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## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Trinity Lutheran Church Spring Grove

### Office hours:

**Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri:** 10a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Wed:** Noon – 6:00 p.m.

### Sundays at Trinity

9:15 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School,  
Babel in Belfry

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**THE CALL COMMITTEE IS READY  
TO ANNOUNCE  
A PASTORAL CANDIDATE  
TO THE CONGREGATION!**

There will be a **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** March 4, 2018, in the church sanctuary, immediately following the 9:15 a.m. service for the purpose of calling a pastor.

More information on the candidate will be in the February 25 bulletin. The Call Committee will also be available during Coffee Fellowship on February 25 to review the call process and answer questions.



## LENT WITH KING DAVID

This year Ancient Israel's most faithful king, King David, will lead us through Lent as we reflect on our own relationship with God.

### Sundays of Lent

March 4 - 18, 9:15 a.m. Worship, Lessons from King David's Life

### Wednesdays of Lent

February 28 - March 21, 7:00 p.m.

Meditations on Psalms of David, Holden Evening Prayer service

## LENTEN SUPPERS

**Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall, all are invited!**

- February 28: Breakfast for Dinner
- March 7: Soup and Sandwich Supper
- March 14: Taco Bar
- March 21: Baked Potato Bar

All meals served by Trinity Youth, Freewill donation  
Monies raised go to Youth Gathering and Youth activities



## EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 1, 7:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Served by Youth, Freewill donation

## A VERY SPECIAL LENT FOR TRINITY



There is always a lot going on this time of year for Christians. This is certainly the case for the Trinity church family. We are gathering every Wednesday of **Lent** for prayer, music, and reflection on the Psalms of David. March 25 will be our celebration of Palm Sunday. Then we are into **Holy Week** with special worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Added to all this is the **Special Congregational Meeting on March 4** where we hear about and vote on a candidate for pastor; something Trinity only does once every 10-15 years. Please join us for this special meeting.

A **Congregational Meeting** to elect a pastor is more than just a chance to hear about the candidate and cast a vote. It is an important time of sharing the joy of the Call Committee who found, amongst many candidates, one unique person to bring into the Trinity family. It is a time of discovering this unique person's gifts and looking ahead. What are the possibilities for this unique person with these unique gifts to serve in this unique place? Also, how do our gifts complement those of the candidate and strengthen the mission of Trinity? Join us for this wonderful moment in the life of Trinity. And give thanks to God who connects unique people with unique places to the glory of his Son.

Another special group to remember this Lent: our fifth graders! It's time for **First Communion**. We have 16 fifth graders this year. We will use our worship service on Maundy Thursday, the day of Jesus' Last Supper with the disciples, as a reverent service of First Communion. The kids will have things to memorize. They will learn about unleavened bread. They will learn where to stand, when to kneel, how to hold their hands. They will taste wine. **The** most important thing, however, is that they come to recognize the loving grace of Jesus Christ as they kneel at the altar and receive the bread and wine. Please join me in prayer for them as we move toward Maundy Thursday. Communion can be a deep experience of the living Christ, nurturing us in hard times and bringing us joy in happy times. Let us pray that our fifth graders will be aware of the presence of the Christ's Spirit as they take their first communion.

~ Pastor Jim

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*How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

*Psalms 119:103*



This time of year I always think of maple syrup. When I read this verse my mind automatically thinks maple syrup instead of honey. Regardless, the intention is the same; God's word is sweet!

When we study and memorize scriptures and Bible stories, we can experience how they apply to our lives. In times of trouble we turn to the scripture. A common point of reference is the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, but there are many other beautiful scripture passages that can be used in times of suffering as well. There are numerous scriptures of songs and praise for when we have times of rejoicing as well.

This Lent, I am devoting more time to reading parts of scripture that are not read in the periscopes on Sunday morning or that **are not** well known. We read the Gospels, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Paul's letters fairly often. But the minor prophets, Peter's letters, Lamentations are not as popular, but they are sweet as well. Those are good Lenten Scriptures to read as well.

