

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## March 2019 Newsletter



### Getting to Know the Body of Christ

**Name:** Beth Williams

**What brought you to Trinity, and how long have you been attending?** My husband Jeff was a member of Trinity when we married in 1991. So, we were married at Trinity with Pastor Dubler – raised our children here and have been members ever since.

**What keeps you here?** Plain and simple, it feels like home to me, seeing all the familiar faces Sunday.

**What fills your time?** For the most part, working full time and spending time with my family fills my time. Our daughter lives in Pittsburgh, so it's always fun exploring new places in the city with her. We have also recently got a new puppy which has taken up a ton of my time. And last, but not least, I'm sure this isn't on everyone's list, I love to clean!

**What are you good at?** If I had to pick one thing, I would say, I am a good “working bee.” I have spent many years taking care of our parents and their needs. I get much satisfaction from that.

**Share a favorite memory of a worship service or event here.** In December 2014 our first grandson, John who lives in California with our son and his wife was baptized at Trinity when he was 9 months old. Pastor Kerri was our new pastor and Pastor Dubler came back to participate. Our entire family was here. The special part of this was Pastor Dubler had mentored our son, Mike, as he was growing up, confirmed him, and eventually made him an assistant minister. Now he baptized his first born. Very special to us.

**Share your favorite hymn/Bible verse/Bible story.** In songs I tend to love the old favorites “I Love to Tell the Story” – “Here I Am, Lord” – “Shall We Gather at the River”. It allows me to think of our parents, loved ones that are gone and imagining

their happiness now. Verse – Proverbs 3:5 “Trust the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own understanding”.

**Share about a time God seemed especially present with you.** During my mother’s illness I can especially remember sitting in church unable to accept what was happening. Days and weeks walking around in desperation I remember a Sunday in church when I felt a calmness and I knew that God was right there with me.

**What do you think God is calling our congregation towards?** I feel we have a very generous and hard-working congregation. We are facing some difficult decisions in the upcoming years concerning us as a church. God is calling us to come together with open-minded hearts, minds to continue serving, and to face our future side by side.

## **Upcoming**

**Community Lenten Lunches** – You are invited to join the members of the Connellsville Area Ministerial Association for lunch and a speaker each Tuesday in Lent. Lunches will be held **at noon at the Presbyterian Church.**

## **Faith Formation**

**Lent Workshop** – Folks of all ages are invited to join us on **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am** for our annual Lent Workshop as we look at the symbols and themes of the season of Lent.

**Adult Sunday School** – We will meet on **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** following worship for conversation and learning. Hope you can join us!

**Bible Storytime** – Our storytime for kids 4 and under and their parents or grandparents will meet **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am upstairs.** Hope you can join us!

## **Fellowship & Outreach**

**Meeting** – Join us on **Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am.** Hope to see you there!

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** - Join us on **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm** for a pancake dinner celebrating Shrove Tuesday, the last day before Lent begins. The meal will be prepared by our Confirmation students and their families, and donations toward their week at Confirmation Camp this summer are appreciated.

**“Simply Soup” Soup Walk** – Downtown Connellsville fourth annual “Simply Soup” Soup Walk on **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 11am to 2pm**. Trinity will be serving Lemon Chicken Orzo and Cajun Potato Sausage for this downtown event. **For each ticket bought from Chrissy, Trinity will receive \$5.** So, get your tickets from Chrissy.

## **Finance**

**Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**.

### **January 2019 Income & Expense**

	<b>January</b>	<b>January YTD Actual</b>	<b>January YTD Budget</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	\$7,566	\$7,566	\$9,121
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$12,524	\$12,524	\$11,894
<b>Net Income</b>	-\$4,958	-\$4,958	-\$2,774

### **March Offering Counters**

- 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Ken Goucher, Carolyn Kerns, Melva Roland, & Alan Sandusky
- 10<sup>th</sup>** – Marcia Davis, Ron Kerns Sr., Melva Roland, & Alan Sandusky
- 17<sup>th</sup>** – Ken Goucher, Melva Roland, Linda Ruth, & Cindy Workman
- 24<sup>th</sup>** – Carolyn Kerns, Melva Roland, Alan Sandusky, & Cindy Workman
- 31<sup>st</sup>** – Marcia Davis, Ken Goucher, Ron Kerns Sr., & Melva Roland

## **Shout Outs**

Thank you to Linda Ruth for proofreading this month's newsletter. Also, thank you for helping me put the newsletter together.

