APRIL
2019**

JOURNEYS WITH JESUS AND PASTORS CHRISTA & WAYNE



From Lent to Easter at TLC

1. Lent – a Time of Renewal

I'm slowly reading Thomas Friedman's (2017) book, "Thank You for Being Late- An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in an Age of Accelerations." His thesis is that our planet is in the grips of three gargantuan forces: 1) technology; 2) globalization; and 3) climate change and biodiversity loss. And they are all accelerating at once and affecting five dimensions of our lives: workplace, politics, geopolitics, ethics and community. These forces are reshaping everything from how we hail a taxi cab, to the fate of nations, to our most intimate relationships. Friedman claims these forces of acceleration are providing new opportunities for individuals and groups to save the world or destroy it!

What do we need to do? We need to slow down and dare to be late and use the time we have been given to reimagine work, politics and community.

I appreciate Friedman's thesis and I agree with many of the suggestions that he has to offer. Our American lives definitely need to be reimaged! But I also ask, is that all? Are there other gargantuan forces to be wrestled with – like sin and death? What about spiritual renewal?

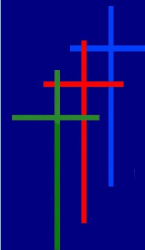
The Church has traditionally marked the season of Lent as a time to slow down, to reflect upon one's life, with the goal of seeking inner and outer spiritual renewal. Pope Benedict said a number of years ago: "Jesus indicates the useful instruments needed for authentic interior and community renewal: the works of charity or almsgiving, prayer, and penitence or fasting." These are important practices for us Lutherans to be reminded of as we approach the mid-point of the 40 days of Lent. Perhaps you would consider "slowing" with a half day of prayer at the Holy Cross Retreat Center as you prepare for Holy Week? :)

2. TLC Holy Week Events to be mindful of:

* Palm Sunday (April 14) - at both 9 and 11:30 worship hours, there will be a palm procession commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, beginning outside the church. There will also be a dramatic reading of the Passion from St. Luke's Gospel.

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All are welcome.
Please join us!



**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
9:00 AM
AND
11:30 AM**

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HOUR AFTER WORSHIP**

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From Lent to Easter at TLC, continued from page 1,

* Palm Sunday (April 14), 10:15 am-11:15 am—Cup of Blessing Holy Communion Class for children, but ALL ages warmly invited to participate. Participants will decorate a chalice and discover or rediscover the “secret” of Christ’s Real Presence in the Holy Sacrament. SIGN UP in the Narthex.

* Seder Family Dinner (April 14 – 4:30 PM) - On Palm Sunday afternoon, TLC will have a Seder Family Dinner together, combining the traditional symbolic foods of the Seder with a Middle Eastern pot-luck dinner. Please SIGN UP in the narthex of TLC. Please bring a Middle Eastern dish and a bottle (or 2) of wine and/or grape juice. More information is in this newsletter!

* Holy Thursday (April 18 – 6:30) - Maundy Thursday worship.

* Stations of the Cross (Good Friday Morning – 9 AM) – at the Holy Cross Retreat Center. More information located in this newsletter.

* Good Friday Worship - 6:30 PM

3. And Easter is Coming!

From Martin Luther: “Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf of springtime.”

Easter Sunday Worship at TLC:

* Easter Morning Vigil (6 AM) - We will gather outside by a bonfire and process into the church for the early morning Easter liturgy. We’ll celebrate baptism and renewal of baptism!

* 9 AM – Easter Celebratory Worship!

* Easter Morning Scrumptious Brunch (between services) SIGN-UP in the narthex!

* 11:30 AM – Easter Mass!

May God open up the meaning of Scriptures to us during this Holy Season and show us that final word is not death (or the gargantuan forces) but life, made possible through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus our Lord.

And please, Lord, help us to slow down!

Pastor Wayne



Updated general weekday church hours for Pastors Christa & Wayne:

- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 10-5 (one or both pastors)
- Thursdays 12-5 (Pastor Christa only)
- Fridays 10-3 (Pastor Wayne only)

Pam continues to receive messages and phone calls at the church during normal church office hours, Tuesday - Friday, 9 - 2pm.