~ In Christ, Pastor Lane

PASTORS' PEN

**LENTEN SUPPERS AND EASTER BREAKFAST** Trinity youth are helping with the upcoming Wednesday evening suppers during Lent. If you have lost your letter with details on when you're helping out by serving or bringing food, please contact the church office right away. Thanks!! Working together we'll have delicious suppers for all throughout Lent!



**CONFIRMATION CAMP MEETING** — Confirmation Camp at Good Earth Village for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students is scheduled for June 10-15. This camp experience is a part of the Confirmation curriculum at Trinity. Parents and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, please plan to attend an information meeting on Wednesday, March 14 at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Room. Questions? Contact Bekah: [bekah@trinitysg.org](mailto:bekah@trinitysg.org) or 498-5291.

**FIRST COMMUNION FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS** Trinity's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 29. To prepare for this event, we ask that 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents attend two meetings on March 11 and March 18 during the normal Sunday School time, 10:30 - 11:20 a.m.

On March 11, Vivien Mathsen will teach 5<sup>th</sup> graders how to make Communion bread. Parents do not have to attend the bread-making event, but are more than welcome to join their 5<sup>th</sup> grader. On March 18, we ask that parents and students first attend worship at 9:15a.m. to see the Holy Sacrament of Communion in the church service and then attend a class taught by Pastor Jim and Bekah in the sanctuary.



**YOUTH GATHERING TEAM BUILDING**—Sunday, March 11 at 11:30 a.m. for youth and adult leaders. These monthly meetings are a time for the youth and adult leaders to prepare for the Gathering by building relationships and community amongst the group. See youth attendees and adult leaders there!

**GAME NIGHT FOR 7<sup>TH</sup>—12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS** Bring your favorite game and play with your friends from church! Bekah also has a variety of games, so do not feel that you have to bring a game. Come for a night of fun and fellowship! Friday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. See you there!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** VBS for 3-5 year olds and Day Camp for youth entering 1<sup>st</sup>—6<sup>th</sup> grades will be June 18-21! More details and information will be coming in the upcoming months



Lenten Suppers  
have begun!  
Join us each  
Wednesday  
evening!  
  
Serving  
5:30-6:30 p.m.







## MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE - MARCH CAMPAIGN

Some people face food insecurity every day, while others struggle after an unexpected expense or decrease in income. Hunger can lead to poor health or illness in addition to poor performance at school or work. Semcac's Food Shelf in Caledonia had 2,152 visits from 340 households and distributed 103,227 pounds of food.

The annual Minnesota Food Share March campaign promotes the collection of food and funds to stock food shelves across the state. As an official participant, Semcac's Food Shelf will receive a percentage of the undesignated statewide March Food Share funds. The allocation depends on the amount of food and money raised during March and on the number of people served during the remainder of the year.

The Care Team of Trinity Lutheran Church encourages donations of food and money to help with this campaign. In the month of March, you will find an envelope in the bulletin to place a donation for the Food Shelf. Donations must be received by March 29 to count toward the March Food Share campaign.

Fill a bag for our local Food Shelf. Respond to food insecurity in our community by filling a grocery bag with much needed food and household items for our local Food Shelf. Trinity Sunday School will participate in the food drive also. Look for details coming home with your children

Trinity has a small food shelf that we will call a Tiny Pantry not to be confused with Semcac Food Shelf in Caledonia. This Tiny Pantry has the same needs as the Semcac Food Shelf. Donations of canned soups, canned fruit, saltine crackers, scalloped or AuGratin potatoes, cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, stewed tomatoes, pancake mix and sugar.



## CROSSWALK

On Good Friday, March 30 members of the Trinity Lutheran Church community will gather in the afternoon for a Crosswalk. This Crosswalk is symbolic of the walk Jesus took to his crucifixion and is intended as a public witness of faith.

We will begin at Trinity Church and make our way to different places/stations in the community representative of Holy Week events and ideas.

During the Crosswalk, all participants, young and old alike, will be given a chance to share in carrying the cross. Along the way, we will stop for short times of prayer, reading, and singing.

