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Office hours:

Mon - Fri: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sundays at Trinity

9:15 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Listen live Sundays on KVIK 104.7 FM

www.kvikradio.com

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Saturday Worship 5:00 p.m.

1st and 3rd Saturdays each month

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LENTEN SUPPERS

Wednesdays ▪ 6:15 p.m. ▪ served by our youth

Freewill offering will be collected to support our Youth Mission Trip this summer to Cheyenne River, South Dakota.

March 1: *Chili and all the fixings*, prepared by Outreach Team

March 8: *Pasta Night*, prepared by Education Team

March 15: *Loaded Baked Potato Bar*, prepared by Property & Worship Teams

March 22: *Barbeque, beans, chips, & bars*,

prepared by Communications & Stewardship Teams

March 29: *Walking Tacos*, prepared by Trinity Staff

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES:

Wednesdays ▪ 7 p.m. ▪ Holden Evening Prayer service

March 1: *Intercepted and Redirected* ▪ Jonah 1:17 and Psalm 139

March 8: *God in the Depths of Chaos* ▪ Jonah 2 and Psalm 130

March 15: *Obedience and Preservation* ▪ Jonah 3

March 22: *Faithful and Unfinished* ▪ Jonah 4

March 29: *Jesus, a new Jonah* ▪ Matthew 9:23-27

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday: April 2 ▪ 9:15 a.m. ▪ Triduum Service

Maundy Thursday: April 6 ▪ 7 p.m. ▪ Holy Communion

Good Friday: April 7 ▪ 7 p.m. ▪ Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday: April 9 ▪ 9:15 a.m. & 11 a.m. ▪ Brunch at 10 a.m.

Every day through April 5: Facebook Live at 5

“But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.” Jonah 1:17

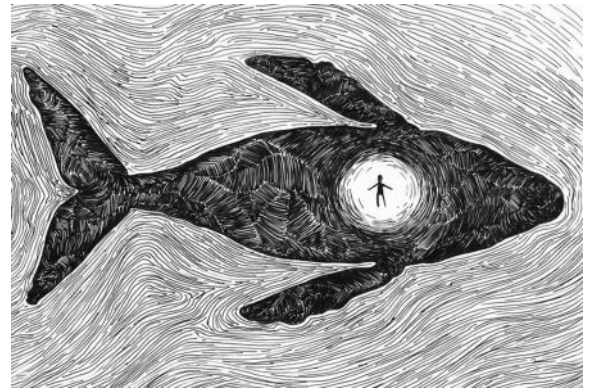
Dear people of God,

I would guess that this is what most of you remember first about the story of Jonah in the Bible: That Jonah was “in the belly of the fish” – most people remember it as a “whale” – for “three days and three nights.” But how did he get there? Why was he there? And what exactly happened after the fish “vomited” him out onto the dry land?

We are revisiting Jonah during Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday. Our Lenten series, “Unfinished: Out of the Depths,” is the story of Jonah, whom God calls to preach repentance to the most wicked city, Ninevah. Each week during the 40 days of Lent, we’ll follow Jonah as he’s called by God, flees, fears, prays, returns, wins!, complains, whines, and ...

You’re going to have to wait and see!

Why Jonah? As Dr. Michael Chan, who helped create this series notes, “Jonah walks a Lenten path.... God’s calling can sometimes lead us to people or places that are profoundly disturbing or uncomfortable. In such situations, it is understandable if our first instinct is to flee. Thankfully, God’s kindness and faithfulness mean that our ‘no’ to divine commandment has no impact on God’s unshakable ‘yes’ to us in Christ. When our faithfulness waivers and leads us to flee, God pursues us to the ends of the earth.”



The story of Jonah, which is comprised of just four small chapters in the Old Testament, offers drama (storms at sea), humor (God talks to a fish), forgiveness (Jonah – and all the people of Ninevah, including their animals! – get a second chance), great storytelling (there’s a cliffhanger of an ending), and most of all a profound example of the good news that comes to us at the end of Lent, on Easter Sunday morning

Here is the good news: God changes God’s mind. No matter what we’ve done, no matter how far we flee, God forgives, God waits for us to return, and God welcomes us with open and loving arms. This forgiveness and love is personified in the example of Christ. As we will find out (spoiler alert!) at the end of our 40 days, Christ is a “new Jonah.”

I hope you will journey along with Jonah as we traverse these 40 days. A wonderful devotional is available for your daily use in addition to our weekly Lenten services. I hope to see you on Wednesdays for our suppers, prepared by our Council teams and served by our youth, and at worship, featuring Holden Evening Prayer. And you can also tune in to Facebook Live@5 for “Man of Sorrows, People of Joy” every day.

