

Trinity Times



LINDSEY TRINITY CHURCH
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2020

2 Chronicles 7: 13-14

“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”



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TRINITY WILL SEEK, SERVE, AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE

Church Events

It's with a heavy heart and a love for our congregation that we announce all worship gatherings will be cancelled until April 18th. This includes:

- Sunday School
- Sunday Worship
- Confirmation Class
- Youth Fellowship
- Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Palm Sunday Service
- Senior Citizen's Gathering
- Kids/BIG Club
- LEO
- Lent Supper & Service
- Maundy Thursday Service
- Good Friday Service
- Easter Egg Hunt / Party
- Easter Sunrise Service
- Easter Pancake Breakfast
- Easter Worship Service
- YF Box Village Fundraiser
- Lindsey Prays Walk

April 19 & 26 services will be determined.

Stay Connected

Our church and our village are small, but mighty!
We will overcome this time of tribulation.
The church is not a building, it is the people.

Pastor Travis Montgomery has been preparing video messages, including Praise Music by Brad Hoffman.

These messages are meant to be enjoyed by all Christians of all denominations.

To stay connected to Lindsey Trinity while we are practicing social distancing, please visit us at:

- Website: <http://www.lindseytrinity.org/>
- Email: lindseytrinity@amplex.net
- <https://www.facebook.com/lindseytrinityumc/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/lindseypraiseteam/>
- <https://www.instagram.com/lindseytrinitychurch/>
- <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/trin231167>

A message for our regular members:

As you can see from the list to the left, our church has a lot going on and we love to share God's love throughout our church, the community, and the world. While we are closed for services, the bills continue to come in for all it takes to keep our building open, from insurance, to utilities, to wages, to our ministries and missions.

On Sunday, March 15th, the Easy Tithe offering was \$506.25. Our weekly need is budgeted at \$3,400.

Online giving is made really simple at the following website:

- <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/trin231167>

If you are unable to give online, you may mail a check to the church at:

Lindsey Trinity
P.O. Box 246
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Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Pastor's Page



Scarred History

"Frankie, what happened to your arm, man?" Frankie is a first-generation Hispanic in the US and an avid lifter at my gym. Furthermore, he's an incredibly hard worker, family man and always leaves the gym covered in sweat. Between his tricep and lower shoulder on his left arm is a massive scar that runs half way around his arm.

"Oh," he said, glancing at the mark, "This?"

"Yeah, what happened? That scar is huge."

Frankie shook his head with his eyes down to the ground. His body language went solemn. "You know I'm from Mexico?" I nodded. "I got shot."

"Holy smokes! You got shot? Are you kidding me?" I said, shocked.

He paused for a moment looked me in the eye then said, almost at a whisper, "Yeah... I'm kidding." Through his laughter he announced, "I got attacked by a bull!"

"Shut up, Frankie!" By this time I didn't believe a word coming out of his mouth. However, over the last number of months he's convinced me that it was actually a bull that got him.

When he was young and unsupervised, he climbed into a pen with a bull. The bull wasn't happy about it, attacked him, and tore through a part of his arm with its horn... or so the story goes. Not surprisingly, Frankie now cooks beef fajitas at a local restaurant.

Take that, bull.

There's something about scars. Even when I was young, I was fascinated by them. Now I'm proud of the ones I have. I have scars from wrestling, motocross, half-pipes and ramps, camping in West Virginia, surgeries and even working on my house. I'm proud of all of them. Why is that? Not once did I enjoy getting the scars. Nor would I ever attempt to get a scar on purpose. Even so, when I see them on my body, I get a sense of satisfaction.

I believe it's because, in my mind, each scar represents some kind of overcoming. Each symbolizes a victory over pain, danger and many times fear.

As I write this, the nation is just beginning to lock down businesses over COVID-19. By the time this message is received I imagine that many of us will be facing the "bull," and others will have already been struck by it. Most of us will have no experience with bulls previously, but that doesn't change the fact that we have found ourselves in the pen with the beast, like it or not. How we face it will determine how we look at our scars.