## **Social Ministry**

**Chicken and Biscuit Dinner** – Join us on **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from noon to 6pm** for the Chicken & Biscuit Dinner. Meal includes chicken & biscuits, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, applesauce, dessert, and drink. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 years old and younger. Proceeds from the meal will go toward the Back-to-School Clothing Giveaway.

**Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. Hope to see you there!

**Food Collection for Community Ministries** – Every third Sunday at the beginning of worship we'll invite the kids to collect the non-perishable food items you bring in for Community Ministries. Be sure to bring in some food items on **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**! If you didn't yet get a red "Trinity" reusable grocery bag, you can pick one up at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Come and join in the Easter fun! **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm** will be Trinity's Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Social Ministry. Anyone interested in donating small wrapped candy for the Easter eggs, please bring in by **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

## **Stewardship**

**Offering Envelopes** – 2019 offering envelopes are available for pick-up at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Heating and air conditioning units** – The heating and air conditioning units in the offices have finally died and need to be replaced. The new units, and a unit in the meeting area outside Pastor Kerri's office, will be installed in April. Donations toward this project may be marked "A/C". Thank you!

## The Visioning Team

The New Year has brought the formation of a visioning team. Members of the congregation will look towards intentional discernment on behalf of the whole congregation.

The visioning team has met twice. We are currently learning to become effective leaders and are using LEAD (living every day as disciples) resources to guide us through “connecting the dots” to develop a mission statement/congregational purpose.

LEAD is a Christian organization that assists congregations who may be struggling with developing a clear purpose, membership, and even financial issues.

We have watched two brief videos that encourages the team to look at the who, what, and why of our unique congregation and to listen to scripture, to the congregation, and to the needs of our neighborhood. We are learning to build a listening team.

We agree that our congregation:

- Is traditional
- Are believers who gather to worship and serve together
- Values the history of our congregation and building
- Reaches out to our community
- Works together on committees
- Cares for each other
- Feels a moral and Christian obligation to the church
- Experiences strong fellowship
- Wants to pass on our Christian beliefs to the next generation

We are going to begin our journey towards restoring a vital congregation with a united purpose focusing on God’s mission.

The visioning team will continue to meet regularly and will keep the congregation updated on our progress.

Thank you,

*Mickie Sandusky*

Chairman

## Worship & Music

**Ash Wednesday worship** – Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, is **Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. Worship services with the distribution of ashes and Holy Communion will be held at **noon at St. John's** (led by Pastor Kerri and Pastor Daniel) and at **7pm at Trinity**.

**Dinner Church** – On the second Saturday of each month we will participate in an ancient format of Christian worship – gathering for word and sacrament around a meal. On **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**, we will gather downstairs in the Social Room for a simple meal of lasagna/baked pasta, salad, and bread, a time of scripture and teaching, and communion. If you'd like to bring food for our meal, please sign up on the bulletin board in the sanctuary. Hope you can join us!

**Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**.

## March Greeters

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Beckie Merchant (E) & Sandy Nicholson (W)

**10<sup>th</sup>** – Melva Roland (E) & Karen Pastorius (W)

**17<sup>th</sup>** – Sally Stoots (E) & Bill Stoots (W)

**24<sup>th</sup>** – Ginny Beecher (E) & Jim Workman (W)

**31<sup>st</sup>** – Jeff Williams (E) & Alan Sandusky (W)

## Altar Flowers

The cost for sponsoring altar flowers is **\$25**. Please make sure to make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and write Altar Flowers in the memo portion of the check or place a cash payment in an envelope with your name and Altar Flowers written on the outside of the envelope.

Payment must be received by the end of the month that flowers had been ordered. **Thank you!**

## Dates Available

April – None Available

May – 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>

## Altar Guild

Anyone interested in helping to launder linens,  
please call Linda Ruth at 724-626-0131.

**Thank you Beth Williams** (February) for all your help doing the linens, your time and hard work is gratefully appreciated.

**March – Diane Ratai**

**April – Ginny Beecher**

If you are unable to serve, please contact Linda Ruth.

## Youth

**Escape Room Outing** – Youth ages 10 and up are invited to join us on **Sunday, March 31** in the afternoon for a trip to the Zooeggstraction escape room at 60 Minute Missions in Greensburg. Exact time will depend on how many people sign up. **Please sign up at the information center in the sanctuary or by emailing Pastor Kerri by Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**YouthFest** – Mark your calendar - middle school and high school youth are invited to a weekend at **Camp Lutherlyn for YouthFest, April 26-28**. For more information, or to sign up, please see the bulletin board at the information center or talk to Pastor Kerri.