As many of you know, Pastor Wayne continues to serve as Bridge Pastor at Mt. Hope, El Paso, as they move through the process of calling a new Redevelopment Pastor in the (hopefully) not too distant future. We do hope to have a pulpit exchange soon, so watch for Pastor Wayne to reappear some Sunday in April or May!

Easter Sunday Flowers



Once again, we will be putting live flowers around the Altar for Easter Sunday.

You may bring lilies, calla lilies, or other spring cut flowers, etc. for this. Flowers may be brought to church **Saturday, April 20 between 11:00-12:00**. Flowers will be used for all three Easter services. You may take your flowers with you after the service you attend. ~Susanne Timmerman



Helping Hands continues to meet at 9 am on Tuesday mornings - except for the 2nd Tuesday when we meet on Wednesday morning at 9 am.

We have been working hard to get five quilts ready to donate to Habitat by the middle of April. We will show them before sending them on their way. This is one of our Gods Work Our Hands projects. Ordinarily our quilts all go to La Casa.

We always welcome newcomers to our group. If you want to just come and see what we do or if you are interested in helping you can come and see -- and stay for coffee and ??? If you have a question you can call the church or me. *Carol McCandless*

Worship & Music Ministry

The Worship & Music Committee met Tues., March 12.

Lenten season began with two Ash Wednesday services. Mid-week Lenten services will begin at 5:30 with a soup supper, and worship will follow at 6:30. The theme of Lenten services are Five of the Followers.



A Seder Dinner is planned for Sunday, April 14. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Bring your friends and neighbors!!

Holy Week begins Sunday, April 14 with a palm processional in to the sanctuary. Maundy Thursday (April 18) will be a 6:30 communion service. Good Friday (April 19) service will be at 6:30. There will be three Easter services: Easter vigil at 6:00 am with bonfire, 9:00 and 11:30 services.

We will continue using Setting 3 for the Liturgy.

Rainbow "busy bags" have been created for our young worshipers.

A fund has been set up to purchase a baby grand piano. \$3000 has already been donated.

The next meeting of the Worship & Music Committee will be Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Susanne Timmerman



God's Work, Our Hands. Ministry



*Oak Tree
Hospitality
Face to Face &
Heart to Heart*

*Sorting
Donations*



From the Fellowship Committee



The Mardi Gras Pancake Supper was well attended – we served 68 people. We want to thank all who attended and helped with the clean-up. The kitchen help was great – thanks to Don May, Larry Holzerland, Don Sexauer, Marlin Schmidt, Rich Rakoff and Ron Garski.

The Ladies Tea is scheduled for **Saturday May 11th at 2 pm.** The Shady Ladies of El Paso will entertain us with a western themed skit. There will be a hat contest again this year and door prizes. Tickets will be available soon; the cost will be \$10.

We purchased new tablecloths to replace those that have stains we can't remove.

When using the kitchen and fellowship hall we ask you to please put things back where you found them. If unsure where they go, leave them out and our committee will put them in the correct place. After using the fellowship hall, please wipe off the tables and pick up any debris that is there. A rule of thumb – leave things as you found them. Treat the Church as you would your own home.

"Jan's Lending Library is getting full – Don't forget to check out the many good books and magazines on the cart. There's a good selection and I am sure you will find something you would enjoy reading."



We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 am. We would love to see some new faces and new ideas at our meetings! *Tama Garski*, 405-1018, rtg1965@yahoo.com



**CHILDREN WELCOME!
NOISE EXPECTED!!**

"Let the little children come to me" We have added rainbow "busy bags" for helping our littlest worshipers stay engaged and happy during worship. Please help yourself and then return the bags after worship.

We plan to make surprise additions to the busy bags from time to time. Suggestions and donations would be appreciated!

A big thanks to the Worship and Music committee for starting this ministry.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

**Mesilla Valley
Community of Hope**

Project: Helping to Build More Shelters

When: Friday, April 12, 2019

8:00 A.M. to Noon

Where: 999 West Amador

**Meet up with Pastor Wayne at the
Community of Hope at 8:00 a.m. on that
day. Tools for the project will be provided.**

Holy Week Services

 <p>Palm Sunday April 14 9:00 am & 11:30 am Worship</p>	 <p>Maundy Thursday April 18 6:30 pm Worship</p>	 <p>Good Friday April 19 6:30 pm Worship</p>	 <p>Easter Sunday April 21 6:00 am 9:00 am & 11:30 am</p>
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Cup of Blessing Workshop

**Sunday, April 14
between services
(10:15 – 11:15 am)**

Come to the TLC Cup of Blessing Holy Communion Class, geared for preschool through 8th grade and their families, but

ALL ages are welcome!