God bless! ~ Pr. Elizabeth



MAPLE SYRUP

Maple syrup harvested from Zaffke’s maple woods makes a delicious gift! It’s not just for pancakes and waffles...drizzle it on yogurt, stir it into coffee, make ice cream with it, mix it into oatmeal, make salad dressing; the recipes are endless! A jar is \$10. Syrup is available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall or the office. Proceeds go to Trinity Youth.

YOUTH RETREAT

March 10 -12 we will be venturing out to the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells for a faith-based retreat! 7th- 10th grades invited! Contact Keri with questions and to register to attend.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION – MARCH 19 & 26**

March 19 – 10:30 a.m. 5th graders and their parents meet with Pr. Elizabeth and go over First Communion instruction in the Sanctuary. 11:00 a.m. make their Communion Cups at the art room at Spring Grove School.
March 26 – 11:00 a.m. finish making Communion Cups at the art room at Spring Grove School.

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 2

Sunday School youth and Wednesday Bible School kids will be singing in worship and waving palms.

EASTER BRUNCH – APRIL 9

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Easter Brunch is served! Please come and support our youth going on the Mission Trip to Cheyenne River Reservation in SD.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION – APRIL 16

Rite of Confirmation will be held for our 9th grade youth. Please hold our 9th grade youth in prayers as they Affirm their Baptism during worship!

CONFIRMATION CAMP – JUNE 11 -16

Good Earth Village Bible Camp

7th graders are required to attend Confirmation Camp

8th and 9th graders are encouraged to attend since COVID got in the way of your required 7th grade camp year.

Confirmation campers have memorable faith-building adventures during this week! Campers spend time each morning with their pastor or a confirmation leader exploring faith topics in depth. In the afternoon and evenings, campers enjoy group activities, canoeing, swimming, arts and crafts, epic games, and campfire worship led by the Good Earth Village summer staff.

1. Please sign up online. <http://goodearthvillage.org/register>

2. Make sure to list in your registration: CONFIRMATION CAMP with TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SPRING GROVE, MN in the program space.

3. You will have to pay a non-refundable deposit when you register.

4. Total cost per youth is \$200, as WELCA and other monies have been given to our youth to attend. If you are unable to pay the amount or deposit, please let Kerri know and we can help figure out a way for your child to attend camp!

MISSION TRIP TO CHEYENNE RIVER, SD – JULY 9-15 – ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH INVITED

This reservation is full of rich stories, beautiful scenery, and diverse culture. But like many Native American reservations, its history is also marred by hardship and injustice – the effects of which can still be felt today. Alcoholism, drugs, unemployment, abuse, and suicide all impact family dynamics and the larger community on a daily basis. While every partnership and project looks different, the goal is to meet the tangible, physical needs of people living on Cheyenne River. The primary platform for partnership on Cheyenne River is construction-based, the heart of the ministry is relational. Although families and individuals on the reservation face many challenges, there is hope. We know that Jesus deeply cares about this community and He is empowering individuals from Cheyenne River to rise up, advocate for their community, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and love the broken. God is there, and God is working. Students will have the chance to spend meaningful time with community members and hopefully leave their trip with a better understanding of the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe.

Deadline to sign up – the week of June 1. Contact Kerri to reserve your spot to go on this life-changing trip!

Cost is \$400. We hope to fundraise much of this expense.

Questions about youth-related items? Contact Kerri Jahnke

cyf.trinitysg@gmail.com ▪ 498-5291

JANUARY 11, 2023 CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**Updates:**

- Thankful Gifts catalog coordinated by Mission in the World Team at Christmas-time raised \$8,873 for various missions internationally and domestically.
- Master Planning Committee is looking into a new architect to look at the full master plan which includes the addition and other recommendations.
- A proposal regarding the Trinity Center from the December Council meeting will be brought to the Annual Meeting.
- Communications Team will take the lead on developing a plan to support an AED machine.
- Mike Betz presented the 2021 audit to the Finance Team to review.
- Annual Meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will also be available on Zoom.

Motions:

- to appoint Sheri Allen to replace Barb Arnold as an auditor as Barb can no longer fulfill this obligation. Passed.
- to increase Pr. Elizabeth's base salary to include the cost-of-living adjustment as recommended by the synod. Passed.
- to adjust the snow removal to \$6,150 for 2023. Passed.
- to keep the front entrance/west entrance open. Passed.
- (from the Finance Team) to remove the remaining funds at First Southeast Bank in Canton, MN and the Endowment Account MM1216 at Merchants Bank in Spring Grove, MN to New Albin Savings Bank in New Albin, IA because the interest rate is higher. Passed.
- to renew Trinity's membership with the Chamber of Commerce. Passed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Complete minutes are on Trinity's website.

