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



Dear Trinity Family,

Little did I know that our Epiphany prayer experience identifying people and places God uses to shine light in the darkness would become a symbol of hope for my youngest. She now has one of the stars in her bedroom as a reminder - ***“that the light of Christ shines in the darkness and darkness can not, does not and will not overcome it”*** Although this is a dark time for our family the light of Christ is shining through. I am grateful for your support and encouragement - through your kind words, your prayers, support of family and friends, faithful conversations with my colleagues, and even my children. My family and I, walking this uncharted territory for us together as we are embraced by the amazingness of God’s grace with my six year old talking about forgiveness. I give thanks to God for many unexpected blessings and hold tight to the promise that Christ is the light and when darkness feels overwhelming I cling to the Easter promise of hope, grace, and new creation.

I am finding comfort and strength through scripture and prayer. Psalm 23 is often turned to in times of grief, loss and illness. Through my preparation for Good Shepherd Sunday, I found and shared an adaptation of the 23rd Psalm during my sermon. This psalm has been a source of comfort, courage, and hope. Even in the midst of my own struggles, I am very much aware that others are facing challenges and struggles even greater than mine. I pray that this adaptation by Stephen Mitchell may bring you comfort today or in the future as well.

**Psalm 23 -
The Lord is my shepherd;
I have everything that I need.
God makes me lie down in green pastures
God leads me beside the still waters
God refreshes my soul.
God guides me on paths of righteousness
so that I might serve God with love
Though I walk through the darkest valley
or stand in the shadow of death
I am not afraid,
for I know you are always with me
You spread a full table before me
even in time of great pain;
you feast me with your abundance
and honor me light royalty
announcing my head with sweet oil,
filling my cup to the brim.
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me
all the days of my life
And I will live in God’s radiance
forever and ever.**

Taken
from *A Book of Psalms* by Stephen Mitchell

I want to thank you again for your on-going love, support, encouragement and prayers.

Living with hope!

Pastor Krista

TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Church
Council



COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Tom Dodge,
Vice President: Dennis Rode
Secretary: Marlene Breitbarth
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Brad Nickerson,
Stewardship: Duane Heckman
Lay Ministry: Yvonne Noorlun
Worship: Barb Mager
Youth: Teresa Davis
Pastor Krista

Trinity Lutheran Church April 13, 2016

Present: Tom Dodge, Teresa Davis, Yvonne Noorlun, Brad Nickerson, Dennis Rode, Duane Heckman, Clayton Duncanson, Cathy Sorenson, Pastor Krista.

President Tom Dodge called the meeting to order.

The secretary's report was accepted. A correction was noted that the meeting was held at Trinity in Truman tonight.

Clayton presented the treasurer's report. There is \$13,974 in the checking account and \$71,637 in the savings account. There is \$34,250 in the heat fund account. .

BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship--Duane made a delivery of food to one of our church families. He will continue to deliver when there is donated food in the box in the entry.

Lay Ministry--Yvonne reported that her committee will be buying gifts for the two Confirmations and our eleven gradu-

ates. She has also received \$250 from Thrivent that will help WELCA buy fleece for blankets.

Church Properties: Brad and Dennis will be getting bids for the heating system. He will look into getting evergreen trees for the property. They will be given in memory of Sylvan Behrends. There was discussion about the lighting in the sanctuary. Pastor suggested using white paper for the bulletins to see if that will help.

Beginning on July 3rd-church services will be starting at 8:45.

Youth: There will be 8 youth going on the mission trip the end of July and 1 family going on the mission trip the end of June. There are 2 and maybe more going to Green Lake Bible Camp.

