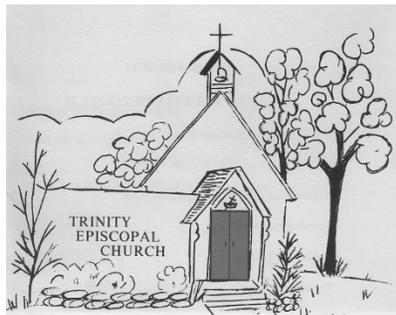


TRINITY TIDINGS

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From Behind the Altar

On March 5, Ash Wednesday, at the 12 noon and 5:30 p.m. liturgies I will read to you these words from our Book of Common Prayer:

"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."

Thus, we will begin the solemn season of Lent. It can be for us a time of

great devotion and renewal, or it can simply be a few Sundays of the year on which the priest wears purple vestments. How we have observed Lent will make a difference when it comes time to celebrate Easter.

All of us, including your priest, need to be thinking now about how we want to observe this holy season. The agenda set by the Church is clear: self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, and meditation on God's holy Word. In one way or another all of those things should be on our list of things to include. But we can also personalize Lent by focusing on one or more areas of our life that need special attention. Perhaps a bad habit needs to be eliminated from our behaviors, or then again, maybe more discipline needs to be incorporated into our regular life, such as weekly worship or daily prayer. I encourage each

of you to take a good look at your life these next few days so that a plan is in mind by the time Ash Wednesday arrives.

As is always the case, I will be available to administer the rite of reconciliation (confession) by appointment, either just prior to Lent, or during the Lenten season. The rite of reconciliation is found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 447 ff. I am also available for spiritual direction.

May God bless each one of us as we prepare to enter this holy season. Have a good Lent?

Peace,

Father Miller

Crosslines News

The special needs for the month of March are canned meats, crackers, and boxed dinners. A special donation from Bennett Springs State Park includes beds, couches,

and chairs. They will initially be available on March 6th. If you know of anyone that may be in need of these items, they need to call Viola Blankenship at 588-3559 to indicate the need and also provide their own transportation of the items to their home.

For the month of February, 514 Laclede County families which included 1275 individuals received services from Crosslines. There were 43 new families in need of Crosslines help.

Peggy Graydon

Description of Lenten Study Program

Plan now to attend the six-week Lenten study in the parish hall. Following The Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m. and a simple potluck supper, Father Miller will lead those present in a dynamic and aesthetically compelling program entitled *What Wondrous Love*. A brief summary of the program is listed below. The series will begin Wednesday, March 12.

The art of John August Swanson and the emotion of Holy Week: a powerful combination.

What Wondrous Love is a Lenten study for adults, capturing the stories of Holy Week in a fresh, creative retelling of these important events.

Study with world-renowned biblical scholars and teachers in this 6-session DVD study of Holy Week.

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

With the new altar, we will be ordering a new Fair Linen to fit the larger sized altar. We also plan to use oil candles in the new torches. They are cleaner to use and will not get candle wax on the carpet as they are carried down the aisle on the beautiful new carpet. Now that we have more room in the altar area, we are looking into a Credence Table to replace the small shelf under the Sanctuary candle. This will give more room for the set-up of the chalice and other communion items. It has been suggested that we contact Jack Harris who crafted the altar to make a table that will match the altar. Input from the Bishop's Committee will be sought as we give this consideration. We are very happy with our new altar space and hope it will create an even better worship experience.

We appreciated Betty Miller making the Communion Bread for the Bishop's visitation. Bishop Field prefers the use of unleavened bread instead of

the wafers we normally use. We will continue to use the wafers at Trinity. Several of our Trinity communicants prefer intincture when taking communion and the use of wafers make this easier.

Lent begins in March so we will not have flowers on the altar until Easter. But please consider contributing to the Flower Fund so we can buy flowers for Easter and also palms for Palm Sunday. The Flower Fund is a continuing expense of the church. Flowers enhance the beauty of the altar and the service.

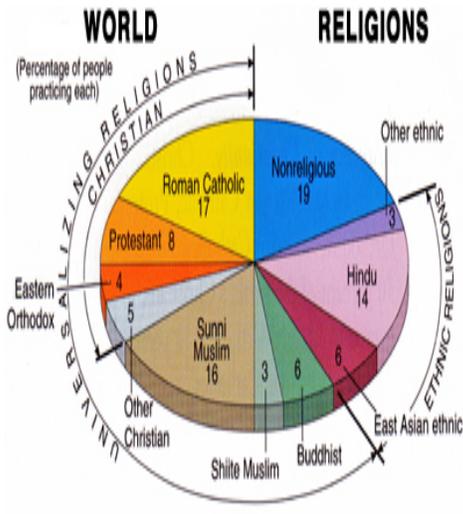
Karen Miller

About the Episcopal Church

Penance: The performance of a small task traditionally undertaken as an expression of penitence for one's sins. In the rite of reconciliation in the Book of Common Prayer, a priest may assign to the penitent the reading of a psalm, prayer, or hymn, or some similar action, as a penance following absolution.

Geography of Religion 101

World Distribution of



About three-fourths of the world's population professes one of the four largest religions:

1. *Christianity* with 35% mostly in Europe and the Americas;
2. *Islam* with 19% in northern Africa and southern Asia;
3. *Hinduism* with 14% in India;
4. *Buddhism* with 6% in eastern and southeastern Asia

Articles for the Newsletter

Articles for the Trinity Tidings Newsletter may be emailed to Bonnie Daniels, editor at bonnieraydaniels@centurylink.net. If you do not have email access, we will also accept paper submissions.