## Community Ministries

Connellsville is blessed to have such a great resource present in Connellsville Area Community Ministries. Their food pantry, thrift store, medical supply distribution, case workers, support of the Circles program, and more serve hundreds of people in our area each month. As a congregation, we can point people in need to them for a more thorough supply of resources than we are able to provide alone.

In support of this important ministry our goal is to send financial support to CACM on a regular basis. **If you would like to contribute to this, check the box marked “other” on your offering envelopes and write “Community Ministries”.**

## **SWPA Synod Calendar of Causes**

SWPA Synod Calendar of Causes – As a way for us to support the many ministries supported by our synod, a Calendar of Causes has been developed. Each month we will lift one ministry. You are encouraged to learn about these important ministries working in our area and support them with prayer and monetary donations as you feel called to do so.

**March's highlighted ministry is “Lutheran Senior Life,”** which provides senior living communities and care options for seniors as well as community-based health, wellness and social services in Western Pennsylvania. To support this ministry, visit their website at [www.lutheranseniorlife.org](http://www.lutheranseniorlife.org).

## **Cashsaver Cost Plus Food Store**

Start saving your Best Choice labels. Each bundle of 1,000 Best Choice labels is worth \$30. If 50 families buy only 25 Best Choice products per week. In only eight months' time, we will have accumulated \$1,200 for Trinity. Just place your labels in an envelope and turn into the church office.

## **Contact Us**

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724-628-7920

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Facebook – [www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranConnellsville](http://www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranConnellsville)

**Pastor Kerri Clark**



## March Anniversaries

**22<sup>nd</sup>** – Jim & Cindy Workman

**28<sup>th</sup>** – Bill & Linda Ruth

## March Baptismal Anniversaries

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Rosie Striner

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Troy Filburn

**6<sup>th</sup>** – Colton Black

**11<sup>th</sup>** – Susan Kress

**12<sup>th</sup>** – Roger Thompson

**14<sup>th</sup>** – Ryan Morrow

**16<sup>th</sup>** – Jerry Kerns &  
Ron Kerns Jr.

**17<sup>th</sup>** – James C. Cessna

**21<sup>st</sup>** – Sean Black

**22<sup>nd</sup>** – Harry Nicklow,  
David Striner, &  
Joe Striner

**26<sup>th</sup>** – Gillian Trout

**28<sup>th</sup>** – Chrissy Dusha

**30<sup>th</sup>** – Nate Brady

**31<sup>st</sup>** – David Long Sr.

## March Birthdays

**1<sup>st</sup>** – Erica Ritenour

**5<sup>th</sup>** – Marge Ringer & Shelby Kerns

**6<sup>th</sup>** – Beckie Merchant

**14<sup>th</sup>** – Linda Ruth

**17<sup>th</sup>** – Erica McKee Johnston

**18<sup>th</sup>** – Helen Widener, Wayne Harris Sr., & John Taft

**19<sup>th</sup>** – Jim Workman & Beth Martin

**21<sup>st</sup>** – Linda Kaylor

**22<sup>nd</sup>** – Shelly Dolan

**24<sup>th</sup>** – Jeff Cunningham

**26<sup>th</sup>** – Amy Brady & Nicole Smith

**27<sup>th</sup>** – Kolbe Cunningham

**28<sup>th</sup>** – Ray Brown Jr.

**30<sup>th</sup>** – Joy Sampey

*Please call or email the church office if you would like to see your name added to the birthday, anniversary, or baptismal anniversary monthly lists.*

## March 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
<p><b>AM:</b> Assistant Minister <b>R:</b> Reader</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i></p> <p>9:15am: Holy Communion <b>AM:</b> Diane Ratai <b>R:</b> Cindy Workman</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:30am – Lent Workshop</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">11am – <b>Fellowship &amp; Outreach Meeting</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:30-7:30pm – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">7pm – Boy Scouts</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lent 1</i></p> <p>9:15am: Holy Communion <b>AM:</b> Alan Sandusky <b>R:</b> Paul Stephenson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:30am – Adult Sunday School</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Council Packet Deadline</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6pm – Social Ministry Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">7pm – Boy Scouts</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>17</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lent 2</i></p> <p>9:15am: Holy Communion <b>AM:</b> Donna Welsh <b>R:</b> Cindy Workman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>18</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7pm – Church Council Meeting</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>19</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">7pm – Boy Scouts</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>24</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lent 3</i></p> <p>9:15am: Holy Communion <b>AM:</b> Don Herbert <b>R:</b> Mickie Sandusky</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:30am – Adult Sunday School</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>25</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>26</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">7pm – Boy Scouts</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>31</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lent 4</i></p> <p>9:15am: Holy Communion <b>AM:</b> Ginny Beecher <b>R:</b> Patty Stephenson</p>		

