



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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~Welcome to Trinity Lutheran...Warm Hearts and Willing Hands~



Dear Trinity Family,  
The congregations of the Watonwan River Conference have a wonderful opportunity to further the kingdom of God by contributing to the building of another church in the Shiyane Circuit (think Synod) in South Africa.

As you remember this past fall we were blessed by some amazing visitors from South Africa. For those of you who remember Landy, it is her congregation that our conference is helping to fund the building of a church. Please take a moment to read the letter from Jim Branstad and the Watonwan Conference Partnership Committee... and then prayerfully consider supporting this endeavor.

Jim's letter... *A New Shiyane Building Opportunity!*

*This past fall the Watonwan River Conference had the marvelous privilege of hosting a group of 14 delightful church members from our partner circuit, Shiyane, from South Africa. Many people have commented on what a blessing it was to have them here... some highlights included partaking in marvelous music, having conversations long into the night with host families, and simply developing friendships.*

*You may also recall that in the early months of 2015 we had the privilege of helping to fund (at a level of 80% of total costs) the building of a church in Nsongeni. Seven of us from Watonwan went to that dedication, which was yet another privilege. Now, the Watonwan River Conference has been invited to participate in another adventure... helping to fund the building of a church at eTholeni.*

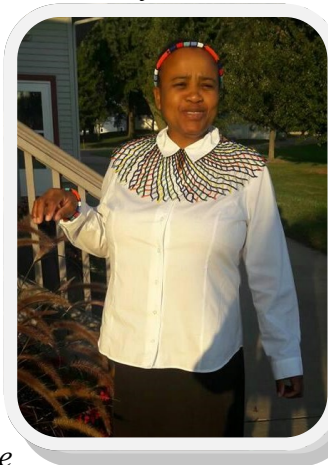
*Perhaps you were one of the people who heard the*

*often-repeated refrain, "I wish we could move this church to South Africa." Our churches with shrinking membership are so in contrast to churches that are filled almost before the building is completed.*

*Unfortunately, it is impossible to helicopter a church building to South Africa, but we can help fund the construction... and this time we have an exciting offer of matching funds to jumpstart our fundraising. A matching gift of \$10,000 has been given by an anonymous donor to encourage our generosity. We are aiming for a total of approximately \$36,000, and we are well on our way. Imagine. In the US many of our larger cars cost \$36,000, but in South Africa, one can build a whole church for that amount! It doesn't have many of the amenities that US churches have, but there will now be a space for Sunday School and worship, funerals, weddings, as well as a space for community functions. Like last time, our commitment will be 80%. The Shiyane Circuit is committed to share in the financial responsibility of this project and will raise funds to cover the remaining 20% of the construction costs. (They have raised way more than half of that already).*

*The building contractor will once again be Mr. Hendry Duze, who is a member of the Nazareth Parish of Shiyane Circuit. Many of you got to meet him when he was here in September.*

*Last time there were some quite amazing and fun ways that funds were raised. One pastor offered to have his beard cut off during the church service if the confirmands raised a certain amount of money - which they did! Other churches sent monies from their women's organization. From other congregations there was a budgetary commitment. From others it was individuals. There is no right way. But whatever the way, one thing is certain. We are indeed privileged to be able to share out of our abundance to bless the people of God in Shiyane.*



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# TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun  
Vice President: Grant Hartman  
Secretary: Cathy Sorenson  
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson  
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith  
Ch Properties: Duane Heckman  
Stewardship: Dave Sorenson  
Lay Ministry: Laurie Wille  
Worship: Barb Mager  
Youth: Britta Hartman  
Pastor Krista

## TRINITY LUTHERAN March 14, 2018

Present: Yvonne Noorlun, Duane Heckman, Laurie Wille, Clayton Duncanson, Grant and Britta Hartman, Barb Mager, Dave and Cathy Sorenson

After Yvonne called the meeting to order, the secretary's report was accepted as read. Clayton presented the treasurer's report. There is \$18,542 in the checking account and \$39,590 in the savings account. We had a negative balance of \$2813 for the month of February. The motion carried.

### BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship: Dave presented a sheet on the financial trends in terms of pledging, income and expenses for the last 9 years.  
Lay Ministry: The Sunday for accepting new members went well and we are excited to welcome the Klassen and Tonkin families to Trinity. There will be a Maundy Thursday service on March 29 at 9:30. Coffee and fellowship will follow.

Church properties: Replacing lights and adding a motion detector light were discussed.

Christian education: Several Sunday School students will be leading the service on April 29.  
 Youth: The Lenten suppers have gone well. They will serve their last supper on March 21.

Worship: Tanner Mammenga is helping out with the organ duties on Sundays. Thanks so much, Tanner! The Good Friday service will be on March 30 at 7:00. Confirmation service will be on May 6.

### NEW BUSINESS:

\* Laurie made the motion to accept the Klassens and Tonkins as new members. Duane made the second and the motion passed.

\* Cathy reported that the memorial money given to Trinity in memory of Marilyn Duncanson has been designated for camperships.

\* Yvonne reported on the Thrivent Choice Dollars. Anyone who has these dollars needs to claim the money by March 31.

\* The speaker system was discussed. Rhapsody Music in Mankato will be contacted to evaluate what is needed.

\* We have received \$1000 from the Hy-Vee receipts. Various ideas were discussed on how to spend it.

The next meeting will be held on April 11 at 7:30.

Cathy Sorenson  
secretary

*(pastor's letter cont. from page 1)*

*Our goal is to be done with fundraising by June 1. Shiyane's goal is to start building July 1.*

*May God bless you this Lenten/Easter Season as you contemplate this challenge!*

*PS... How to remit payments? If you are an individual, and want a tax deduction, make out your gift to your home congregation or to First Lutheran, St. James, clearly noting that this is designated giving for the Watonwan Conference Partnership Committee's Shiyane Circuit's church building project. If you are a church remitting payments, or don't care about tax deductibility, make checks out to Watonwan Conference Partnership Committee, % Jim Branstad, 213 2nd Avenue South, St. James, MN 56081.*

*Jim Branstad and the Watonwan Conference Partnership Committee*

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this endeavor.

*Pastor Krista*



### THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

*Through Thrivent Choice, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations.*

**Choice Dollars designated to  
Trinity this month is:  
\$602.00**

# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/Theme	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
April 1-Easter	Acts 10:34-43	118:1-2, 14-24	1 Cor. 15:1-11	John 20:1-18
April 8-2nd Easter	Acts 4:32-35	133	1 John 1:1—2:2	John 20:19-31
April 15-3rd Easter	Acts 3:12-19	4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
April 22-4th Easter	Acts 4:5-12	23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
April 29-5th Easter	Acts 8:26-40	22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8

## APRIL LAY MINISTRY

### TRINITY

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

**WORSHIP TIME: 10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 9:00 –10:15 AM**

#### COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

April 1 & 8

#### COMMUNION SERVERS:

4/1-Yvonne Noorlun and Dave Sorenson (Easter)

4/8-Linda Meyer

#### LAY READERS:

4/1-Laurie Wille

4/8-Johnnie Zaharia

4/15-Clayton Duncanson

4/22-Dave Sorenson

4/29-LeAnn Maloney

#### ACOLYTES:

4/1-Please volunteer

4/8-Peyton Franzen

4/15-Luke Kester

4/22-Luke Kester

4/29-Luke Kester

#### APRIL USHERS:

\*Brad Nickerson, Dan Lang, Gary Meyer, and Howard Kautz

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST SIGN UP

4/1-No Sunday School

4/8-Linda Meyer

4/15-Please volunteer

4/29-Teresa Zaharia



On March 4 we welcomed our newest members:

#### **Josh & Heather Tonkin**

They moved to Truman in last June (*they live in the former Tom Dodge home*). Josh teaches 5-12th grade band at Butterfield-Odin Schools. Heather works in Fairmont at Hormel Foods.

#### **Klassan Family:**

#### **Dan, Allison, Dominic and Alaina**

Dan, Allison and family live in Lewisville. Allison works for Southern Plains as a Special Ed teacher at Truman Schools. She also is a School Board Member. Their children—Dominic is in the 2nd grade and Alaina is in the 4 year old preschool program at Truman Public.

