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## Lenten Activities

### Lenten Soup Suppers "Be Nurtured"

All ages are welcome on Sunday evenings through Lent from 5:30pm to 7pm to "Be Nurtured" of mind, body, and spirit.  
Together, we will fill our tummies with a simple soup supper, our intellects with interesting study and our hearts with the gift of being a community.

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### Pastor's Perspective

Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians...

*My response is to get down on my knees before God, this magnificent God who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask God to strengthen you by the Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask God that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.*

*God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!*

*God does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, the Holy Spirit deeply and gently within us.*

*Glory to God in the church!  
Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!  
Glory down all the generations!  
Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!*

*(The Message, Ephesians 3:14-21)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
It's still Lent! I pray that your Lenten disciplines are going well; that they are teaching you about yourself and about God. If you never took up a Lenten discipline... it is not too late!

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You could begin today, because we worship a God of grace who is eager to be on this Lenten journey with you today, tomorrow, and all of the next days!

If you *did* start a Lenten discipline but have fallen off the wagon, so to speak, today is a great day to climb back on. Or perhaps you realized that the discipline you had chosen was not useful for your walk with Christ, and that's why you stopped. If that was the case, look back a couple of sentences to where I said that today is a good day to start a discipline that helps draw you closer to God. Last month's newsletter has many suggestions in it for things to let go of and things to clasp tightly.

In the past few months, you have been asked to prayerfully consider what amount of your financial resources you share with the church. Whatever that set amount or percentage might be, the next step is for us to figure out how Trinity United Methodist Church can best embody God's faithful Word leading us to faithful action.

Although we house many great activities, how do we, as Body of Christ, make a real difference in our community? I invite you to do some dreaming about how this worshipping community can share the Good News with a hurting world. How can we make our actions show God's love for everyone?

Blessings,  
Reverend Ruth

## Holy Days

### Palm Sunday Worship

"Where You There?" will be the theme for Palm Sunday worship services at 9am and 11:30am on **March 20th**. At the Traditional Worship we will be guided through the Passion of Christ by the Chancel Choir and a cast of several others using song and story.

### Holy Thursday Worship

Share in remembering the Last Supper and how Jesus gave of himself that we might live an abundant life in the Spirit. Open Communion and music by the Chancel Choir will be featured at this worship held at 7pm on **March 24th**.

### Good Friday Prayer Vigil

From 9am to 3pm on **March 25th** the sanctuary will be open for prayer. Come and go as the Spirit calls you to be in prayer, retreat briefly from the busy world, or to reflect on the journey of Lent.

### Easter Sunrise Celebration

Come celebrate the Risen Lord (along with the rising of the sun) at the river. Gather at Gem Lake Boat Launch Parking area at 7am on Easter morning, **March 27th**. It's just a short, and mostly level, walk from there to the river to share in a proclamation of the resurrection of the Christ.

## United Methodist Women

Several members of the unit will be attending EMEE....the Every Member Enrichment Event.. in Pocatello on Saturday, March 5. With the theme "Reach Out With Happiness", there will be ways to reach out with children, youth and around the world. Also included in the EMEE is officer training time and a hands-on mission project. Attendees are requested to bring hygiene items that can be packaged and distributed to people at shelters and other places in the communities. This event is one of three in the Sage District which makes it possible for more to attend without needing to travel long distances.

Sunday, March 13 is the big day for shopping for food items!!! There will be soups, casseroles, snacky type food as well as cookies and candy. The sale will be after both services. Money from this

project helps support mission work to children, youth and women all over the world. And, it is a great time to treat yourself!!!

The March Unit meeting will be Thursday, March 10 at 1:00 with a program on Latin America from the Mission U study. Refreshments will be a Taco bar to go along with the study.

### BAKE SALE, SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Following both services on Sunday March 13, the United Methodist Women will hold a bake sale. There will be soups, desserts, cookies, surprises!! Stop by for special treats; who knows what will whet your appetite!!

Bev Kemp and Joanne McCray are the chairwomen of this tasteful event.

## Trinity UMC Youth

Ahhh, Spring is right around the corner and with it the inevitable burst of energy, excitement, and get-it done attitude; I am proud to say the Youth have been hit with the same bug. Over the next month our Youth will be working on hand decorating reusable shopping bags that we will sell for donation. The proceeds will be used for our kids to go on a mini-mission trip to the UMCOR Depot in Salt Lake City.



**Regional Council for Christian Ministry  
Friday Lenten Series**

11:30 Lunch    Noon to 12:30-Worship    12:30-Lunch

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Preacher:</b>
March 4	First Lutheran Church	Pamela Mayes
March 11	St. Luke's Episcopal	Cathy Chisholm
March 18	St. Paul's UMC	Susan Speir

**RCCM February Committee Reports:**

FISH - 28 client families were served in January; for the 2015-2016 school year, 813 supply orders have been filled. FISH is expanding the amount of cleaning supplies that they will stock (such items are not covered under the food stamp program).

GREATEST NEEDS: Scientific calculators and headsets (contact FISH for type and cost range).

Community Food Basket - 869 families (2924 individuals) were served in January. The Food Basket is working with the LDS community to coordinate food drives.

Little Church in the Pines: The funding for the new well has been completed: \$12,000!