FEBRUARY 8, 2023 CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**Updates:**

- Care Team will be a part of the Relief.Recover.Rebuild. event on Feb. 25. The team will provide dessert and workers. \$250 was given to the Spring Grove Fire Department and to the Chamber of Commerce for the fire relief and future events to support the fire recovery.
- Communications Team will be meeting next week regarding the Time and Talents survey form.
- Some accounts have not been audited for 2022. Kathy Overland and Sheri Allen will complete the audit by the April Finance Team meeting.
- Looking into the cost of trash pick-up and if there is a better rate elsewhere.
- Nicole (bookkeeper) needs a new laptop; she is currently using Bekah's old one.
- Property Team plans to look at the basement floor that continues to buckle with the humidity increase. They will also look at the concrete issues under the canopy of the elevator entrance. Shingles are missing on the steeple; they will find out if anything has begun with this project. The door of the elevator entrance tends to blow open when it is windy. They will look into fixing this issue.
- Staffing Team will be doing performance reviews at the end of April/early May. They have a goal to find a handbell choir director.
- Care Team will take care of fellowship following noon Ash Wednesday service.
- The following have volunteered to serve on the Trinity Center / Release Time committee: Barb Gulbranson, Andy Allen, Lorilyn Dehning, Lee Hoekstra, Rachel Udstuen, Michelle Jahnke, and a member from the Education Team.
- The school has a timeline to prepare for the potential referendum in November and they need to know by July if the Trinity Center can be a part of the referendum.

Motions:

- to add Betty Bergsgaard to serve on the Care Team. Passed.
- to appoint Jerald Oakes as Vice President. Passed.
- to move \$30,000 from parsonage two sale line item in Special Accounts and the total pastoral support funds into a 3-month CD at New Albin Savings Bank, a total of \$63,159.50. Passed.
- to approve the Banking Authority document. Passed.
- to advertise the Release Time committee through the bulletin, newsletter, verbal announcement, and to send a letter to area churches to invite them to join this committee. Passed.

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ▪ February 5 ▪ 10:45 a.m.

- A recap of the cash flow in 2022 was given by Treasurer Steve Nelson. He said that we caught up in December and we ended the year in the black.
- Comments from Pastor Elizabeth: extremely thankful and blessed for her call to Trinity Lutheran Church. She is so proud of Trinity in how we respond to the community needs. She is overjoyed at the vibrant fellowship and youth programs. She shared a few highlights that she is so thankful for from 2022:
 - Last February Council made a motion that the church matched what parishioners gave to Lutheran World Relief. The church matched \$5000 to give to LWR.
 - Empty Bowls is back.
 - The Christmas Concert is back with the Thankful Brass.
 - We went from Communion Pods to Communion at the table.
 - Thank you to Saundy for her leadership these past three years that included the pandemic. Also thank you to Dean Wiste, Dan Alstad, Judy Tollefsrud, and Steve Kemp for their time and service as Team Leads and Council representatives.
 - Thanks to the staff - "When you have a good staff and amazing volunteers, it's not a job, it's a love."
- Finance Team member Lorilyn Dehning presented the 2023 Budget. This year the budget was prepared with all gifts/offering received. It does not include any special accounts that were used in the past. If needed special accounts may be used throughout the year. This allows the budget to reflect the true needs of Trinity Lutheran Church. The salary increases came from what the Synod recommended, and other area's needs.
- The following volunteered to be delegates to the SEMN Synod Assembly: Saundy Solum, Terry Holland, Bev Nelson, and Steve Kemp.
- The following volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee (along with council members who complete their term at the end of 2023): Gary Wilhelmson, Mary Zaffke, and Saundy Solum.
- The following volunteered to update the constitution with recommendations from the Synod: Saundy Solum, Barb Arnold, Jacqui Wennes, and Mary Deters all volunteered for this committee.
- Leonard Myrah asked to amend his term from a three-year commitment to a year-by-year commitment due to his age.
- Explanation of the change to a 2-year Confirmation course. The Education Team makes the education decisions and they informed Council of the change. Council had no concerns with these changes and felt the Education Team and pastoral staff knew what was best.

Motions:

- to accept financial reports for 2022 that were audited in January 2023. Passed.
- to accept the budget as presented. Passed.
- to nominate David Storlie as the lead for Mission in the World team. Passed.
- to approve the team ballot as presented. Passed.
- (from Trinity Congregation Council) to offer both parcels (Trinity Center and the garage) to the Spring Grove Public school for \$30,000, with the contingent that Trinity is able to have Release Time in the updated/new space in perpetuity. Seconded. During the discussion, many thoughts and issues were shared regarding Release Time and Trinity Center. Tabled.
- to have an in-depth study to see how to enhance the Release Time Program, which includes the Trinity Center. Passed.
- to have the Trinity Lutheran Church council appoint a committee to complete an in-depth study on how to enhance the Release Time Program, and to further study Trinity Center. The Council will determine when the committee results will be presented. Passed.
- to table the sale of the Trinity Center. Passed.