**PASTOR KRISTA IS PARTICIPATING IN THE EASTER VIGIL AT TRINITY IN WELCOME**

**Easter Vigil is on Saturday, March 31st at 6:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church (204 2nd St.) Welcome**

*The Easter Vigil is an ancient Easter Eve service that begins around a fire and then transitions from darkness to light, illustrating Christ's passage from death to resurrection.*



## WELCA NEWS

We have two events coming up. On Saturday, April 7th the Watonwan Conference Gathering will be at the Augustana Church in St. James. There is coffee and registration at 8:30 and lunch will be served at the end of the meeting. There is always an interesting speaker and the business meeting is short. Please let Barb Shoen know by Wednesday, April 4, if you can attend. We will meet at the church to share rides.

The second event is the Spring Festival at Trinity in Madelia. A salad luncheon is served from 11:00 until 1:00 for only \$6.00. Thanks to Marlene R., Marilyn A., and Jan B., for volunteering to provide some food items. Connie S., and Barb S., have tickets for sale (only \$1.00 each) for a chance to win a prize. All are invited to the luncheon.

One of our service projects is providing school kits. You do not have to be an active member of WELCA to provide needed items. Items needed:

- \* 70 sheet notebooks, wide or college lined
- \* 30 centimeter ruler
- \* Pencil sharpeners
- \* Blunt scissors
- \* No. 2 pencils
- \* Black or blue ball point pens
- \* Crayons, 16 or 24 count only
- \* Erasers

These items may be put in the box in the quilting room.

LUTHER MEMORIAL HOME AUXILIARY PRESENTS:

# Spring Festival

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MADELIA, MN**

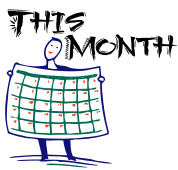
**11 am to 1 pm** Drawing for a  
**Adults \$6.00** Variety of Prizes  
**Salad Luncheon** at 12:30 p.m.

Take out or in-town delivery available.

Call 642-8301 between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**





May 2018						
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27	28	29	30	31		

**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

1 <u>Communion</u>  <b>E A S T E R</b>	2 1:30 pm Martha Circle at Janice B.	3  Stop doubting and <b>BELIEVE</b>	4 No choir practice	5 9 am Open Bible study at the church	6	7 WELCA Spring Gathering 9 am—noon
8 <u>Communion</u> <b>YOUTH lead the worship</b> Conf-U 12:15-3:30 pm	9	10 Spring Festival in Madelia	11 No choir practice 7:30 pm Council mtg	12 Early Childhood Screening at the church 8-4 pm	13	14 
15	16 	17	18 6 pm Choir practice	19 Pastor at	20 Continuing—  Pat Jones	21 Ed. —————>  Scrapbook- ing
22 	23	24	25 6 pm Choir practice	26  <i>I thank you for answering my prayer and giving me victory!</i> PSALM 118:21, NLT	27	28
29 	30 	<u>Worship Schedule</u> <b>Worship 10:30 AM</b> <b>Sun School</b> 9-9:30 –Breakfast 9:30-10:15-class		<u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u> Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11 & 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00	<u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u> <b>Tuesday:</b> 9:00-1:00 pm <b>Friday:</b> 9:00-1:00 pm	<u>EVENTS IN MAY</u> Confirmation Sunday on May 6th Mothers Day on May 13th Senior Recep- tion May 20th



## CAMP DONATIONS

We are still accepting donations for camperships for this summer.

Just put a check or envelope in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

Be sure to put "for camperships" in the memo line.

Camp is a wonderful experience for younger and older students.



*Our Heartfelt Sympathy to:* Our Heartfelt Sympathy to Mary Lehr on the death of her sister, LaVerne Lehr who passed away at the age of 92 on February 19th in Wichek, ND. Mary & LaVerne married brothers, Elmer and Lawrence when they come back from the war. Mary has 4 sisters and 2 brothers still living.



Anyone wishing to have a pastoral visit should contact the church office, Yvonne Noorlun or Pastor Krista



We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the home-bound: **Dot Graham and Danny Lang...** Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.

**oops!** From a church newsletter:  
 special concert:  
 Join us for an evening of scared music.  
 7 p.m. on April 8  
 Why frighten people away from a sacred event?

**UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:**

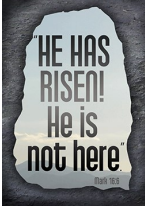





**Fareway-\$127,391.17**  
**Hy-Vee-\$23,017.75**

*Gas & Pharmacy receipts also count*

*\*\*Please don't cut off the receipts--the amounts*

# BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday 	2	3	4 Paula Kester	5 Denise Buysse	6 Cali Cross Carolyn Drevlow	7 Norma Stough Amy Mohwinkel Cindy Wiederhoeft Jared Steuber
8	9 <b>JoAnn Knutson (82 years)</b>	10	11 	12 Daniel Janssen <b>Lowell &amp; Yvonne Noorlun (27 years)</b>	13 Marianne Lang	14
15 <b>Dottie Graham (82 years)</b>	16 Chris Hiller	17 Liam Werner	18 Corry Pettersen <b>Vi Benoy (92 years)</b> 	19 Angie Jahnz	20 	21 <b>Veryle Williamson (88 years)</b>
22 Mike Bonk Jerome Wille	23	24 Duane Heckman Jacob Worlds Teresa Zaharia	25	26 Grant Hartman <b>Art &amp; Norma Stough (61 years)</b> 	27 Kylee Harder	28
29 Dave Baarson	30 					

## Youth Lenten Suppers



TRUMAN HIGH



SCHOOL PLAY

Great Job to those Trinity students that performed in the Truman High School Play “Hollywood Hillbillies” on March 8th & 9th.

Those from Trinity include: Chloe Hartman, Ashlyn Cook, Kaden Moon, Jaiden Cook, Casidy Moon, Johnnie Zaharia, Tallin Cook, Cali Cross, Mason Peters. Also Tommy Kotewa helped in the stage crew, and Ryan Brudellie and his shop class helped with building the set. Jan Ringeisen was the co-director





I/WE WANT TO BE A  
**THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING**  
STAKE HOLDER!

Select a sponsorship level and complete the form.  
Please include this form with your donation.

- ( ) PRAYER SPONSOR - \$1-\$24  
( ) DISCIPLE SPONSOR - \$25-\$49 ( ) MENTOR SPONSOR - \$50 and up

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUTH CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_



**Support Trinity Youth Attending the**  
**ELCA Youth Gathering**  
**By Being a Stake Holder in the Trip!**

The ELCA National Youth Gathering Theme is “This (Grace) Changes Everything”. Youth Gatherings are significant events in the lives of young people’s faith in the ELCA. Youth that attend Gatherings come back to their congregations with a new and broader awareness of God, church, the ministries of the ELCA, and have been challenged to think about things with a faith lens and understanding of their role not only in the ELCA but as Children of God and the impact they can have in their church and community. This event “Changes” lives of our youth in many positive and amazing ways.

You are invited to be part of this process.  
You can be a Grace Changes Everything Stake Holder.  
The cost of attending the youth gathering  
averages \$1 a mile per person.  
(registration - housing - transportation - food)

You are invited to contribute and be a GCE Stake Holder.... *(continued on next page)*



**Be a PRAYER Sponsor:**

Prayer Sponsors will be invited to:

- \* Contribute \$1 - \$24 to **Trinity Youth - the Grace Changes Everything Stake Holder Fund**
- \* Pray for the youth on trip.
- \* Follow our trip on the Trinity Facebook Page.
- \* Thank You note from Youth

**Be a DISCIPLE Sponsor:**

Disciple Sponsors will be invited to:

- \* Contribute \$25 - 49 to **Trinity Youth - the Grace Changes Everything Stake Holder Fund**
- \* Pray for the youth on trip.
- \* Follow our trip on Trinity Facebook Page
- \* Receive Daily Updates from the youth via the Trinity Youth are Houston Bound Facebook Page
- \* Thank You note from Youth
- \* Be invited to join us at our **Grace Changes Everything Stake**

**Holder Dinner** - a nice meal prepared and served by the youth with a program provided by youth sharing their experiences.