**Other Business:**

Lenten Series offering: \$200 will be given to the interfaith committee planning for Senior Baccalaureate services; the remainder will fund the joint Vacation Bible School being offered by several RCCM member churches.

Vacation Bible School: the joint VBS being offered by several RCCM member churches will be held July 15 - 17 at Sunnyside (Mel Erickson) Park, near EIRMC.

Soup Kitchen: All teams currently in place; numbers were down in January due to weather.

Homeless Stand Down: numbers down this year; heavy snow the night before made reaching the event difficult for many. It is also believed that the improving economy is helping. The take-away food items were provided by private donations and the Community Food Basket.



**The 2016 Easter Lilies—**

All of the beauty, but none of the pollen of previous years! These are a sample of the artistic flowers that will be available for sale after Easter to benefit the memorial fund.

Kelly Carney painted these two. A variety of artists, of varying ages have been asked to provide lilies to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning. If you would be willing to provide a lily, in various sizes and mediums, please let me know, we are still taking submissions.

**Christian Education**

**Sunday Mornings, 10:15am** For the 6 Sundays during Lent all of the kids Sunday School classes will have an opportunity to learn about the Jewish Passover meal called a Seder. Each week we will sample a different course of the meal and learn why that particular food was served to help remember the Exodus.

**Sunday Afternoons, March 6, 13, 20–** from 5:30pm to 7pm “Be Nurtured” of mind, body, and spirit. Together, we will fill our tummies with a simple soup supper, our intellects with interesting study and our hearts with the gift of being a community.

**Sunday, March 27, EASTER–** 10:15am Easter Egg Hunt and related activities. Join us for the fun and learn about the meaning of Easter to our lives.

Thanks, Christian Education Committee



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  5:00 Peo Dinner 7:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Daisy/Brownie Scouts 7:00 Trustees in rm 108	2  9:00 Breakfast @ O'Brady's 10:00 Prayer Shawl 11:00 Upper Room 1:30 NAMI 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Marnie Circle	3  9:30 UMW Exec. Meeting  7:00 Choir 7:00 Girl Scouts	4 Church Office Closed  11:30 RCCM Lenten Series @ 1st Lutheran  7:00 NA	5  7:00 AA
6 Lent 4  9:00 Praise & Rejoice 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 Traditional Worship  4:30 Youth Group 5:30 "Be Nurtured" Lenten Soup Suppers	7  6:30 Praise Rehearsal 7:00 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 NA	8  6:30 Finance Committee 7:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Daisy/Brownie Scouts	9  9:00 Breakfast @ O'Brady's 10:00 Prayer Shawl 11:00 Upper Room Study 1:30 NAMI 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Marnie Circle	10  1:00 UMW Unit Meeting  7:00 Choir 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Museum Speaker	11 Church Office Closed  11:30 RCCM Lenten Series @ St. Luke's Episcopal  7:00 NA	12  7:00 AA
13 Lent 5  9:00 Praise & Rejoice 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 Traditional Worship  4:30 Youth Group 5:30 "Be Nurtured" Lenten Soup Suppers	14  10:00 FISH  6:30 Praise Rehearsal 7:00 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 NA	15  1:00 RCCM  6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Daisy/Brownie Scouts 7:30 Administrative Church Council	16  9:00 Breakfast @ O'Brady's 10:00 Prayer Shawl 11:00 Upper Room 1:30 NAMI 5:30 SPRC Meeting rm 108 7:00 Museum Speaker 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Marnie Circle	17  1:00 Ethel Clark  7:00 Choir 7:00 Girl Scouts	18 Church Office Closed  11:30 RCCM Lenten Series @ St. Paul's UMC  7:00 NA	19  7:00 AA
20 Palm Sunday  9:00 Praise & Rejoice 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 Traditional Worship  4:30 Youth Group 5:30 "Be Nurtured" Lenten Soup Suppers	21  6:30 Praise Rehearsal 7:00 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 NA	22  6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Daisy/Brownie Scouts 7:00 Cub Den Meeting 7:30 Education Meeting	23  9:00 Breakfast @ O'Brady's 10:00 Prayer Shawl 11:00 Upper Room 1:30 NAMI 7:00 Museum Speaker 7:00 Choir Practice 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Susannah Circle	24 Maundy Thursday  7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship  7:00 Girl Scouts 7:30 Cub Scout Committee	25 Good Friday Church Office Closed  9am to 3pm Good Friday Drop-In Prayer Vigil  7:00 NA	26  7:00 AA
27 Easter 7:00 Easter Sunrise Worship 9:00 Praise & Rejoice 10:15 Sunday School & Easter Egg Hunt 11:30 Traditional Worship	28 Church Office Closed  6:30 Praise Rehearsal 7:00 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 NA	29  5:00 PEO Dinner 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Daisy/Brownie Scouts 7:00 Trustees Meeting	30  9:00 Breakfast @ O'Brady's 10:00 Prayer Shawl 11:00 Upper Room 1:30 NAMI 7:00 Museum Speaker 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Marnie Circle	31  7:00 Choir 7:00 Girl Scouts	1 April Church Office Closed  7:00 NA	2 April  7:00 AA

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Please have your articles for the April newsletter submitted no later than Tuesday March 15th, so we can get the newsletter out in a timely manner. Thank you!