

*February 2026*

# *The Herald*

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*We love because He  
first loved us.*

*1 John 4:19*



*Come Worship With Us Each Sunday  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.*

# From the Pastor

*"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." - Genesis 3:19*

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

As February arrives, the Church once again stands at the threshold of a sacred season.

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, a 40-day journey of repentance, reflection, and renewal that leads us to the joy of Easter. For Lutherans, Lent is a season of returning—again and again—to the grace already given to us in Jesus Christ.

On Ash Wednesday, we will gather to receive ashes on our foreheads in the shape of a cross, hearing the ancient words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." These words may sound dark, even uncomfortable, but they speak truthfully about our human condition: we are mortal, fragile, and in need of God's mercy. Yet the ashes are marked as a cross, reminding us that even in our brokenness, we belong to Christ. Death does not have the final word—God does.

Lent invites us to honest self-examination. Martin Luther taught that the Christian life is one of daily repentance—not despairing over our sin, but turning away from it and turning toward God in trust.

During these weeks, we are encouraged to slow down and reflect: Where have we placed our trust? What habits, attitudes, or distractions pull us away from love of God and neighbor? Lent creates space for God to work on our hearts through prayer, Scripture, worship, and service.

And, ultimately, Ash Wednesday and Lent point us to the cross. As we walk with Jesus toward Jerusalem, we are reminded that Christ willingly entered our suffering, carried our sin, and conquered death through love. Lent does not end in ashes or sorrow; it leads to resurrection. The journey may be marked by repentance, but it is grounded in hope.

May this season draw us closer to Christ, deepen our faith, and renew our joy in the promise that "from death comes life," and from ashes, God brings new beginnings.

Something to think about.

In Christ,

*P. Randy*



## Upcoming Events

A green poster for the Souper Bowl Luncheon. It features a black bowl of soup with a garnish, a slice of bread, and a yellow brushstroke. The text reads: "Souper Bowl Luncheon" (in white), "Holy Trinity's TEENS FOR CHRIST" (in white), "Invite you to our annual SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON" (in white), "February 8th in the TLC following worship" (in white). Below this, it says: "\*Donations will be taken to support a local ministry of the youth's choosing\*". It also says: "The congregation is invited and encouraged to bring a soup or chili, sandwiches (grilled cheese or pb&amp;j), crackers, or a dessert. Please indicate what you will bring on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. This will help us ensure we have enough food for all! Thanks for your support!!". At the bottom right is the logo "SOUper BOWL OF CARING" with a bowl and spoon icon.

# Upcoming Events



**American  
Red Cross**

Community of Giving

## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Blood Drive

**Feb. 9, 2026  
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Trinity Life Center  
531 Church Street, Little Mountain, SC 29075



Please help with the blood shortage.  
For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

# Upcoming Events

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH  
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.



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Ash Wednesday

**WORSHIP**

February 18, 2026

10:00 a.m. (TLC)

7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

[holytlc.org](http://holytlc.org)

# Upcoming Events & Important Information

## LENT 2026



Irony may be defined as “a combination of circumstances or a result that is the opposite of what . . . might be expected.” Jesus’ passion is filled with irony, which includes but isn’t limited to Caiaphas’ unintentional prophesy and the Jewish leaders’ hypocrisy. This year during Lent, we’re going to consider the many ironies that unfolded on Jesus’ journey to the cross, His resurrection, and His rising from the dead.

February 18 (Ash Wednesday 10 am & 7 pm) – This Man Went Home Justified

February 25 – It Is Better That One Man Die for the People

March 4 – Not During the Festival

March 11 – He Had Been Wanting to See Jesus

March 18 – We Have No King But Caesar

March 25 – Don’t You Fear God?

March 29 (Palm Sunday) – Do You Hear What These Children Are Saying?

April 2 (Maundy Thursday) – Do This in Remembrance of Me

April 3 (Good Friday) – He Said, “I Will Rise Again”

April 5 (Easter Sunday) – Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?

MEAL 6 pm  
WORSHIP 7 pm

No meals on Ash Wednesday (2/18), Maundy Thursday (4/2), or Good Friday (4/3).



