



## *From the Pastor*

As we start this new season of Lent, it is with an acute memory of two years ago, when we started Lent — and the COVID shut-down began. Someone said to me last year, “It’s like we’ve be in non-stop Lent for a year.” And here it is, another year on!

There has been an aspect of Lent to the last two years — sacrificing for the good of all (grumble), watching out for those who are weaker (grouch), giving up things we love to do (mutter). But as we hear the current news from Ukraine, I hope we are reminded of true heroism and recall that wearing a mask and getting a poke are not such big sacrifices in the grand scheme of things. I have been embarrassed by the behavior of many so-called Christians standing on their “rights.” They have so missed the point!

Lent is supposed to be a time of spiritual preparation for Easter, a time when we leave behind the distractions that keep us from fully appreciating Easter. But I suspect that this Easter will surely be deeply appreciated, as we go back to celebrating the beloved sunrise service at Salem after two years of having to “make do” with a scaled-down webcast. This year, come and join us in proclaiming, “The Lord is risen indeed!”

- *Pastor John*



# LENT BEGINS

*Ash Wednesday*, which marks the traditional forty days of Lent, falls on March 2 this year. We will not hold an early Holy Communion in the chapel this year; the attendance at that had fallen off before the start of COVID. (Maybe we can stir interest and start it up again next year?) But we will have our traditional Ash Wednesday Catacomb Service at 7:00 pm in the Reich Fellowship Hall.

This service, which was begun many years ago by the Right Rev. Burton Rights, seeks to capture the feel of the worship of early Christians in the catacombs. Light is provided by lit candles arranged all around the room and the participants reflect on the meaning of the prayer that Christ taught his disciples. The children of the LOGOS program participate in the service, with senior highs reading

the lessons. There is a period of prayer and repentance. During a time of silent meditation, participants may come forward and receive the imposition of ashes, a reminder of our own mortality: “from dust you came, to dust you shall return.” The service concludes with a Cup of Covenant service: each participant makes a covenant with the Savior for the Lenten period, and then drinks a cup of grape juice. This old Moravian tradition is different from Holy Communion, and allows the children to participate fully.

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## Puppet Making Workshop!

Saturday, March 26 at 2:00 pm, we will host a workshop on puppet making, led by Lyssa Troemel. This is open to anyone who is interested. Participants will actually learn how to make a classic hand puppet (not “Muppet” style) from scratch. Lyssa, who is attending UNCSA studying animatronics and is a member of the Puppeteers of America, has been attending regularly and has been involved in the LOGOS Puppet Team.

*This workshop was originally scheduled for January and had to be postponed due to weather.*

**PRAYER MINISTRY:** This month, we will be adding a special page on our website which will invite anyone who wishes to share prayer requests with us. If you would be willing to serve on the Prayer Team, please speak to Pastor John.

## Winston-Salem Mandate Ends

As of March 1, the city-wide mask mandate has ended. Our Board has also decided to relax some (not all) of the precautions we have observed in worship and other activities. Masks will now be voluntary rather than required in worship and other activities; we will resume taking offering the traditional way and we will resume the traditional manner of serving Holy Communion. However, we are going to continue social distancing and ask that families sit together.

### The Big “But” -

Remember that we are not out of the woods yet. Our positivity rate in Forsyth County is still too high, and our hospitals are near capacity. This means that according to the new CDC guidance, we should still all really consider wearing masks for indoor settings, and those over 75 (or with a chronic health condition) should continue to mask up. We are all sick of masks and restrictions — but we also don’t want our liberty to result in another person contracting an illness which could be very serious. Please continue to be cautious around those at high risk, especially those with diabetes, who are in cancer treatment, or who have some other vulnerability.

**KEEP IN MIND:** Should we have another “wave” where infections increase, *we may have to quickly revert to full restrictions.*

## Day of Prayer Services

The Trinity Women’s Fellowship will again host one of the Day of Prayer Services. Be sure to take some time to attend one or more of these meaningful Lenten services sponsored by the Southern Province Women’s Fellowships.

March 2, 2022 11:00 A.M. Home Moravian Ash Wednesday, Speaker: Rev. Emily Norris. The service will be webcast.