Christian Education--No report
Worship--There were wonderful reports about the Lenten services and especially the Thursday and Good Friday services. The committee will be meeting soon to plan the Blessing of the Seeds Sunday, Confirmation and Graduation Sundays.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trinity still needs delegates to go to the Synod Assembly in June.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion carried that the Werner family be allowed to use the fellowship hall for Liam's birthday on April 30.
- Starting on July 3 church services will be starting at 8:45.
- There was discussion about the God's Work--Our Hands project to be held on September 11. This will be an opportunity for Trinity to do good things for our community. Any suggestions should be given to Pastor Krista or Tom. Cathy made the motion and Dennis the second to buy a new laptop for Pastor Krista. Motion carried.
- Another \$1000 has been earned from the Hy-Vee receipts. Everyone will be encouraged to help with the waffle breakfast during Truman Days.

The meeting was adjourned.

Cathy Sorenson
substitute secretary



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.

Congratulations! Trinity Lutheran Church received \$2,065 in 2015!

**Choice Dollars designated to
Trinity this month is:**

\$258.00

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/Theme	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
5/1-Blessing of Seeds	Acts 16:9-15	67	Rev 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29
5/8-Mother's Day and	Acts 16:16-34	97	Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
5/15-Pentecost/Confirmation	Acts 2:1-21	104:24-34, 35b	Rom 8:14-17	John 14:8-17 [25-27]
5/22-Holy Trinity/Grad Reception	Prov 8:1-4, 22-31	8	Rom 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
5/29-Patriotic Sunday	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43	96:1-9	Gal 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10

MAY LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

WORSHIP TIME: 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 9:00 AM

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON MAY 8TH

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

May 1 and May 15

COMMUNION SERVERS:

5/1-Marilyn Duncanson
5/15-Linda Meyer

Acolytes for April

5/3-Tallin Cook
5/8-Miah Krebs
5/15-Carson Peters
5/22-Miah Krebs

LAY READERS:

5/1-Clayton Duncanson
5/8-Jan Ringeisen
5/15-Carolyn Drevlow
5/22-Courtney Zaharia
5/29-Zach Hansen

MAY USHERS:

*Gene Mager, Dean Gulbranson, Doug Mammenga & Tanner Mammenga



Trinity Lawn Care for May

May 1-7-Doyle Peterson & Jerry Teig

May 8-14-Dennis Rode

May 15-21-Dean Gulbranson & Mark Durkee

May 22-28-Jerry Miller and Monty Selnes

May 29-June 2-Mike Wiederhoeft

May Hymns



May 1-Blessing of the Seeds

This is My Father's World ELW 824
For the Beauty of the Earth ELW 879
You are the Seed WOV 753

May 8-Mother's Day, Last Day of S/S

Blest Be the Tie That Binds ELW 656
Beautiful Savior ELW 838
Go, My Children, with My Blessing ELW 543

May 15-Confirmation

TBD-by Confirmation Students

May 22-Senior Recognition

Borning Cry ELW 732
Here I am Lord ELW 574
Go, My Children, with My Blessing ELW 543

May 29-Patriotic Sunday

America the Beautiful ELW 888
This is My Song ELW 887
Patriotic Hymn Medley
Battle Hymn Republic ELW 890





WELCA NEWS

MAY News

Cathy Sorenson, Barb Shoen and Barb Mager attended the Spring Gathering of the Watonwan River Conference WELCA at East Sveadahl Church in rural St. James on April 2. Pastor Rebecca Sullivan was the guest speaker. The theme of her presentation was entitled "Partners Build a Church". She shared pictures and information about the Shi-yane Circuit Project in Africa where a new church was built with help from our Synod. She has made several trips to Africa to help out with this project. Several years ago members from that African congregation visited us in Truman. Barb Mager agreed to serve another two years as conference secretary. We will host the Spring meeting in Truman next April.

Thank you to those who attended the Spring Festival in Madelia on April 12. We had a large delegation from Truman. Thanks also to those who donated salads and

cupcakes and worked serving the food. The proceeds from this yearly event go to the Lutheran Memorial Home in Madelia of which our church is a sponsor.