## March 2019

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
		<b>1</b> 9pm – AA Group	<b>2</b> <b>Noon-6pm: Chicken &amp; Biscuit Dinner</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Ash Wednesday Services: Noon @ St. John's 7pm @ Trinity</b>  7pm – NA Group	<b>7</b>  6:30pm – Cub Scouts	<b>8</b>  9pm – AA Group	<b>9</b>  6pm – Dinner Church
<b>13</b> <b><i>Newsletter Deadline</i></b> <b>3pm – Worship &amp; Music Meeting</b> <b>7pm – Finance Meeting</b> 7pm – NA Group	<b>14</b>  6:30pm – Cub Scouts	<b>15</b>  9pm – AA Group	<b>16</b>  <b>10:30am – Bible Storytime</b>
<b>20</b>  10am – Garden Club Meeting  7pm – NA Group	<b>21</b>  6:30pm – Cub Scouts	<b>22</b>  9pm – AA Group	<b>23</b>  <b>Confirmation @ St. Paul's</b>
<b>27</b>  7pm – NA Group	<b>28</b>  <b>10:30am – Bible Storytime</b>  6:30pm – Cub Scouts	<b>29</b>  9pm – AA Group	<b>30</b>

## Parish News

Anyone desiring a ride to church may call the Church Office, and transportation will be made available.

### March Bible Readings

1<sup>st</sup>: Ruth 3:1-18

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ruth 4:1-22

#### **Transfiguration of Our Lord – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-43a

4<sup>th</sup>: Deuteronomy 6:1-15

5<sup>th</sup>: Deuteronomy 6:16-25

#### **Ash Wednesday – 6<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

7<sup>th</sup>: Deuteronomy 7:6-11

8<sup>th</sup>: Deuteronomy 7:12-16

9<sup>th</sup>: Deuteronomy 7:17-26

#### **Lent 1 – 10<sup>th</sup>**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

11<sup>th</sup>: Deuteronomy 8:1-20

12<sup>th</sup>: Deuteronomy 9:1-12

13<sup>th</sup>: Deuteronomy 9:13-21

14<sup>th</sup>: Deuteronomy 9:23-10:5

15<sup>th</sup>: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

16<sup>th</sup>: Deuteronomy 11:18-28

#### **Lent 2 – 17<sup>th</sup>**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

18<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 1:11-19

19<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 2:1-13, 29-32

20<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 3:6-18

21<sup>st</sup>: Jeremiah 4:9-10, 19-28

22<sup>nd</sup>: Jeremiah 5:1-9

23<sup>rd</sup>: Jeremiah 5:20-31

#### **Lent 3 – 24<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

25<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 7:1-15

26<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 7:21-34

27<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 8:4-7, 18-9:6

28<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 10:11-24

29<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 11:1-8, 14-17

30<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 13:1-11

#### **Lent 4 – 31<sup>st</sup>**

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## Memorial Donations

**In memory of Sharon Lininger**

Joe & Beverly Dusha

**In memory of Joe Ratai**

Diane Ratai

**In memory of David M. Smith in honor of their daughter Beth's wedding to Matthew Tharp**

Bayonne Smith

Downtown Connellsville

*Simply Soup*  
Soup Walk

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

**11 am – 2 pm**



Come out and enjoy a 4 oz serving of awesome soup from different downtown establishments.

Tickets are \$10 each and available at the Connellsville Canteen  
131 West Crawford Avenue



## Community Events

### Kayla's Crew

Kayla's Crew 12" Danish Crème Cheese Rolls will be **available for pick up Sunday, March 3.**

**Connellsville Area High School Presents**  
**Les Misérables School Edition**

**7pm Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

\$10 per person

**7pm Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

\$12 per person

**7pm Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

\$12 per person

**2pm Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

\$12 per person

**The ticket booth will be open**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11am – 5pm

Saturdays from 10am – Noon

If school is cancelled the ticket office will be closed.

Tickets are also available on performance dates beginning at 4pm for evening performances and 11am for afternoon performances.

**To order tickets by mail**

Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Attn: Lynne Ritenour – Musical Tickets

Connellsville Area Senior High School

201 Falcon Drive

Connellsville, PA 15425

Enclose a check for the total of the tickets ordered made payable to Connellsville Area School District. Please include your phone number along with your order in the event there are questions about your order.