We will learn the secret of the *real presence*, and everyone gets to decorate their own wine glass for use on Maundy Thursday.

Please sign up on the small youth board across from the sanctuary. Contact Naomi Schmidt for more information.



**Christ's
Church**
better together

**CELEBRATE
EASTER**

April 21 **SERVICE**

6:00 am Easter Vigil/Bonfire

9:00 am Sunday Worship w/Communion

11:30 am Christian Mass Worship/w Communion

**Join us for
Easter
Potluck
Brunch**

April 21st
after the
9:00 am Worship
(10:15–11:15 am)

**There's a sign-up sheet you can fill out in the
Narthex to let us know what you plan to bring
and how many people will be attending.**





New Mexico Conference of Churches

CIRCO for Community and Justice

A Benefit Dinner & Cultural Program

Friday, April 5, 2019
5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

In the Sala/Family Center at Our Lady
of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church
5415 Fortuna Rd NW, Albuquerque

Reservations available online:
www.NMchurches.org
Table of 8 for \$250 / Individual \$35

Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers
Dinner by Mujeres en Acción

Ministries supported by CIRCO 2019:

- Hozho Wellness Center
 - Ecumenical Institute for Ministry
 - Santa Fe Faith Network for Immigrant Justice
 - New Mexico Conference of Churches
- Bring your check book or credit card

Become a sponsor.
Questions? 505-243-6234 or NMchurches@gmail.com

- PLEASE NOTE -
The TLC office hours are:
Tues—Fri
9:00 am—2:00 pm
Staff Meeting:
Wednesdays, 1:00 pm

*Thankful
and
Blessed*

I've seen
better days
but I've also
seen worse

I don't have everything I
want but I have all I need

I woke up with some pains
and aches this morning but I
woke up

My life may not be perfect,
BUT I AM BLESSED

Submitted by Dan Duggan



Seder

When: Palm or Passion Sunday Evening (**April 14th**)

Time: 4:30 PM

For Whom: Young and old...your family and friends...

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

What to bring? 1) a Middle Eastern Dish to share;
2) a bottle (or 2) of wine and/or Grape juice



What is the Seder?

The Seder meal served on the first night of Passover, commemorating the flight of the people of Israel from Egypt. Presided over by the heads of the family, the Seder follows a liturgy, the Haggadah, that reminds the participants of the story of the Exodus. The ritual includes blessings, the pouring and drinking of wine, ritual questions about the meaning of the meal ("Why does this night differ from all other nights?") asked by the youngest child present. The meal includes unleavened bread (matzah), moror (bitter herbs), haroset, green herbs, salt water, wine (or grape juice) a roasted egg and lamb. The various foods symbolize the bitterness of slavery and the haste with which the Israelites had to leave Egypt.

Why are Christians celebrating the Seder?

There many evidences that (in the New Testament and in the tradition) that Jesus was celebrating the Seder with his disciples at the time of the institution of the Last Super or the Lord's Supper. The Seder meal provides us a window into our Old Testament traditions and to be mindful of the past we share with our Jewish brothers and sisters.

What's the mood of the Seder?

Since the meal remembers both the slavery of the Israelites endured in Egypt and their freedom....it is serious, playful, and fun!

What are you to bring? ***Middle Eastern Foods!!!!***

We pause during the Seder.....to have a pot-luck Middle Eastern Meal. Here are some examples of what you can bring:

- *Spanikopta (spinach pie)
- *Izmir kafe (middle eastern meatballs)
- *Middle Eastern Salads
- *Greek Dinner Salads
- *Hummus & Pita (appetizers)
- *Chicken with coucous & spinach
- *Tzatsiki with pita
- *Olives
- *Grilled chicken or beef kebabs
- *Eggplant with spiced bee & pine nuts
- *Falafel
- *Find something interesting to cook!!
- *Baklava or any number of desserts suitable for Passover....use your imagination!!!