Upcoming events for May include:

Monday, May 9 – WELCA meeting at 1:30 p.m. -- Martha Circle serves lunch

Sunday, May 22 – Senior Recognition Sunday. Div. C and Div. D is in charge of serving – The Division Co-Chairs are Tammy Wokasch, Kaela Kelley, Cathy Sorenson and Tonia Kahler.

Eleven quilts which were made by our WELCA members will be presented to our seniors and foreign exchange students.



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Fareway-\$62,411.22

Hy-Vee-\$150,001. 95

We did it!!

(our Hy-Vee goal is reached at \$150,000.00 in receipts!! which in return we receive \$1000.00 check)

Thanks to everyone who turned in all those receipts!

Keep them coming, as we start out to collect another

In-carnation

The official flower of Mother's Day is the carnation, the favorite flower of the mom of the holiday's founder, Anna Jarvis. Over time, the custom arose of wearing a white carnation on Mother's Day if your mother has died and a red one if she's living.

In fact, many carnation colors have special meanings. Pink carries the richest Christian symbolism. According to legend, carnations first appeared on earth as Mary wept while watching Jesus carry his cross. Where her tears fell, there appeared pink carnations, symbolizing a mother's undying love.

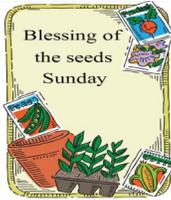
According to one theory, the English word for carnation comes from *carnis*, Latin for flesh. From the same root comes incarnation, God's coming to earth in flesh. Thus, carnations remind us of our loving mothers as well as our loving Savior.





June 2016						
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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>1 Communion</p>  <p>Blessing of the seeds Sunday</p> <p>Confirmation U Classes 12:15-3:30</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:30 Martha at Barb M.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 9 am Bible Study/Lois Circle at the Truman Café</p> <p><i>Ascension of the Lord</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>  <p>Happy Mother's Day!</p> <p>Last day of S/S Teacher Recognition</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:30 WELCA mtg.-Martha serves</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Church Council Mtg. 7 pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 Communion</p>  <p>PENTECOST</p> <p>Confirmation Sunday</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Newsletter DEADLINE!</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>★ ARMED FORCES DAY ★</p>
<p>22 Trinity Sunday</p>  <p>Celebrating OUR GRADUATES Senior Recognition</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 am Messenger Assembly</p> 	<p>27</p>  <p>The church office will be closed Fri. 5/27 & Mon. 5/30</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30 Memorial Day</p>  <p>A Day for Remembering</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Worship Schedule</p> <p>TRINITY</p> <p>Sun school 9:00 AM</p> <p>Worship 10:30 AM</p>	<p><u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u></p> <p>Wednesday: 8:30-2:30 pm</p> <p>Thursday: 10:30-2:00 pm (call on Thurs.)</p>	<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></p> <p>Mon-8:00-11:00</p> <p>Wed-8-11 & 1-4</p> <p>Fri-8:00-11:00</p>	

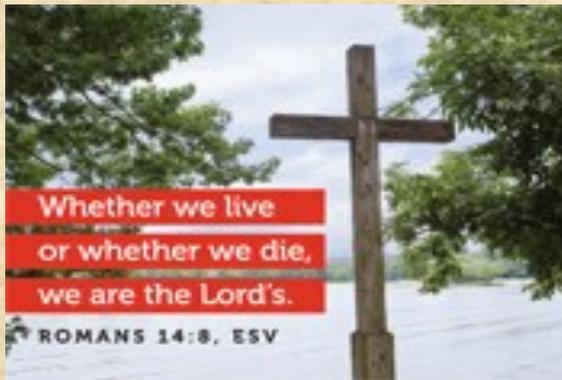
NEWS

From Our Parish



Heartfelt Sympathy to the family of James Hansen on the death of his mother, Violet Hansen who passed away on April 13, 2016.

Her funeral was held on April 17th at the Truman Church of Christ.



Thank you to everyone who gave hugs and sent cards and memorials upon the death of my mother, Violet Hansen. We are so grateful for such a caring church family.

