

THE MESSENGER

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



Dear Family and Friends of
Trinity,

There is an old joke that goes, "If April showers bring May flowers, what do Mayflowers bring?" and of course the ridiculous answer is "Pilgrims".

If you look at the calendar, the month of May brings many activities and special events our way: May 1 is "May Day" and is a traditional day for celebrating the end of winter and the true beginning of spring; for many it was a day for hanging "May Baskets". May 4 is Star Wars Day. May 5 Cinco de Mayo celebrates the Mexican Army's defeat of France- 1862; May 5 is also National Day of Prayer. May 8 is Mother's Day and May 14 is the official opening of fishing season in Minnesota. May 21 is Armed Forces Day while May 30 is Memorial Day. On the church calendar May 26 is Ascension Day.

Beyond those special days that are standard on the May calendar, May is the month when churches traditionally held "Mother-Daughter" banquets, or "Teas"; many schools have graduations in May, and of course, there is prom.

I remember two things about prom: 1). Proms were not all they were cracked up to be! And 2). My mom took a special picture of me in my prom dress. Growing in our yard were some beautiful, old lilac bushes.

In the spring of 1964, the deep purple blossoms on the lilacs were especially gorgeous. My junior prom dress was yellow, and Mom decided that those lilac blossoms would make a terrific background for a picture of me in my yellow dress. (For those of you who know me well it will not surprise you to know I still have my prom dresses~) I got all dressed up in the formal with the yellow matching shoes (it was '64~, did my hair in a "French roll" (it was '64!) and went out and posed in front of the lilac bushes. This was a very difficult thing for me to do because I have always hated to have my picture taken, and have often refused to do so...but it was prom, it was Mom, and I was an obedient daughter. It was 1964, which meant that we had to wait until the roll of film was used up, and then had

to wait again to send it in and get it back, but back the pictures came. There were lovely pictures of the lilac bushes; they were, indeed, spectacular but there wasn't a yellow dress to be seen in any of them! Mom had missed me totally, which was hard to do because I have never been tiny and therefore always been a little hard to miss!

Whenever I think of that picture taking fiasco, it makes me ask the question. "I wonder how many wonderful activities or truths of God we miss every day because we get distracted by the events and noise of the world?"

We do tend, don't we, to look for the negatives instead of the positives. We see the faults in people instead of their more sterling qualities. Most newspaper people will tell you, "We print the bad news because good news doesn't sell". We take someone's kindness for granted but can dwell on something we perceived as a slight for a long time.

It happens in the church too. We can have a beautiful worship service, filled with joy and celebration and Biblical truth and instead of letting that fill our souls, we notice that a banner was hanging crooked. Someone can deliver a very special program and instead of learning from it, we find fault with what they were wearing.

Concerns, real or imagined, expressed at the wrong time, place, and way can undo someone's spirit. The list goes on.

In the realm of the Spirit, God is love; we tend to hold on to ill will. God speaks of forgiveness; we hold on to grudges; God offers healing; we hold on to hurts. God offers grace; we prefer grievances. God speaks of mercy, we demand justice. God offers new life; we cling to old traditions. One author put it this way, "Christians miss so much of what God would give because they tend to focus on the problem, instead of on the solution which is Jesus Christ."

That day, long ago, Mom missed the prom dress, focused instead on the lilacs. May we not make a similar mistake by focusing on what's wrong instead of what's right and more important still by focusing on the ways and values of the world instead of on the ways and will of God. Have a great May!

~Pastor Penny

COUNCIL MINUTES

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President: Yvonne Noorlun
Vice President: Dan Klassen
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
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Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Dallas Wegner
Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk
Lay Ministry: Eloise Miller
Worship: Cathy Sorenson
Youth: Teresa Zaharia
Council at Large: Josh Tonkin



Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting Wednesday April 13, 2022

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening, Yvonne Noorlun, Rhonda Bonk, Nikki Smith, Eloise Miller, Dallas Wegner, Cathy Sorenson, Teresa Zaharia and Dan Klassen

Pastors Report: Sent 11 St. Patrick's cards, Glad to Meet You cards, Welcome visitor and sympathy cards. Many phone calls and a visit to shut in member. Met with Karen Koeder for Confirmation/Palm Sunday planning.

Secretary's Report-Kathy Wilkening– the report was accepted as read..

Treasure's Report-Yvonne Noorlun– was accepted as read.