ELCA presiding bishop pastoral message on Christchurch mosque shootings

3/15/2019 12:55:00 PM



Dear Church,

Today we awoke to the devastating news of the mass shootings at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. We join in mourning for the people who were killed and wounded, for their families, for the first responders and grief counselors, and for all whose lives have been shattered

today. We know that God is present in the midst of their suffering.

We know that our own Muslim neighbors here in the U.S. are also experiencing grief and fear. Many will wonder whether it is safe to attend Friday prayers today. These are not the kinds of questions that any of us should have to ask ourselves as we seek to live out our religious commitments. Yet, devastatingly, this is also a reality that binds us together as people of faith. As I wrote last November in the wake of the Tree of Life shooting: "Hate-filled violence knows no bounds – whether a Sikh Temple in Oak Creek, a Christian church in Charleston, a Jewish synagogue in Pittsburgh" – and now these mosques in New Zealand.

Together with our ecumenical and inter-religious partners, we stand shoulder to shoulder in condemning hatred, bigotry, racism and violence whenever and wherever it occurs. We do so because all people are made in the image of God. Therefore, as an act of neighborly love, I urge you to reach out to your Muslim neighbors today and in the days to come to ask how you might offer solidarity and support – joining whenever possible with other ecumenical and inter-religious neighbors.

I leave you with the words of Psalm 16:1: "Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge." This is my prayer – for our Muslim neighbors, for the people of Christchurch, and for all who mourn and are afraid. May we see in this devastation the possibility to be Christ's presence with our neighbors in this world – to be present in their suffering and to be partners in God's justice and peace.

In peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, ELCA



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The ELCA provides resources that address safety in congregations:
<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Risk-Management>

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has compiled this list of active shooter resources for congregations:
<https://disciples.org/resources/active-shooter-information-congregations/>

Spring of Hope



You are invited to join us for the 2019 Spring of Hope Open House

The Board, Staff and Volunteers invite you to join us on **Saturday, April 13th** for the 2019 **Spring of Hope Open House** from **12:30 to 2:00 pm**.

If you have ever wondered how people become homeless and what services are available to help them leave the streets?
Or had questions about what Camp Hope looks like on the inside?

Please join us for the Spring of Hope Open House: A Celebration of our Community's Big Heart and thank you to our donors and friends.

Gourmet soups and sandwiches prepared by Alma d' Arte Culinary students.

There will be tours of the MVCH facilities, **tours of Camp Hope**, and opportunities to talk with staff about the programs and services available.

Community of Hope is located at 999 W. Amador Ave.
Ample parking is available.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the 13th!



Contact Pastor Christa or Wayne if you want to carpool from the church. Our Wednesday mid-week Lenten offerings are designated to support Community of Hope. Give generously through TLC!

Did you know? Trinity Lutheran Church
now offers two worship times.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 am

and

CHRISTIAN MASS WORSHIP

11:30 am – 12:15 pm

Short homily, Less-formal, Holy Eucharist

Families, the elderly, seasonal members, special
needs folks, singles, and later-sleepers...

YOU are all warmly invited!

"SING TO THE LORD!"

SECOND ANNUAL HYMN FESTIVAL

Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m.

**Peace Lutheran Church
1701 E. Missouri Avenue**

An ecumenical event, it will feature glorious hymns and incorporate the talents of many area musicians, including TLC folks. It is hosted by the Las Cruces Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, which invites anyone who enjoys great hymns to come and participate. ~Seth Zamora



As part of your Holy Week Devotions, you are invited to a...

Second Annual Trinity Lutheran Church *Stations of the Cross Walk*

(with Pastors Wayne & Christa)

When: Good Friday, April 19, 2019

Where: Holy Cross Retreat Center
600 Holy Cross Rd. , Mesilla Park, NM

Time: 9 AM

Meet: At Holy Cross Retreat Center shortly

before 9 AM outside the Chapel of the Holy Cross Center. Since it is outdoors, dress for the weather.

Who to invite? Your friends, neighbors or family members of any age or denomination (or no denomination at all).

The Stations of the Cross is a form of Catholic devotion that remembers the passion and death of Jesus. This tradition began in the 4th century when Christians went on pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Each of the 14 stages recalls a specific event that took place on Good Friday. We will be using a Protestant liturgy which consists of prayers, meditations and short periods of silence at each of the 14 events. We will be doing the outdoor stations, located just outside the chapel and should last about an hour.