God has given us hope in all circumstances, even death. In these times be smart. Be strategic. Be courageous. Listen to how God is calling to you. Be God's faithful, because He is faithful to us. Remember that our Lord and savior is covered in scars. Someday may we look on ours and be thankful for what we overcame when we received them.

Pastor Travis Montgomery

The last Kids Club & BIG Club happened and we didn't even realize it.

For nearly 20 years, it has been our honor and blessing to provide Kid's Club and BIG Club for the children of the Lindsey community. Some of the first kids to attend are married and have kids of their own now!

My how the time has flown by!

Thank you to our community for your support of this program. Thanks for letting us show God's love to your children through homework help, games, snacks, videos, and most importantly, Bible stories.

Thank you to all who have donated funds to keep this program running.

Hundreds of kids have been blessed by this program over the years. Last fall nearly 50 children, primarily from Washington Elementary, enrolled in our after school program.

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time for the enrichment of the youth in our community. A very special thank you to Carlene Held who had the vision of Kid's Club and faithfully served God's children for many, many years as the Director of Kid's Club and BIG Club. And another special thank you to Cate Knipp for stepping up and leading as the director when Carlene retired. Our church and the whole Lindsey community is tremendously blessed to have you two. You have served faithfully in love.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped over the years, too many to name. Your devotion to the children of this community is appreciated.

Prayer List

Heavenly Father....

We pray for strength and courage in these uncertain times as we deal with disruption in our lives. We pray for those afflicted with this terrible virus and their family and loved ones. We pray for helpers....the doctors and nurses and other medical staff, the scientists and researchers, the grocers and truckers, and all the others in our world community who are fighting this disease. We pray for our Pastor Travis, and church leaders of all faiths around the world, as they work to create ways to keep their church families connected. We pray for comfort and peace as we face unknown challenges yet ahead. We know you are with us always and we ask for your grace and your mercy. In your name we pray. Amen



From our bulletin insert, please keep these people in prayer. If you would like to add someone, please email: cate.knipp@gmail.com

Glenn Baker	Dave Miller
Jerry Beard	Becky Minick
Chris Bloom	Sharon Neifer
Rich Bloom	Smokie Overmyer
Dan Brubaker	Joyce Pendleton
Sean Connors	Aja Pope
Tim Curry	Dale Reiter
Jack Eppley	Lynn Salyer
Randy Eppley	Matt Sanders
Dick Fahle	Walt Sanders
Jim Freeman	Jim Scharer
Brian Geller	Sandy Schneider
Nathan Giles	Howard Schroeder
Dwight & Jeanne Gnepper	Connie Schott
Lisa Haas	Dick Sievert
Carlene Held	Owen Smith
Gladys Kuehne	Michelle Stahl
Carolyn Lipstraw	Lori Sout
Kathy Longenbaugh	Isabel Sweeney
Sara & Alex	Patti Tucker
Mersing	Norbert Wethington

Adulting Fund

Lindsey Trinity Scholarship Application

It is our great pleasure, as the Lindsey Trinity United Methodist Church Missions Committee, to honor you with the Lindsey Trinity Adulting Fund Award. We are incredibly grateful that you have decided to be a part of God's kingdom and our lives, here at Lindsey Trinity. In response to your faithfulness, we are excited to bless you as you pursue God's will for your future. We pray that wherever you go, you take God and a little bit of Lindsey with you. We have great expectations for you, are proud of you, and will continue to remember you in our prayers as you embark on this new stage in your life. **And remember, wherever you go, we will always be here for you.**

Qualifications and Amount

This award is available to any current **high school senior** attending or involved in Lindsey Trinity regardless of their career path, be it secondary education, military service, employment, or the school of hard knocks. The total amount of the award will be based on the amount of funds available and the number of applicants received.