Stewardship-None
Lay Ministry/Evangelism- Eloise Miller - Cards and gifts were given to the Confirmands. Gave all the GIFT kids Easter

cards. Ordered Easter cards for the Congregation. Making preparations for coffee and treats before church for 3 seniors on Senior Recognition Sunday.

Church Properties-Dallas Wegner- No new faucet in the kitchen as yet. It was decided that Dallas make arrangements to have more rocks added to the south parking lot.

Christian Ed-Nikki Smith - GIFT had 25 kids last month. GIFT went to Dollar General to purchase items to put in Easter baskets and to be delivered to the Ronald McDonald house in Sioux Falls. Also, food for the school food shelf program in Truman. Thank you to all the congregational members who helped support this food program for our local kids. The family GIFT program had 4 families attend for the message after the Lenten Family meal. Thank you to Karen Koeder for working with the confirmands. Thank you to all the GIFT volunteers who work so hard to make GIFT a success.

Youth-Teresa Zaharia- Thank you to WELCA for money from Lenten service meal.

Worship-Cathy Sorenson- A new banner has been ordered. Set Your Eyes on Jesus. Discussed putting hymnals back in sanctuary. Change back to original communion tradition. Sign up for ushers are needed. NEW BUSINESS: Council approved new summer office hours for Brenda- Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 7-11 am. Contact list is no longer needed before service. Putting

hymnals back in sanctuary. Change back to original communion tradition. Waffle breakfast contract was signed for Saturday July 23.

Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Secretary
 Kathy Wilkening

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.

\$701.00 deposit

We need to continue to apply to Thrivent for funding for our Church projects. Contact Yvonne Noorlun and she will help you with the application process!



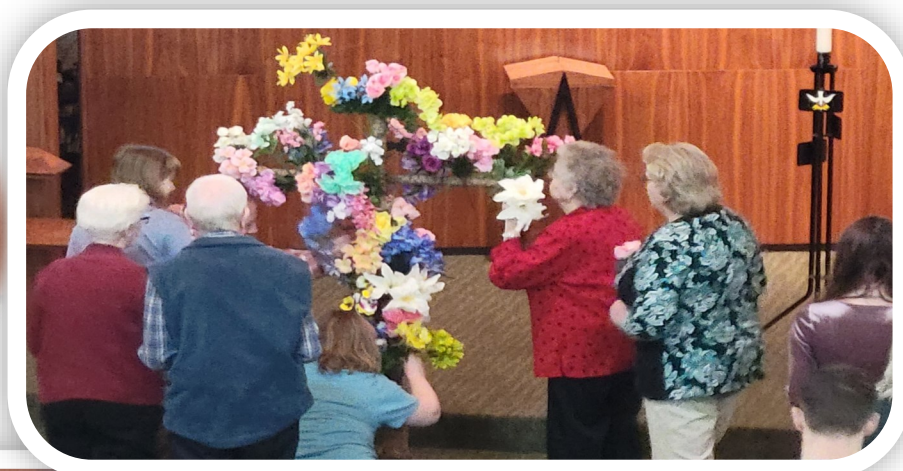
Treasurer's Summary Report As of March 31, 2022

Checking Account Bal.	\$45,860
Savings Account Bal.	\$54,672
MARCH:	
General Fund Income	\$ 6,088
General Fund Expenses	\$ 6,331
Net Short	\$ (243)
APRIL:	
Cash Available	\$ 45,860
Bills to pay	\$ 6,528
Cash long	\$ 39,332

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
May 1—3rd Easter	Acts 9:1-6[7-20]	Rev 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
May 8—4th Easter	Acts 9:36-43	Rev 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
May 15—5th Easter	Acts 11:1-18	Rev 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
May 22—6th Easter Senior Recognition	Acts 16:9-15	Rev 21:10, 22—22:5	John 14:23-29
May 29—7th Easter	Acts 16:16-34	Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26



I would especially like to thank the worship committee and others who worked so hard to make Palm Sunday, the Good Friday service and Easter service special. Thanks to those who arranged for both the Palm Tree and the Easter flower tree. I thought they were both beautiful. Thanks to those who "Stripped" the sanctuary on Good Friday, and who brought it to life Sunday with the banners, flowers, flags, and sidewalk art; thanks to the bell ringer, acolyte, musician, and light coordinator for coming in right on cue for the fanfare. Thanks Tanner too for the special music. All of you and your work and efforts are appreciated. pjr



WELCA News

At our last sewing days in March the six of us finished 22 quilts, which included the three quilts for the senior boys. Evidently the ladies really enjoyed the work because they wanted to meet one more time. We will be meeting again May 2 and 3.