Why pray the Stations of the Cross? Eight reasons: 1) They allow us to place our trust in Jesus; 2) They put us in the story; 3) They remind us that Jesus suffers with us; 4) They compel us to action; 5) They help us make a decision for or against Christ; 6) They reveal God's response to evil in the world; 7) They give us the certainty of God's love for us; and 8) They guide us from the cross to the resurrection. – Pope Francis



Lent mid-week worship



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019



Have you always wanted to visit Athens, part of the route that Paul followed in Greece? Does your bucket list include a visit to the famous Marketplace, a seat at the Olympics, and an opportunity to learn about Paul's ministry? Don't have thousands of dollars to spare? No problem!! Vacation Bible School at Trinity will "transport" you to Athens with much less cash (actually no cash J) and much more fun.

However, we ask for donations...adults, please prayerfully consider helping - for the whole week OR even for just ONE or TWO mornings- your time and talents are precious, whatever you can offer. No major time commitment necessary.

Youngsters, put this trip on your calendar and spread the word to your friends.

***** Save the Dates *****

June 17-21, 9 am -12 noon.

Travel arrangements: see Naomi Schmidt

SPRING BOUTIQUE SATURDAY APRIL 6TH •10AM-4PM• MISSION LUTHERAN SCHOOL •2752 N ROADRUNNER PKWY•

BeneYou	Paparazzi
Chloe + Isabel	Origami Owl
Young Living	Beauty Counter
LuLaroe	Jianna Elise Boutique
Matilda Jane	Voltage Nutrition
LipSense	Primerica
Thirty-One	Desination Yours
Usborne	Reclaim Wellness
Scentsy	Isaac Vigil—Exit Realty



*Food, drawings,
and more fun!!*

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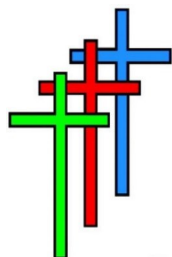
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LIFE BY GOD TO:

- † **GATHER** people to faith in the
forgiving and transforming
"Presence of God"
- † **EQUIP** people for a dynamic
role in the "Body of Christ"
- † **SEND** people into the world,
driven by the Spirit, to "Share
the Grace" of our living God



**SUNDAY
WORSHIP**
9:00 am
and
11:30 am

How To Find Us:

We are located at 2900 Elks Drive, just north
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and Elks Drive. From I-25 take the US 70/
Main St. exit, turn west to first stop light, turn
north one block.

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PRAYER REQUESTS



Please offer your thoughts and prayers for: Brian Abraham, Tony & Natalie Anthony, Steven Anowlic, Lynn Brandt, Jeremy Bryan, Tammy Combs, Kenneth Drake, Wilba Duggan, Beatrice Garski, David Garski, Gary Heinz, Carla Holzerland, Ted & Stella Jones, Jann K., Kerri MacPherson, Veronica Leyva, Anne Miller, Carolyn Mink family, Carmella Myers, Dorothy Nelson, Al Nunez, Lavilette Rakoff, Lori Ruoff, Miriam Shouman, Arvel Thomas, Magdalene von Zychlin, Maria Warner, and Craig & Elizabeth, Kathy & family, family & friends of Susie Drumm and Russell Fox. Serving in the Military: Hurburt Field, FL, Colin & Jason Purvis.

Please call the pastors, Marlene Nunez or the church office if there are changes/ additions needed to the prayer requests. We want to care for one another.

CELEBRATIONS

Members celebrating an anniversary:

Ron & Beth LeBlanc Shirkey 4/3/2005
Dan & Mary Cosper 4/4/1969



Members celebrating a birthday:



Ted	Jones	4/01
Dan	Risk	4/07
Susanne	Timmerman	4/08
Larry	Holzerland	4/13
Jessica	Sletten	4/13
Karen	Walls	4/16
Emerald	Heggen	4/18
Kathleen	Kershaw	4/19
Eddie	Hussain	4/20
Patti	Risk	4/21

Please let us know if we inadvertently missed your birthday or anniversary!



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"God loves a cheerful giver!" 2 Corinthians 9:7

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- ☒ **or select other (for a category not listed)**

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