James & Brenda Hansen & family



Prayers

We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:

Bea Behrens, Agnes Carlson, Lisa Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Oakley Selnes, Danny Lang and Kent Hyndman... Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.

Muriel Druck has a new address:

49587 300th St
Henning, MN 56551-9330



NEED ASSISTANCE?

In today's fast paced world, sometimes it's nice to have someone reach out and help with chores, having a neighbor take you to a doctor's appointment or friendly visits. **CREST is looking for care receivers like you.** CREST is a part of the National Volunteer Caregivers Network and is dedicated to fostering caring relationships. We help people who are elderly or who have disabilities and these services are available in the community of Truman. Contact CREST today at 235-3833 for more information. We can help to maintain your independence by arranging a volunteer from the Truman area to help you.



BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Jan Ringeisen	2 Krista Ringeisen	3 Mindy Cook	4 Annabelle Hegg	5  Brantley Butler	6	7
8  Amanda Taylor	9 Eleanor Lubitz (97 years)	10 Brent Wiederhoeft	11 Chris Duncanson	12	13 Addison Smith	14
15  Lisa Carlson	16 Lisa Carlson	17 Gavin Kester Tanner Mammenga Chandler Meyer	18 Tanya Teig	19 Laura Langvardt	20 Tonia Kahler	21 Carter Bruderie Norm & Marilyn Anderson (50 years)
22  Janice Buhmann	23	24 Mason Peters	25	26 Roxanne Lehr	27	28
29 Colby Cross Jackson Hastad Butch Ratike (88 years)	30  Duke Drevlow Gary Meyer	31				



**Congratulations to Trinity's 2016
Graduating Seniors**



Zachary Hansen-Son of James & Brenda

Beth Kotewa-Daughter of Sam & Donna

Jackson Maloney-Son of Jeff & LeAnn

Chandler Meyer-Son of Eric & Holly Morris & Cory & Amy Pettersen

Amber Nickerson-Daughter of Brad & Deb

Hailey Olson-Daughter of Troy & Raquel Harder

Jacob Worlds-Son of Nicole and Reggie

Derek & Jacob Zupfer-Son of David & Teresa

Remi Fukuda-Foreign Exchange Student-Host Parents are Ross & Jan Ringeisen

Sun Losereewanich-Foreign Exchange Student-Host Parents are Ryan & Julie Brudelic



CONFIRMATION TO BE HELD

ON MAY 15TH

Trinity will have two students to Affirm their Baptism on May 15th, 2016...

Kylee Harder, daughter of Troy & Raquel Harder, and Jaiden Cook, son of Tim & Mindy Cook.

Please pray for these student as they prepare to assume greater responsibility in the life of the Christian community and for the mission of the church.





A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift — and a hug!

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A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

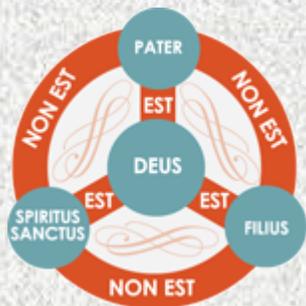
A E I O U Y



Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

Christian Symbol+

Shield of the Trinity



This symbol consists of a triangle with a circle at each point, labeled in Latin with the three Persons of the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A circle in the center is labeled God. Six lines show the relationships formed, with inner lines marked "is" and outer lines marked "is not." The resulting sign declares that God is Father, God is Son and God is Spirit, yet the three Persons are not the same.



THE MESSENGER

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New!

Trinity now has
Text Alert!!!

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message if church has been
cancelled, or any other event
change. Call or email the
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MAY 2016

God's Blessings to:

“If we are not planted in Christ, we'll be uprooted in crisis.”

—Unknown

May
2016



Worship
SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday—8:30-2:30 pm
Thursday—10:30—2:00 pm
(On Thursday's pastor is in & out of the office, please call her cell)

~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~