The quilts will be presented to the graduates at the service Sunday, May 22. There will be a time to honor them at a reception before church starting at 9:30.

We were saddened to hear of the death of another Trinity member. Ardene Miller's funeral was held Friday, April 22. I want to thank the ladies who served the lunch at the funeral.

Kathy W. and Cathy S. made the confirmation stoles for Abby and Addison. They always look so nice with the white gowns and have meaningful symbols on them.

After not having a Spring Festival for Living Meadows in Madelia for a couple of years, we were wondering how successful it would be. The fact is that it was better than it has been for several years. There were over 160 meals sold. We had 19 door prizes and we had sold over 550 tickets.

Our next WELCA meeting will be Monday, May 16 at 1:30. All women of Trinity are welcome to come.

~Barb Shoen



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST BENEFIT

SUNDAY, MAY 1

9AM - 12:30PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
920 E 10TH ST/FAIRMONT MN



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PROCEEDS BENEFIT



INCLUDES:
PANCAKES, SAUSAGE
MILK, COFFEE, JUICE



Pillow Cleaning

THURSDAY, MAY 5

7:30am - 3:30pm

Evangelical Covenant Church
901 Woodland Ave, Fairmont MN
Upper level of the Church

- We have a wide variety of new/down/feather pillows and down comforters for sale too!
- Crushed foam pillows can be cleaned.
- Polyester pillows can be recovered.



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$69,510.96

Hy-Vee-\$103,638.16

Keep those receipts coming!!

***Please make sure the receipts are not getting cut off -- this makes them useless.*



MAY 2022

June 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 <u>Communion</u>	2 	3	4 GIFT class 2:15-5:15 FAMILY GIFT 5:15-6:15	5 9 am Open Bible study at the church 	6	7
8 	9	10	11 7 pm Church Council mtg.	12	13	14
15 <u>Communion</u>	16 1:30 pm WELCA mtg Newsletter DEADLINE!	17 	18	19	20	21 
22  9:30 am reception	23	24	25	26 	27	28
29	30  The church office will be closed	31	WORSHIP SCHEDULE Worship Service at 10:30 am ~streaming live on FB~	<u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u> Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00	<u>Lay Readers for May</u> 5/1-Donna K 5/8-Dan K. 5/15-Ann E 5/22-Judy D 5/29-Laurie Wille	<u>Ushers for May</u> Clayton Duncanson & Jerome Wille

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

The GIFT class went shopping for items for the food shelf and Easter goodies for the Ronald McDonald House.



Congratulations to Abby Hinton (left) and Addison Smith (right) for Affirming their faith/ Confirmation on April 10, 2022. Lay Minister- Karen Koeder (middle) was at the service to confirm them. Abby's parents are Louis Hinton & Madaleine Hinton. Addison's parents are Dan & Nikki Smith.

Our sympathy to the Jerry Miller family at the death of his wife , Ardene who passed away on April 15th in Fairmont, MN. Funeral services were **In Sympathy** held at Trinity on April 15th. The officiate was Pastor Penny Ritter. Burial was at the Ridgelawn Memorial Park, Truman.



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

Prayers

Family of Ardene Miller, Larry Miller, Rosalie & Duane Heckman, Doris Fedder, Linnea Huss, Doyle Peterson.

Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.



High School Senior Recognition at Trinity will be held on **Sunday May 22nd during the worship service.**

There will be a reception before church at 9:30-10:15 am to meet and greet our HS seniors, Colby Bruderie, Karsan Davis and Luke Hinton.

Remember your OFFERINGS



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 Jan Ringeisen 	2 Krista Ringeisen	3 Mindy Cook	4 Annabelle Hegg	5	6	7 Oaklynn Beebe
8 	9 Brian & Karen Nickerson (25 years) 	10 Ruby Tonkin	11 Chris Duncanson	12	13 Addison Smith	14
15	16	17 Gavin Kester Tanner Mammenga Chandler Meyer	18	19 Laura Langvardt	20 Olivia Tonkin	21 Carter Brudellie Norm & Marilyn Anderson (56 years)
22	23	24 Mason Peters Jake & Nicole Ebert (9 years)	25 Gary & Linda Meyer (54 years) 	26 Roxanne Lehr	27 Dominic Klassen	28
29 Jackson Hastad Colby Cross	30  Memorial Day	31 Duke Drevlow Gary Meyer				

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THE MESSENGER


May 2022

The LORD is my
Light and my
Salvation-whom
Shall I fear?

Psalm 27:1

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