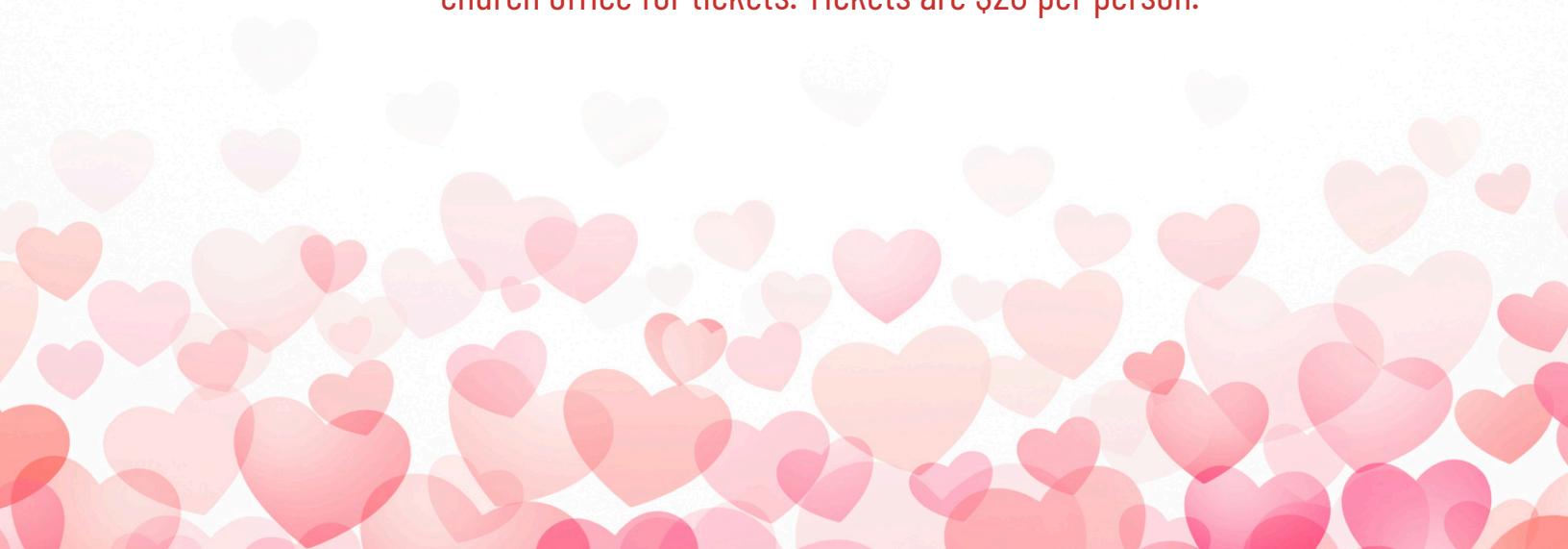
THE HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN MEN  
INVITE YOU TO THE 2026

# *Ladies Night*

Saturday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Catered Meal &  
Entertainment by Pastor Ron Brown

Please see a member of the Lutheran Men or contact the  
church office for tickets. Tickets are \$20 per person.



# February Serving Assistants

Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer	Bulletin Folder	Lectors	Flowers
01	Hudson Long	Roman Long	Landon & Logan Frick	Roman Long	Ann Sanders
08	Karter Crumpton	Karsyn Crumpton	Barrett Havird	Youth Sunday	Rebecca & Robert Edwards
15	Colson Winn	Dustin Winn	Zack Henson	Christie Allison	Daniel & Ashley Boland
18 Ash Wed	Eden Stoudemire	Ella Stoudemire		Ted Arnold	Lent-No Flowers
22	Dorothy Armstrong	Eva Kednocker	Kaylee Hentz	Andrew Diegel	Lent-No Flowers
25 Wed	Landon Frick	Zack Henson		Donna Fulmer	Lent-No Flowers

<b>Altar / Parament</b>
Jessica Lindler, Erica Carter, Bobbie King

Sunday	Greeters	Nursery
01	Charles & Kaye Shealy	Kara Cumalander, Sara Hutchinson, Dorothy Armstrong
09	Sam & Sara Hutchinson	unstaffed
16	Ray & Kara Cumalander	Ann Newton, Caitlin Attaway
23	Bobby & Laurie Chapman	unstaffed

	<b>Communion</b>
01	Phillip Allison & Janet Fulmer
15	Maxton & Bobbie King
18	Charles & Kaye Shealy

Ushers -	Chairman:	Maxton King	* elevator operator
01, 08	Ritchie Koon	Dean Rodgers	Daniel Williams*
15, 22	David Rodgers	Dell Lever	Cameron Kaihara*