Adulting Fund Requirements

Write a short testimony about how God has blessed you through Lindsey Trinity UMC. Email the testimony to Helen Hollis at hhsunsky@yahoo.com by **April 30th** in order to qualify. Please include your:

- **Full name**
- **Address**
- **Phone number**
- **Email address**
- **Senior photo**

Note: Your testimony may be released publicly through bulletins, church newsletters, the church website, internet or other media outlet deemed worthy by church staff and the Missions Committee.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please text or call Erica Overmyer at 419-680-6416.

Thank you for choosing to be a part of our amazing church family!



let's celebrate!

Lindsey Trinity's

64th Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner was held on March 12 at Ole Zim's Wagon Shed.

Thanks to Dave Voelker and Mike Yeagle for putting together this great evening of food, fellowship, and an inspiring presentation by cartoonist, Earl Musick.



Liberty Center

Our March dinner for the Center went on as planned. We served chicken & Noodles, peas and carrots, tossed salad, fresh fruit, and dessert. The people who helped this month were: Dawn and Brian Geller, Chris Bloom, Nancy Lipstraw, Judy Knipp, and Audine Leeper. "Thank You" to all my angels !!

Birthdays

- 4/2 Allison Opelt
- 4/4 Robert Rogers
- 4/5 Matt Overmyer
- 4/11 Andrea Smith
- 4/12 Dawn Geller
- 4/14 Luke Foster
- 4/15 Karen Oberst
- 4/15 Aaron Opelt
- 4/16 Alexis Parkhurst
- 4/16 Gavin Voelker
- 4/19 Mary Jaquillard
- 4/20 Daryl Knipp
- 4/21 Robert Catalano
- 4/22 Lakelyn Eaglen
- 4/23 Lillian Montgomery
- 4/25 Jennifer Wagner
- 4/30 Bill Draeger



2020 Women's Retreat
Presented by Pastor Grace

Peace IN THE Storms

MARCH 7TH, 2020

We had a wonderful gathering on March 7, 2020 for our second annual Women's Retreat. This year's theme was "Peace in the Storms" and little did we know what God was prepping us for as a week later we were to be faced with the news of the world pandemic caused by COVID-19. A total of 117 tickets were sold for this event and 13 wonderful women from Grace United Methodist Church in Perrysburg joined us to lead our very special day.

Many special people from our church volunteered to spend their day at church to make sure everything went smoothly. Special thanks to Brad Hoffman and Pastor Travis for leading the music and performing with the Praise Team, Ryan & Owen Smith for running the sound system and media, Marissa Overmyer, Hank Garcia, Jim Lipstraw, Tim Arnold, Brian Geller, Russ Zimmerman and Harrison Williams for serving lunch and clean up, Barb Opelt & Cate Knipp for handling registration and check in, and Yolanda Amparan for greeting and distributing folders.

The Lindsey Trinity Dartball team placed third at the tournament on March 13th. Congrats!

Anniversaries

- 4/11 Don & Carlene Held
- 4/20 Mark & Erika Montgomery
- 4/27 Jacob & Meredith Parkhurst
- 4/29 Adam & Natalie Clark

Email lindseytrinity.org to be added to the birthday / anniversary list

April Worship Assistants		
	April 19 (TBD)	April 26 (TBD)
Ushers:	Eric & Tammy Jahns, Judy Knipp, Cate Knipp	
Children's Church	Korrin & Luke Durbin	Cate Knipp & Brianna Montgomery
Greeters	Ben Opelt & Alex Evans	Brian & Dawn Geller
Media	Russ Zimmerman & Beth Holcomb	Becky Jahns & Becca Holland
Worship Assistant	Steve Oberst	Jim Parkhurst
Children's Moment	Andrea Smith	Anne Arnold
Acolytes	Ava Smith	McKenzie Montgomery
Nursery	Tim Arnold & Yolanda Ampora	Kay Yeagle & Abby Montgomery
Music Leader	Brad Hoffman	Brad Hoffman
Open & Close Church	Barb Opelt	Eric Jahns