March 6, 2:00 P.M. Christ Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Reed Lawson. Band prelude. Lovefeast, no webcast.

March 9, 2022 11:00 A.M. Trinity Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Ginny ToBIassen. The service will be webcast, there will be no luncheon this year.

March 16, 11:00 A.M. Ardmore Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Joe Moore. Also webcast.

March 23, 11:00 A.M. Calvary Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Adam Goodrich. Coffee at 10:00 A.M. This service will be in person only.

March 30, 11:00 A.M. Fairview Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Tony Hayworth. In person only.

April 6, 11:00 A.M. Konnoak Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Fran Saylor. The service will be webcast.

**We will post links for these webcasts on our website at [trinitymoravian.org](http://trinitymoravian.org).**



## LOGOS Program

Our wonderful LOGOS program has continued in spite of the many challenges we have had the last two years. This outstanding inter-generational program brings together school age children, adults, and grandparents in a way that often doesn't happen in our culture today. If you haven't volunteered to work with LOGOS, you don't know what you are missing!

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Derek Hutchens	March 1
Ryan Myers	March 1
Kathryn Edwards	March 2
Kevin Runge	March 4
Jessica Tuttle	March 5
Robert Hege	March 15
Marty Fort	March 17
Kay Veach	March 18
Michael Sisk	March 20
River Brady	March 25
Kenneth Mullis	March 25
Robert Myers	March 26
Kathy Barnes	March 28
Kenneth Cox	March 28
Barbara Hedgecock	March 30
Debra Kimel	March 30

### Congregational Lunch

Assuming that all goes well this month with COVID, the Women's Fellowship is planning a CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH for Sunday, April 3, right after worship. We all miss these fellowship events so much, the lunch is sure to be a success. There will be no fee for the lunch, but you can make a contribution to support the ministry of our Women's Fellowship.

## 250th Easter Sunrise Service

**GREAT NEWS!** The Salem Congregation Board of Elders has decided that we can safely hold the Easter Sunrise Service in person this year—after two years of “webcast only.”

So on Sunday, April 17, we will gather in the dark in Salem Square, where we will together proclaim, “The Lord is risen. The Lord is risen indeed!”

This is especially good in that this will be the 250th consecutive service—the first sunrise service in Salem was held in 1772. But that historic detail, as important as it is, does not hold a beeswax candle to the central celebration of the day: our Lord's resurrection.

There will be some changes. This year, there will be no “Band rounds” (where bands play in many neighborhoods during the darkness) and we will also not have the Band Breakfast. Both of these seemed to present too high a possibility of contagion. We hope we will be able to bring them back next year.

Another exciting change is that the entire outdoor service will be broadcast live on WXII Channel 12, as well as broadcast on WSJS radio. WXII has broadcast the relatively simple webcast of the service the last couple of years, which has been held inside of Home Moravian Church with only a few in attendance. Broadcasting the entire outdoor service, which moves from Salem Square to God's Acre, will be a technological feat requiring a great deal of coordination. Our thanks to Mark Wright and Ron Bell, who have worked with John Jackman to be able to conquer the technical challenges. And special thanks to Michelle Butt, general manager of WXII, for her excitement about this project — which we hope will continue for many years to come.

We will also be able to hold the **Trinity Moravian CROSSWALK** on April 15th! This memorable experiential event has also been cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID.

### Upcoming Schedule

Mar 2—Ash Wed Catacomb Service 7:00 pm

Mar 6—First Sunday in Lent- Holy Communion

Mar 9—Day of Prayer 11 am

Mar 13—Luke 13:31-35 "As A Hen Gathers"

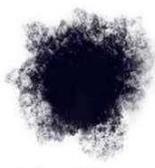
Mar 20—Luke 13:1-9 "Fertilizing the Fig Tree"

Mar 27—Luke 15:1-3,11-32 "The Prodigal Son"

### A Guide to Lenten Ashes



First in Line



The Blob



The Hasty



Rorschach



Hasn't Tithed



The Mini



The Hipster



Load Toner



The Hindu



Super Methodist

Apologies to original Catholic version by @BillDonaghy

*In all things love.*

*In non-essentials liberty,*

*In essentials unity,*



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