**Garden Club**

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

## **The Sweet and Savory Sip**

### **Greendance Winery**

306 Deer Field Rd.; Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666  
724-547-6500

### **Saturdays and Sundays**

**Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Noon-4pm**

Join us this weekend for winter Sips & Savories Wine Café – enjoy delicious plates from our weekly tapas menu with your favorite wine! We will also be serving sweet slices of desserts & ice cream from Sand Hill Berries! Casual bistro-style seating will be available inside the tasting room and winery, no reservations necessary. Savories menus will be posted on Wednesdays on the event website before each weekend.

## **Special Olympics Winter Games**

### **Seven Springs Mountain Resort**

777 Water Wheel Dr.; Champion, PA 15622  
866-437-1300

**Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Spectators are welcome to visit any of the competition venues and cheer on the athletes.
- This event requires volunteers from around the state to serve as officials, athlete escorts, award presenters, and in various other ways.
- For more information, or to volunteer, contact Mike Ermer at 1-800-233-5161 extension 243 or [mermer@specialolympicspa.org](mailto:mermer@specialolympicspa.org)
- Additional information may be found online at the official website for the Special Olympics Winter Games.

## **Trivia Night**

### **Greenhouse Winery**

1048 Pinewood Rd.; Irwin, PA 15642

**Every Thursday starting February 21<sup>st</sup> – April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Games start at 6:30pm**

Pasta served every Trivia Night from 6-7pm.  
Free with wine bottle purchase or \$5 for those under 21.

Prizes for all winning teams!

## **Col. William Crawford Statue 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ornament**

Available for purchase at  
Connellsville Carnegie Free Library or Connellsville Canteen  
**\$15 each**

## **Chocolate Mint Andes Brownies**



<https://chefsavvy.com/chocolate-mint-andes-brownies/>

**Prep Time: 15 mins.**

**Cook Time: 30 mins.**

**Total Time: 45 mins.**

**Serves: 9**

### **Ingredients for Chocolate Mint Andes Brownies**

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup light brown sugar
- 1 ½ cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder



- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- Andes chocolate candies for topping, if desired

### **Ingredients for Peppermint Buttercream Frosting**

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 3 drops green food coloring

### **Instructions for Chocolate Mint Andes Brownies**

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Line a 9 x 9 or 8 x 8 pan with aluminum foil. Lightly spray with cooking spray or grease with butter
- Add butter and both sugars to a medium saucepan and stir until melted
- Take off the heat and stir in chocolate chips until melted
- Add eggs and vanilla to a medium bowl. Whisk to combine.
- Stir in 1 teaspoon of the chocolate mixture into the egg mixture to temper the eggs.
- Add the rest of the chocolate mixture to the egg mixture and whisk to combine
- In a large bowl add flour, cocoa powder and salt
- Add chocolate mixture to the dry ingredients and fold gently. Do not over mix
- Fold in the chocolate chips
- Add batter to the prepared pan and bake for 25-30 minutes or until the top is set and a toothpick comes out clean
- Take out of the oven and allow the brownies to cool completely before taking them out of the pan
- Frost the brownies with the Peppermint Buttercream Frosting. Cut into 9 brownies. (If you are having trouble cutting the brownies place in the fridge for the icing to harden up. This will make them easier to cut.)
- Top with Andes chocolate candies if desired

## Instructions for Peppermint Buttercream Frosting

- Add butter to a stand mixer with the whisk attachment. Beat until fluffy
- Add in powdered sugar, milk and peppermint extract. Beat until thick and creamy. If frosting is too thick add more milk. If it is too runny add more powdered sugar
- Add in green food coloring. You can always adjust to your liking. Set aside until ready to frost brownies.

## March Word Search

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S Q A D T S A R H L E T I E E F R X  
Q N L Y W X A W I A P D P H D A M  
L K U H L I O D T A M G O Q K T N Q  
M X R A N I L E T J C R T P U K S Q  
E M D B H O G R T R E V O P Q A F Y  
L E O B F C I H X N N B F C Q U I A  
P W G F Z C E T T E W C G Q K O G D  
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ASH WEDNESDAY  
DAFFOLDILS  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
FAT TUESDAY  
GREEN  
LENT  
LEPRECHAUNS  
MARDI GRAS  
POT OF GOLD

PURPLE  
RAINBOW  
SHAMROCKS  
SPRING  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
TRANSFIGURATION  
TULIPS  
WHITE