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED TO TRINITY

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-Friday updates for the week ahead ▪ 498-AMEN (2636)
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-video recordings of worship, and more! ▪ KVIK 104.7FM ▪ www.kvikradio.com
- Sunday worship service |
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Southeastern Minnesota Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

A delegation of bishops and church leaders recently experienced the Holy Land together. Halfway through our two weeks, we were asked to reflect on what we had experienced so far.

We met with and learned from Palestinians as they shared the realities of life in a promised land. We visited schools, including a university that is partnered with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (which, like the ELCA, is a member of the Lutheran World Federation—or LWF). We experienced first-hand the impact these schools are making in their communities. I was struck by the seamless relationships between Christian and Muslim students within the schools. We toured Augusta Victoria Hospital and other ministries of LWF.

We listened to stories from Palestinian men in an East Jerusalem neighborhood. (Similar to the neighborhoods we have been reading about in the news.) They told stories of internal displacement and living as refugees in their homeland since 1948. We met men who still had the keys to the front door of the homes they were forced to flee decades ago.

Holding all of these stories, my colleagues around the table reflected aloud on the resilience and hope revalent in the schools, hospital, and communities we visited. I found myself offering this reflection to the group:

I am thinking about how hope does not negate suffering.

The whole world is broken, and there is not a place we can go where injustice can't be found. And the only thing that can bring about transformation is the gospel of Jesus Christ. If that isn't our greatest commitment... then the work will be too much.

In this Lenten season, I am pondering the ways the road is marked with suffering. And I am struck by the persistence of hope in suffering's midst.

Dear friends, in this Lenten season, I want to invite us into the discipline of hope. Hope that acknowledges the deep suffering within and around us. Hope that, because of what Christ has done, refuses to let suffering be all there is.

The world is indeed broken. There is not a place we could go where injustice cannot be found. And, as the people of God, we know death will be swallowed up in life (1 Corinthians 15:54). This Lent, I invite you to find ways to pay attention to the suffering, whether your own or your neighbors' (across the street or across the globe). And to pay attention to the persistence of hope in our broken world's midst. We know how this Lenten journey ends. Indeed, we know how the story of God's work in the world ends. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians, it ends in death being swallowed up in victory. We will have a foretaste of that victory in the Easter celebrations to come. Until that victory is complete, amid a world rife with broken pieces, we have a hope that refuses to give way and longs to be embodied in the lives of Christians throughout the world.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bp. Regina Hassanally".

Bishop Regina Hassanally
Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE RELEASE TIME AND THE FUTURE OF TRINITY CENTER

At our Annual Meeting on February 5, the congregation voted to form a committee to explore enhancing the Spring Grove Release Time program.

According to Minnesota law, public school students may be released for up to three hours per week for religious instruction. In the beginning of the program, the Spring Grove Release Time program included all K-12 students for 2-3 hours each per week. Currently, the program includes K-6th graders who attend for one hour each, once every four weeks on a rotating basis. The program is available to all Spring Grove students regardless of religious affiliation. Kerri Jahnke, Trinity's Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry, and Pastor Len Liptack of Faith Lutheran Church of Black Hammer, provide religious education to these students.

The vote to form this committee occurred because of a proposed motion from the Congregation Council to sell the Trinity Center property to the school. That motion was tabled. As has been previously communicated, the Trinity Center is in need of a new boiler and other improvements. Some members of the congregation would also like to re-examine the future of the property.

If you are interested in exploring opportunities to enhance the Release Time program or the future of Trinity Center and would like to be part of the conversation, please contact Pastor Elizabeth Hermeier at 507-498-5291.

Please note: Release Time is an ecumenical program within the Spring Grove community, and because children and youth from all congregations have participated in Release Time, we have also sent letters to Wilmington Lutheran Church, Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Church, Faith of Black Hammer Lutheran Church, and Calvary Evangelical Free Church to invite members of their congregations to join the discussion regarding Release Time.