Sunday	<b>Golf Cart Drivers</b>
01	Curtis Boland
08	Bobby Chapman
15	Benjamin Corley
22	Ritchie Koon

# February Birthdays

February 1	Brent Bodie, Maxton King
February 2	Darin Boland, Jared Wicker
February 3	Hillary Dana, Lynn Livingston, Lainey Attaway
February 4	Tina Attaway
February 5	Chris Sanders, George Stoudemire III
February 6	Shelley Page
February 8	Frances Farr, Tara Chapman
February 9	Diane Hardy
February 10	Glenda Hentz, Kara Cumalander
February 11	Julie McLeod, Jeff Bedenbaugh
February 12	Daniel Williams
February 13	Tanner Shell
February 15	Hannah Sheely Huffstetler
February 17	Roxie Derrick, Bradley Abrams, Madison Abrams, Alex Attaway
February 19	Desiree Chapman
February 20	Helen Koon, William Dupuis
February 22	Ann Sanders, Victoria Chapman, Everett Boland
February 24	Mike Morales
February 25	Debra Dupuis
February 26	Travis Koon, Taylor Lake
February 27	Morgan E. Shealy
February 28	Clyde Livingston, Liam Kaihara, Tammy Kednocker

Happy  
Birthday



# February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship/ Preschool Sunday	2 Prayer Shawl 9am TLC - 7pm	3 Faith Circle - 2pm Stewardship 6:30pm	4 Bible Study 10am Choir Practice 7pm	5 Card Night 6pm Youth Choir 6pm	6	7
8 7:30am - Council Mtg 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship Souper Bowl Luncheon	9 Prayer Shawl 9am Blood Drive 2-7pm	10 GLASS - 6:30 pm	11 Bible Study 10am Choir Practice 7pm	12 Youth Choir 6pm Bible Study 7pm	13	14
15 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 4:30pm- Confirmation	16 Prayer Shawl 9am	17 Shrove Tuesday 6-7:30pm	18 Bible Study 10am GNC 2:40-4pm Ash Wednesday 10 am & 7pm	19 Youth Choir 6pm Circle of Joy 6:30pm	20	21 Ladies Night 6pm
22 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship/Preschool Sunday 4:30pm-Confirmation 5:30pm- Teens for Christ	23 Prayer Shawl 9am	24 GLASS - 6:30 pm	25 Bible Study 10am GNC 2:40-4pm Lent Meal 6-7pm Lent Worship 7pm	26 Happy Mountaineers 10am Youth Choir 6pm Bible Study 7pm	27	28

## Bible Verse of the Month

*"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."*  
-Colossians 3:14

# Memorials

## Altar & Parament

In Memory of Earl Cumalander given by Bobbie & Maxton King.

# Prayer Concerns

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God. (Phil. 4:6)*

Jackson Shealy (Member of the Screaming Eagles), Meredith Williams (Daughter of Phil & Alice Martinez), Emily Clements, Margaret Millner (Sister of Emily Clements), David Mitchum (Friend of Randell Drafts), Kenny Chapman, Travis Spires, Libby Williamson (Aunt of Jillian Long), Becky Boland, David McCall, Family of Eddie Stevenson (Brother-in-law of Maxton King), Hannah Drafts, Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Abrams), Scott & Cheri Bell, Molly Kednocker, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie Bickley. *Note: Out of respect for individual wishes and privacy, if you wish to have someone placed on the prayer list, please obtain their permission prior to submitting it for publication in the newsletter. Thanks for your understanding.*

*We remember those in nursing care centers and the shut-ins of our congregation:*

*White Oak of Newberry  
Jean Alewine*

*Wellmore of Lexington  
Carolyn Shealy*

*Going in the hospital? Having surgery? Recovering from an illness?  
Are you in need of spiritual guidance or maybe in need of prayer?*

*Pastor Randy and the pastoral care volunteers of our congregation will be happy to visit with you at the hospital, at home or just pray for your healing and well-being.*

*Please call Pastor Randy Drafts at (803)537-2303 or the church office and let us know of your need and we will be glad to visit and pray with you anytime.*

*Remember, the Pastor and pastoral care volunteers cannot respond to or meet your needs if they are not aware of them.*

# Holy Trinity Staff

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9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

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