Please note that stations will be handicap accessible. Folks may drive between each station if they prefer. Start time for the Crosswalk is to be announced. All ages are welcome. All are welcome! (You do not need to be a Trinity member to participate.)

*"Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha."*

John 19:16-17

## NEW HOURS

### PLEASE NOTE...TRINITY'S OFFICE HOURS HAVE CHANGED SLIGHTLY

The office is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10a.m.—4p.m., closed for lunch from noon-1p.m. Wednesdays we are open from noon-6p.m.

**FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE** In June 2019, the SEMN Synod will gather to elect a bishop. Bishop Steve Delzer will not be available for a second term. It is his desire to retire and be more available to his family. Assistant to the Bishop for Call Process, Rev. Susan Miller, will also be retiring. A *Season of Prayer* is a weekly reflection available on the Synod website that can be used to experience God as we reflect on the process of calling a new bishop. <http://semnsynod.org/seasonofprayer>. The church office can also print this devotional.



## EASTER GARDEN

Would you like to furnish a plant for our Easter Garden? Lilies or colorful spring plants are welcomed to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Please have your plant at the church by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30.

Locally, plants are available to order and purchase from Calluna, 498-5994. Ideally, they would like to have your order by March 19. They will also have some plants available in the store that can be purchased.

Trinity also welcomes monetary Easter gifts in memory/honor/appreciation of a loved one. More details about this will be in upcoming bulletins.



## ANYONE CAN SPONSOR THE LIGHTING OF THE MISSIONARY FOR A DAY CANDLE!

It can be in memory of, in celebration of, or in honor of, a loved one or a special event. A sponsorship is \$40 per Sunday. The funds collected support Dr. Mark and Linda Jacobson who serve the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania. Contact the church office to reserve a date.

## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Join us Sunday, March 11, to welcome our new members to Trinity Lutheran Church. Join us following worship to meet these brothers and sisters in Christ during coffee fellowship.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Trinity's Council minutes and other documents are on our website, [www.trinitysg.org](http://www.trinitysg.org). Easy access to the Family/Medical Leave policy, Safe Church Policy, and other documents can be found on the News page. Council minutes are found by clicking "Get Involved" from the top menu. From the drop down menu that appears, click "Church Council" and scroll down the page to see the minutes.

Minutes are also available in the office and on the new bulletin board near the elevator.

**DO YOU LIKE TO DECORATE PLANTERS?** The Worship Team is looking for someone interested in keeping the planters at Trinity's entrances beautiful throughout the year. Interested? Contact the church office.



## GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY 2018

Girl Scout week begins Sunday, March 11 and concludes Saturday, March 17 which allows our membership of diverse faiths to celebrate on their chosen day of worship. **Girl Scout Week** celebrates the anniversary of the first Girl Scout meeting on March 12, 1912 in Savannah, Georgia. Through Girl Scouting, girls gain courage, confidence, and character. More than 2.6 million current Girl Scout members nationwide will be celebrating 106 years of this American tradition, with nearly 60 million women who are former Girl Scouts and living proof of the impact of this amazing movement.

Daisy Girl Scouts: Gwenyth Rein, Raelynn Tollefsrud, Addison Rask, Adah Solum, Aubree Kreidermacher, Brailyn Gulbranson, Brooklyn Bennett, Claire Sherburne, Kiah Lungren, Lynden Morken, McKenna Newgaard, Sophia Witt, Leaders Kayla Tollefsrud, Brett Gulbranson, and Michelle Solie. Brownie Girl Scouts: Joey Jaster, Mariah Fretty, Adelia Gross, Jada Strinmoen, Kya-Violet Deck, Hayden St. Mary, Alleen Costet, Skielyn Johnson, Leaders Karla St. Mary and Julie Erchoff-Costet. Junior Girl Scouts: Addison Kessler, Carley Lewis, Ellevia Berns, Madison Lile, Siri Konkkel, Rachelle Tollefsrud, Vivienne Hoeltzle, Leaders Angie Berns, Dustin Tollefsrud, and Michelle Hoeltzle. Senior Girl Scouts: Addison Deschler, Amelia Solum, Katie Lamm, Leaders Deanna Solum and Marlene Deschler.