"Thank you for the Christmas gifts."
~ residents at Sunrise Care Facility

"Thank you for your gift to Good Earth Village in this season of light. Your gift supports the work of growing faith leaders who create a safe and fun, grace-filled experience for all our campers. The staff and board of Good Earth Village wish you a blessed new year filled with peace and joy. We look forward to seeing you in 2023!" ~ Good Earth Village

"Thank you so much for your generous gift to the Lutheran Campus Center [Winona]. During this challenging economic climate when our expenses are rising and some of our donors have less to give, your kind contribution makes a tremendous impact. One of our students, Alex, has become our office assistant. One of his duties is to send out weekly emails which mostly talk about upcoming activities. Alex chose to go a little deeper with his message on All Saints Day. 'For a lot of you, today may be a hard day. A day full of recognizing loss is never easy, but you can't heal in grief without recognizing loss. Whatever you need, know that your friends at the LCC are here for you. You are love here and by God, in your grief and in your joy, always.' We were so moved by Alex's words. He took it upon himself to share this special message of love on what could have been a routine email. This is what our student do in the world, they make it a better place. And so do you. And we are deeply grateful."
~ Kelly Olson, Philanthropy Director, Lutheran Campus Center

"Thank you for your donation to the Houston County Food Shelf. Your gift will help us with our mission to empower and advocate for people to enhance their self-sufficiency by maximizing community resources. Through our programs, we continue to help people and change lives." ~ Doug Grout, Semcac Executive Director

"Thank you for your gift to Lutheran Disaster Response. Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and across the globe. No matter the disaster, no matter the need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future." ~ Amanda White, ELCA Director of Congregational Generosity

"Thank you for your recent gift to Lutheran World Relief! When you love your neighbors with your generous gifts to LWR, you change lives in amazing ways." ~ Daniel Speckhard, LWR President and CEO

HOSPICE ADULT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS — WEEK OF APRIL 17 THROUGH WEEK OF MAY 22

Available in-person or via Zoom

If a significant person in your life has died within the past three years, please consider being a part of an upcoming six week grief group. These groups provide a safe way to connect with other people who are grieving, to be understood and to share needs, concerns and feelings. Grief Group participants should be at least three months into their journey with grief after the death of their loved one. Hosted by Mayo Clinic Hospice.

ROCHESTER

Mondays, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Mayo Clinic Hospice Office
41st Street Professional Building
4111 W. Frontage Road

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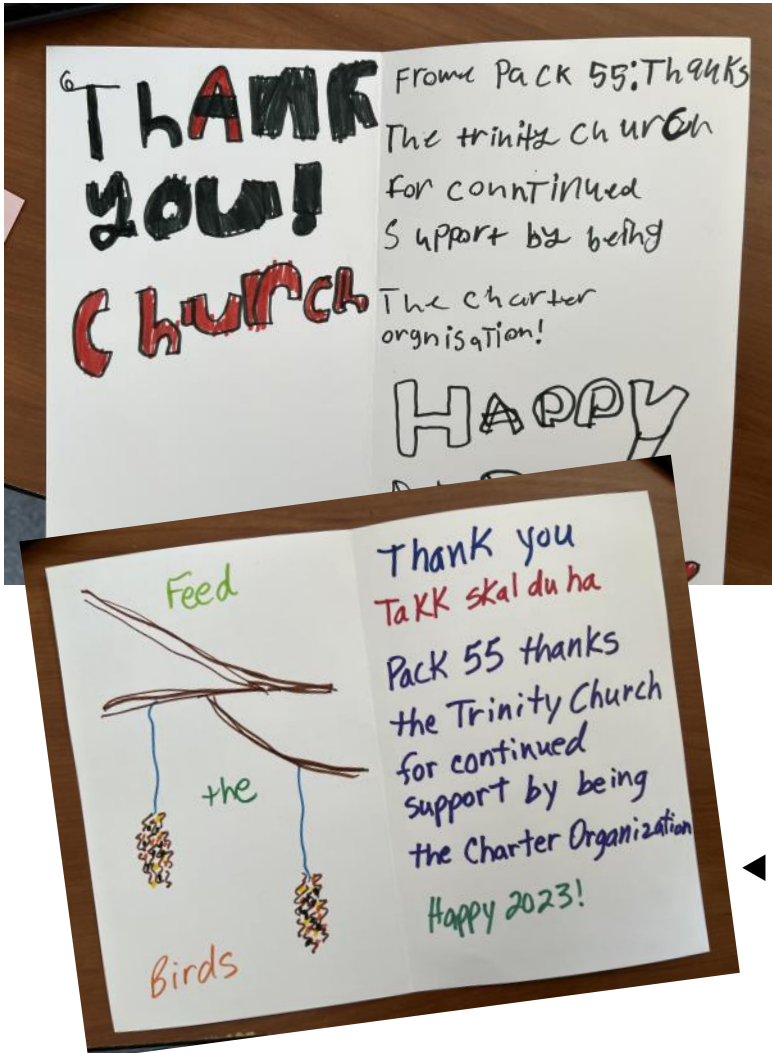
Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Christ Lutheran Church, 509 Kansas St. NW