**Be a MENTOR Sponsor:**

Mentor Sponsors will be invited to:

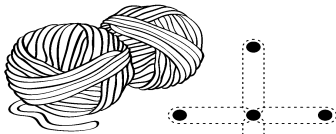
- \* Contribute \$50 or more **Trinity Youth – the Grace changes Everything Stake Holder Fund**
- \* Follow our trip on Trinity Facebook Page
- \* Receive Daily Updates from the youth via the Trinity Youth are Houston Bound Facebook Page
- \* Receive Daily Email/Message from a youth on the trip.
- \* Thank You note from Youth
- \* Be invited to join us at our **Grace Changes Everything Stake**

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# CROSS CRAFT

Make this special cross as a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection.



### What you need:

- Adult help
- Piece of wood
- 5 nails
- Hammer
- 2 balls of yarn (blue and yellow)

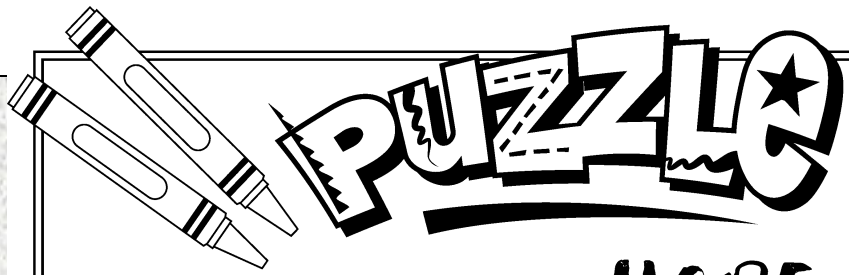
### What you do:

1. Hammer the nails into the wood to form a cross shape (see example).
2. Tie the blue yarn to the bottom nail. Wrap it up and around the top nail and back down to the bottom nail. Then wrap it around the middle nail and around the side nails. Repeat until the yarn is wrapped about halfway up the exposed nails.
3. Repeat step two with the yellow yarn. Wrap it around the nails until only the heads are visible.

## Christian Symbol

### Phoenix

According to ancient legend, the phoenix lived for 500 to 1,400 years (depending on the version of the myth), at which time it would set its next ablaze and be consumed in the flames. After three days the bird would be reborn and was said to repeat this cycle, "rising from the ashes" again and again. Early Christians saw in the phoenix a symbol of Jesus' resurrection and of eternal life.



# RESURRECTION HOPE



Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.



*Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.*

- |                     |                  |                        |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 2+2 = ___ united    | 2x3 = ___ death  | 7+6 = ___ resurrection |
| 3x3 = ___ certainly | 18-16 = ___ have | 4-1 = ___ been         |
| 0+1 = ___ if        | 2x4 = ___ we     | 13-1 = ___ him         |
| 2+3 = ___ in        | 20-6 = ___ like  | 2+5 = ___ his          |
| 2x5 = ___ be        | 8+3 = ___ with   |                        |

"For 1 we 2 3 4  
with him 5 a 6 like 7 ,  
8 will 9 also 10 united  
11 12 in a 13  
14 his." Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV

## Bible Quiz

In John 10, what metaphor does Jesus use to describe himself?

- A. "I am the gate..."
- B. "I am the good shepherd..."
- C. Both A and B
- D. Neither A nor B



Answer: C (See John 10:9, 11.)



# THE MESSENGER

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God's Blessings to:



**Get it!**

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**Text Alert!!!**

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message if church has been  
cancelled, or any other event  
change. Call or email the  
church office to be included!

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*"Easter is the soul's first taste of spring."*

—*Richelle Goodrich*

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**TRINITY WORSHIP-10:30 AM**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:00 AM**  
*(Sunday school classes are from Sept—May)*

If you are searching for a church home or are currently a member, we want to extend a warm welcome to you. Trinity observes the "Open" communion policy— all those believing in Christ are welcome at our Lord's Table.

*Communion is scheduled to take place the first two Sunday's of the month, check the calendar inside for any changes.*

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-8:00-11:00 am  
Wed.—8-11 am, & 1-4 pm  
Friday-8:00-11:00 am

## PASTOR KRISTA'S OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday—9:00-1:00 pm**  
**Friday—9:00—1:00 pm**

~Please call Pastor on her cell if you need to contact her any other time of the week. If she doesn't answer, leave a message and she will call you right back~