TIDBITS





Treats before the Annual Meeting. ▲

The Great Chocolate Chip Cookie Extravaganza was delicious! ▲

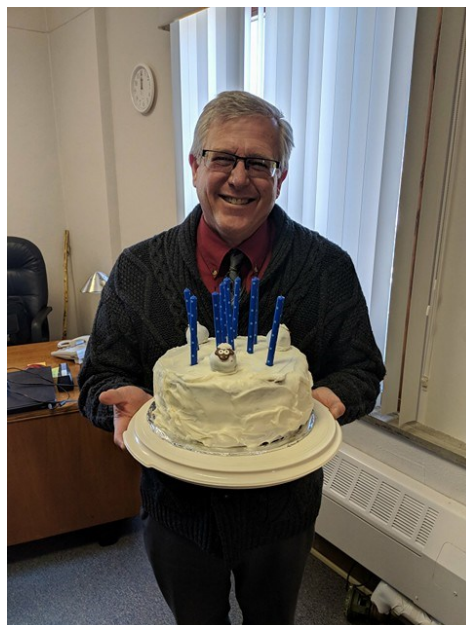
## February at Trinity in photos



Many of our Team Members and Leaders and Endowment Members. ▲



Happy Birthday, Pastor Jim, from your flock! ▲ ▶



Prayer pebbles given out at worship to remind us that even though our culture may say we don't measure up, in the eyes of God, "We are Enough!" ▲

PHOTOS

## TRANSITION TEAM SURVEY

December 2017

### Background information on this survey:

There were concerns voiced by some congregation members that, given the size of our congregation, the council is not a good representation of the congregation.

Currently, our council is comprised of six voting members (Team leaders):

1) Care Ministry, 2) Education, 3) Mission in the World, 4) Outreach, 5) Support, and 6) Worship.

The council president also has a. The secretary, treasurer, and pastor all work in an “ex officio” capacity during council meetings.

**Our question to the congregation was:** How many council members do we presently need?

Below are the results of this survey. Seventy-one surveys were received.

No change in council size	21
Enlarge the council	50
Which Team Leaders should be added as voting members at Council meetings?	
Finance	15
Property	6
Stewardship	7
Staffing	6
At-large increase	2
(an additional member, not from a specific team)	
General increase	28
from 6 voting members to 8-10 voting members	
(no team leader specified)	

Some of the surveys wanted an increase in council size, but did not state which teams they wanted to be included in that increase.

Of the six teams mentioned in the opening information above, one team (Support) is composed of five “sub-teams” (Communications, Finance, Property, Staffing, and Stewardship).

Taking this into consideration and counting each of these as teams, Trinity has 10 total teams — Care, Education, Mission in the World, Outreach, Communications, Finance, Property, Staffing, Stewardship, and Worship.

**THE NEXT STEP....**The Support Team and representatives of the Excelling in Mission Team, which established our current council size, will review the survey results and make recommendations to the council.