ZOOM

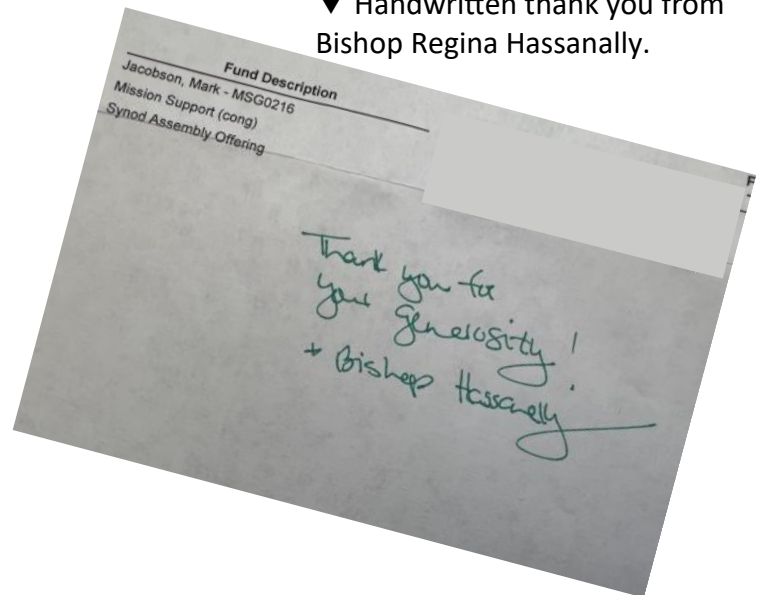
Mondays, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
You will need a computer with internet access, microphone and camera, and an email address.
A private place without others present because conversations are to be kept confidential.

TO REGISTER FOR IN-PERSON OR ZOOM

Registration closes on March 20
call: (507) 284-4002
or email: rsthospicebereavement@mayo.edu



▼ Handwritten thank you from Bishop Regina Hassanally.



◀ Thank you cards from Cub Scouts in Pack 55.



Youth-led worship

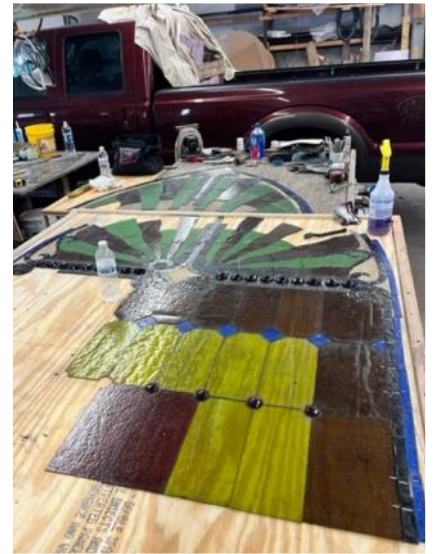


Wednesday Bible School



▲ Lions' Den Clothing Corner — donations have been generous and the clothing corner is well-stocked! At this time, no more donations are needed except girls' socks. Thank you to all who have donated!

▼ **Stained glass window project** — the windows were removed beginning January 10. They were transported to La Crosse where they are carefully being repaired. The goal is to have the windows re-installed by Easter.



◀ Harper Myrah, Madison Lile, and Jada Strinmoen organized and cleaned out the Sunday School supply closet.

▶ Release Time with Pastor Len Liptack leading this group at Giants of the Earth Heritage Center.



◀ A part of the Property Team checked out the flooring in the Fellowship Hall to see what needs repairing.

▶ Fun times at the high school lock-in.





Annual Meeting

Brunch was served by the Stewardship Team.
Out-going Congregation President Sandy Solum spoke as well as did Pastor Elizabeth Hermeier.



Love Day quilters have been busy this winter. They meet the last Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to join, quilting skills not required — come learn and enjoy time together!



Baptism of
Drayke Jordan
McCabe.



THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

Date	Lector	Acolytes	Communion Servers	Communion Bread Maker	Fellowship Hosts																
March 5	Carolyn Olson	Mariah Fretty Reanne Lemke	Raeanne Lemke Chase Peterson		Jessi & Chris Strinmoen Dee Dee Vick Carrie Neeley																
March 12	Danielle Myhre	Adelia Gross			Amy & Rob Gross Deb Spence																
March 19	Jen Solberg	Weston Ingvalson Ezra Konkkel	Emery Bartell Christian Bjerke		Carolyn Olson Linda Pierce																
March 26	Karen Gray	Addison Turner			Joe & Marlene Deschler Lori & Gary Wilhelmson																
March Ushers Kim Sherburne (captain) Steve Landsom Chris Petersen Greg Petersen John Storlie Rick Sundet		March Altar Guild Terry Holland (chair) Karen Bingham Bonnie Solberg Deb Spence Geri Worden		498-AMEN 2/26-3/11: Kari Alstad 3/12-3/25: Roxanne Finnesgard 3/26-4/8: Janna Myrah **"Christ in our Home" devotional booklets and recording instructions are in the office. After your last reading, please contact the next person on the list to remind them to begin.																	
Meals on Wheels 2/27-2/28: Lonny & Jean Ann Tweeten 3/1-3/2: Cindie & Galen Gunderson 3/3, 3/6: Steve & Linda Kemp 3/7-3/8: Mark & Betty Dokken 3/9-3/10: Kim & Doris Sherburne		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Prayer Chain 1</th> <th>Prayer Chain 2</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Joyce Landsom</td> <td>Karen Gray</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nolie Kapplinger</td> <td>Bev Nelson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Terry Holland</td> <td>Janet Wold</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bonnie Solberg</td> <td>Jan Lochner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dawn Hewitt</td> <td>Ruth Johnsrud</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lynn Rostad Anderson</td> <td>Judy Bratland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Milly Halverson</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Prayer Chain 1	Prayer Chain 2	Joyce Landsom	Karen Gray	Nolie Kapplinger	Bev Nelson	Terry Holland	Janet Wold	Bonnie Solberg	Jan Lochner	Dawn Hewitt	Ruth Johnsrud	Lynn Rostad Anderson	Judy Bratland	Milly Halverson		<p><i>Would you like to volunteer for one of these opportunities? We'd love to have you! Let us know in the office and we'll get you added to the place where you feel called to help. Thank you!</i></p>	
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MARCH HAPPENINGS AT TRINITY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FH = Fellowship Hall (large room in basement) MR = Middle Room (upstairs by offices) YGR = Youth Gathering Room (in basement near men's bathroom)			1 12-3pm Release Time (2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th) Heritage Ctr. 3:30pm Wednesday Bible School 6:15pm Lenten Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:30pm Choir	2 4:00pm Cub Scouts 5:30pm Education Team, MR	3	4 10:30am AA 5:00pm Worship/Communion
5 Second Sunday in Lent 9:15am Worship/Communion 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School	6 7:00pm Finance Team, MR	7 7:00pm Handbells	8 9:30am Adah, Tweeten Apts. 12-3pm Release Time (1 st /2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th /5 th) Heritage Ctr. 3:30pm Wednesday Bible School 6:00pm TrinityU: 7 th grade catechism 6:15pm Lenten Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:30pm Choir	9 4:00pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm SGHS Choir Concert, Sanctuary	10 WI Dells Youth Retreat through Sunday	11 10:30am AA
12 Third Sunday in Lent 9:15am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Nursing Home service 6:00pm High School Youth Group, YGR	13	14 9:00am Deborah 9:30am Anna 7:00pm Handbells	15 1:00pm Eve, Manor 1-3pm Release Time (1 st , 5 th), Heritage Ctr. 3:30pm Wednesday Bible School 6:15pm Lenten Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:30pm Choir	16 9:30am Worship at Manor 4:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Staffing Team, MR	17	18 10:30am AA 5:00pm Worship/Communion
19 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:15am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am First Communion class & cups for 5 th grade 1:00pm Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, FH	20	21 2:30pm Phoebe Circle, FH 7:00pm Handbells	22 1-3pm Release Time (K, 6 th), Heritage Ctr. 3:30pm Wednesday Bible School 6:00pm 9 th grade Confirmation project meeting 6:15pm Lenten Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:30pm Choir	23 9:30am Worship at Tweeten Apt 4:00pm Cub Scouts	24	25 10:30am AA
26 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:15am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday 11:00am 5 th grade First Communion Cups, school art room 6:00pm High School Youth Group, YGR	27	28 10:00am Assisted Living service 7:00pm Handbells	29 <i>no Release Time</i> 3:30pm Wednesday Bible School 6:15pm Lenten Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:30pm Choir	30 4:00pm Cub Scouts	31 9:00am Love Day, FH	

PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 2023 TEAM DIRECTORY
Kim Kapplinger (23)	Michelle Jahnke (21)	Steve Nelson (22)	
CARE	OUTREACH	HERITAGE ENDOWMENT	
<i>Laurie Moen, leader (21)</i>	<i>Terry Holland, leader (20, 22)</i>	<i>Steve Landsom, chair (22)</i>	
Joyce Bergrud (23)	Barb Gulbranson (19, 21, 23)	Dana Kjome (23)	
Autumn Wiste (23)	Jess Strinmoen (19, 21, 23)	Jeff Engen (21)	
Kathy Anderson (21, 23)	Karry Thorson (21, 23)	Cheryl Fisch, treas (21)	
Angie Berns (21, 23)	Kelly Eilers (22)	Gary Wilhelmson (22)	
Kris Bjerke (21, 23)	Elaine Kjome (22)		
Karen Folstad (21, 23)	Janice Messner (18, 20, 22)	MISSION ENDOWMENT	
Roxanne Finesgard (22)	PROPERTY	<i>Bruce Hegge, chair (18, 21)</i>	
Betty Bergsgaard (23)	<i>Jerald Oakes, leader (23)</i>	Howard Deters (20, 23)	
COMMUNICATIONS	Kim Sherburne (23)	Mark Dokken, treas (18, 21)	
<i>Mary Zaffke, leader (22-1yr, 23)</i>	Richard Storlie (23)	Joan Lewis (21)	
Saundy Solum (23)	Dean Wiste (23)	Greg Wennes (18, 21)	
Lara Wold Mendez (23)	David Overland (21, 23)		
Milly Halverson (22)	Bruce Bergsgaard (22)	SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT	
Hope Turner (22)	Jeremy Myhre (22)	Missy Bratland, chair (22)	
EDUCATION	STAFFING	Sheri Allen (23)	
<i>Bethany Moen, leader (21)</i>	<i>Betty Dokken, leader (22)</i>	Candyce Deck (20, 23)	
Bonnie Solberg (23)	Danielle Myhre (23)	Marlene Deschler (19, 22)	
Deanna Solum (23)	John Halverson (22)	Shari Wennes (18, 21)	
Jessica Sherburne (23)	Nancy Gulbranson (22)		
Tammy Petersen (21, 23)		2023 SYNOD ASSEMBLY Voting Members	
Jessica Kraus (20, 22)		Steve Kemp	
Bev Nelson (22)		Bev Nelson	
FINANCE	STEWARDSHIP	Terry Holland	
<i>Jacque Wennes, leader (23)</i>	<i>Lenny Myrah, leader (23-1 yr)</i>	Saundy Solum	
Barbara Arnold (23)	Steve Kemp (23)		
Kathy Overland (23)	Sara Kroshus (23)	NOMINATING COMMITTEE	
Kari Alstad (19, 21, 23)	Kris Rud (23)	Gary Wilhelmson	
Lorilyn Dehning (22)	Joyce Landsom (21, 23)	Mary Zaffke	
Jean Ann Tweeten (18, 20, 22)	Pete Bergrud (22)	Saundy Solum	
	Peggy Landsom (20, 22)		
MISSION IN THE WORLD	WORSHIP	CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE	
<i>David Storlie, leader (23)</i>	<i>Lori Wilhelmson, leader (23)</i>	Saundy Solum	
Karen Gray (19, 21, 23)	Lee Hoekstra (23)	Barbara Arnold	
Jen Solberg (21, 23)	Karen Bingham (21, 23)	Mary Deters	
Naomi Pollock (20, 22)	Jackie Parker (21, 23)	Jacque Wennes	
Stewart Storlie (20, 22)	Mark Schroeder (18, 20, 22)		
	Rachel Storlie (18, 20, 22)		
	Rick Sundet (20, 22)		

TERMS:
Team Leaders = 3 years, may not succeed themselves on same team.
Team Members = 2 years, may succeed themselves two times
Endowment Committee = 3 years, can serve no more than 2 consecutive terms
Nominating Committee = composed of current year's out-going members of Council plus 3 others elected at Annual Meeting
President, Secretary, Treasurer = 3 years, may not succeed themselves
Number in () = the year their term began

**Help us “plant” an Easter Garden
for our Easter morning worship services!**

Please have your plant to the church on Friday, April 7.
All colorful spring plants are welcome!

You may take your flower home with you after the 11:00 a.m. Easter service.

Flower purchased by:

Name _____

(Your name is not listed in the bulletin)

My flower is given: (These names will be listed in the bulletin.)

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In appreciation of _____



Monetary gifts may also be given.

(These names will be listed in the bulletin.)

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In appreciation of _____

Please designate my gift in the amount of \$ _____ to:

Trinity’s General Fund

Other: _____

My name: _____

(Your name is not listed in the bulletin)

Thank you for your flowers and monetary gifts!

Gifts and flowers will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin.

Please return this form to the office **by Monday, April 3.**
in order to have your gift listed in the bulletin. Thank you!

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The Legend of The PRETZEL



Around the year 600 AD, a Catholic Monk decided to make a special treat for the children who learned to recite their prayers.

Christians in those days prayed by folding their arms across their chests with each hand touching the opposite shoulder.

This clever Monk formed the dough so that it would look like arms folded in prayer.

He gave his creation the name *pretiola*, which in Latin, means "little reward".

The simple shape of the pretzel arms folded in prayer reminds us

TO PRAY EVERY DAY!

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