SURVEY RESULTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 5:30p Education, MR	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:00p Worship/ Communion, Baptism of Nora Mae Kragness
<b>4</b> 9:15a Worship/Communion 10:15a Special Meeting of Congregation 10:30a Fellowship, Sunday School, Babel in Belfry 3:00p New Member class	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00p Stewardship, MR 7:00p Finance, GR; Handbells	<b>7</b> 1:00p Release Time, TC 5:30p Lenten Supper 5:45p Worship, MR 6:45p Confirmation students meet with mentors 7:00p Lenten Worship 7:45p Choir	<b>8</b> 7:30p Gathering Adult Leader meeting, GR	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:15a Praise Band Worship/ Communion, Baptism, New Member Sunday 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Sunday School, Babel in Belfry , 11:30a Tweeten Care Center service 11:30a Gathering mtg, GR	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00p Support, GR; Handbells	<b>14</b> 2:00p Release Time, TC; 5:30p Lenten Supper 6:00p Confirmation Camp meeting, GR 6:45p Confirmation students meet with mentors 7:00p Lenten Worship 7:45p Choir, Council	<b>15</b> 9:30a Communion/ Manor	<b>16</b> 7:00p Game Night at Bekah's house	<b>17</b> 5:00p Worship/ Communion
<b>18</b> 9:15a Worship/Communion 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Sunday School, Babel in Belfry, Outreach, Pr Jim's ofc	<b>19</b> Newsletter info due to office	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 2:00p Release Time, TC 5:30p Lenten Supper 6:45p Confirmation meet with mentors 7:00p Lenten Worship 7:45p Choir	<b>22</b> 9:30a Communion/ Tweeten Apts 10:30a Communion/ Assisted Living 2:00p newsletter mailed	<b>23</b> 9:00a Love Day, FH	<b>24</b>
<b>25 PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:15a Worship 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Sunday School, Babel in Belfry	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00p Handbells	<b>28</b> 1:00p Release Time, TC 7:45p Choir	<b>29 MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 7:00p Maundy Thur. Worship with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar	<b>30 GOOD FRIDAY</b> Crosswalk—time to be determined, watch for details!	



## VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAYS	MARCH 4	MARCH 11	MARCH 18	MARCH 25
LECTOR	Joyce Landsom	Carlyn Kraabel	Lee Hoekstra	Bev Nelson
ACOLYTE(S)	Nathan Solberg, Garrett Bergrud	Cierra Albrecht	Lydia Solum, Reid Bjerke	Kennedy Bornholdt
COMMUNION SERVERS	Jan Kraabel, <b>2 volunteers needed</b>	N/A	Mark and Betty Dokken, Karen Gray	N/A
ALTAR GUILD	Carol Gunderson (chair), Dawn Hewitt, Carol Sherburne, Milly Halverson, Carolyn Olson, Carolyn Kampschroer			
USHERS	Kim Sherburne (chair), Steve Landsom, Chris Petersen, Greg Petersen, John Storlie, Rick Sundet			
COFFEE HOSTS	Renee and David Eiken, Kathy and Curt Roverud	Outreach Team— New Member Sunday	Lorilyn Dehning, Danielle Myhre team	Appreciation Coffee for Pastor Jim
498-AMEN	Feb. 25-Mar. 3: Jean Ellingson March 4-17: Kari Alstad		March 18-31: Roxanne Finnesgard	

HOLY WEEK	MARCH 29 Maundy Thursday	MARCH 30 Good Friday	APRIL 1 Easter Sunrise 7 a.m.	APRIL 1 Easter Festival 9:15 a.m.
ACOLYTE(S)	Ella Wennes, Jonah Udstuen	N/A	Brody Christiansen, Dane Edgington	Haley Ellingson, McKenzie Fisch
COMMUNION SERVERS	Bekah and Willy Leafblad, Mary Newgaard	N/A	Mary and Howard Deters, Jean Ellingson	Kari and Dan Alstad, Steve Nelson
USHERS	Chris Strinmoen, Steve Nelson	N/A	Mark Udstuen, Jonah Udstuen, Ben Udstuen, Howard Deters	John Jaster, Bruce Anderson, Carlyn Kraabel, Steve Landsom

**HAVE YOU...**...moved? ...changed phone numbers? ...changed email addresses? Let the office know! Thanks!

**LET US KNOW.....**If you have a loved one ill or hospitalized, have a new baby, would like a pastoral visit, or if any pastoral need arises.

**REMEMBER.....**We have a prayer chain. If you have a prayer request, please call the church office and we will start the prayer chain. (Please make sure you have permission from the person before calling.)  
There is power in prayer!

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## Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ,  
to observe a holy Lent  
By self-examination and penitence,  
By prayer and fasting,  
By works of love,  
And by reading and meditating on the Word of God.



We have Spiritual Practice ideas in the church office and posted on the bulletin boards by the elevator entrance. Check them out! Take a copy!