

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



*Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed,
Alleluia!*

I often marvel at some of the subtleties of the Easter stories. Here are some of the things that I ponder.

- **an earthquake (Matthew)**

- ◇ from deep in the earth, reflecting Jesus work as he descended into death and hell, then rose victorious after conquering that empire

- ◇ Jesus bursting from the tomb and the stone rolling away

- **when the women arrive, the stone is already rolled away**

- ◇ did Jesus do that

- ◇ did the angels do that

- ◇ the stone was not rolled away so Jesus could get out, he had already risen and the stone was removed so that we could see in

- **angels - always bearing God's message**

- ◇ words of comfort - do not fear

- ◇ words of encouragement - come and see

- ◇ words of promise - go and tell

- **Jesus' appearances**

- ◇ the women are the first to receive the message that Jesus is risen

- ◇ Mary Magdalene, the first evangelist, Jesus tells her to go tell the disciples

- ◇ the disciples who didn't believe until he saw Jesus in the flesh

- ◇ the disciples on the road to Emmaus who didn't realize that they had been joined by Jesus until he broke bread just as he did at the Last Supper

- ◇ the disciples disbelief until they saw Jesus' scars and yet didn't believe 100% until he ate with them

The resurrection stories that mostly catch my attention are the ones about food. In several cases, people did not recognize Jesus until he ate with them. If we remember the Maundy Thursday story of the Last Supper with Jesus, we see that this was an intentional move on Jesus' part. We are to remember Jesus when we gather at worship to eat and drink. We are to remember his body broken and his blood shed as he died on the cross. We are to remember that his death and resurrection was for all of us. And we are to remember that Jesus is present with us.

There are many reasons why people have stopped attending worship. I would like to invite you to return for one reason - to encounter the risen Jesus. This is why we have communion every Sunday that I lead worship - so you can encounter the risen Jesus and remember that all he has done has been 'for you.'

Peace in Christ,

Pr Eunice Woodberry

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President:; Nikki Smith
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Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Financial Admin: Nikki Smith
Christian Ed: Ashley Parish
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee
Stewardship: Margaret Durkee
Lay Ministry: Donna Kotewa
Worship: Yvonne Noorlun
Youth: Ashley Parish



**Trinity Lutheran Church
 Council Meeting
 Wednesday March 11, 2026**

Member Present: Kathy Wilkening Ashley Parish
 Yvonne Noorlun Nikki Smith
 Donna Kotewa

Pastor Eunice Report Planning Palm Sunday and Easter service. Visited the shut-ins with 8 taking communion and one not feeling well. Called 4 others.

Attended the Watonwan River Annual meeting in St. James. We heard about the renovation work at the South African secondary and the great need.

The conference decided to send \$1000 and would like local churches to contribute to the second \$1000. Donna motioned to send \$100 to Watonwan River Conference and the money

should be taken from the Missions/Ministry account.

Secretary Report -Kathy Wilkening Donna motioned to accept as read and Yvonne second.

Treasures Report -Nikki Smith The month of February income was above expenses but still down from the years budget. Donna motioned to accept as presented and Ashley second.

Stewardship None

Lay/Ministry - Donna Kotewa Donna and Leann would like to be added to the prayer chain email so they can send cards to our members in need of prayer. Continuing to send cards and preparing for Confirmation.

Church Properties -None

Christian Ed/GIFT-Ashley Parish No school on March 4 so no GIFT. March 18th topic will be learning more about Moses and shopping for Ronald McDonald house.

Youth-Ashley Parish The youth have served 2 Lenten service meals. The sleepover at the church was well attended with 13 youths. Many games were played with very good discussion.

Worship-Yvonne Noorlun

March 29 Palm Sunday / Communion, April 3 Good Friday April 5 Easter/ Communion April 26 is Confirmation Sunday

OLD BUSINESS:

The Open Forum meeting after Lenten service was well attended and with forgiveness and healing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Eunice would like to attend the Synod Assembly at Gustavus Adolphus College for \$525 plus \$45 for the dorm. Donna motioned to approve Pastor Eunice to attend for \$525 plus room for \$45, depending on how many representatives are going up to this amount. Yvonne second.

Bravo Zullu—Discussion on how our church could go forward to serve Bravo Zullu house.

Submitted by Secretary
 Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of February 28, 2026

Checking Account Bal.	\$56,992
Savings Account Bal.	\$68,132
FEBRUARY:	
General Fund Income	\$ 8,100
General Fund Expenses	\$ 7,791
Net long	\$ 309
MARCH:	
Cash Available	\$56,992
Bills to pay	\$ 6,637
Cash long	\$50,335

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS – APRIL

DATE	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
April 3-Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13—53:12	22	Heb 10:16-25	John 18:1—19:42
April 5-Easter	Acts 10:34-43	118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4	Matthew 28:1-10
April 12-2nd Easter	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
April 19-3rd Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
April 26-Confirmation	Acts 2:42-47	23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10

Youth Director Newsletter April 2026



I cannot believe that April is here! We already took some of the GIFT kids shopping for Easter basket items for the Ronald McDonald House. We plan to have the rest go shopping on April 1st. I am always blown away by how excited the kids are to shop and how thoughtful some of the gifts are that they pick out. I also really appreciate the support and donations from people in our congregation. This tradition is near and dear to my heart as my family stayed at the Ronald McDonald House when my oldest was in the Children's hospital over Easter almost 13 years ago. It is an amazing feeling to drop off all of those Easter baskets to spread some hope and remind the kids and their families that they are not alone. (My family plans to deliver the baskets on April 3rd.) Thank you for helping me continue this tradition!

I would also like to thank the Youth Group for all of your help at the Lenten Suppers and thank you to the congregation for your support!

Events:

April 1st- GIFT 2:15pm-5:30pm

April 15th- GIFT 2:15pm-5:30pm

Ashley Parish-Youth Director



GIFT shopping for Easter gifts on March 18th for the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux Falls



Last Lenten supper served by Youth on 3-25. They served a Pasta Bar.




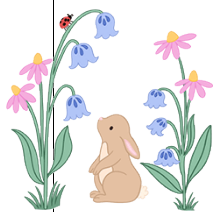





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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p> <p>Worship Service at 10:00 am</p> <p>Live streamed on our FB page</p>	<p>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</p> <p>Mon-8-11 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8-11</p>		<p>1</p> <p>GIFT Class 2:15-5:30</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Funeral service for Clayton Duncanson At 1 pm</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>GOOD Friday</p> <p>Service is at 6:30 pm</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 <u>Communion</u></p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9:45 am Open Bible Study</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Confirmation 4-5:15</p> <p>7 pm Church Council mtg.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> 	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Spring Festival at Trinity Lutheran in Madelia 11-1 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>GIFT Class 2:15-5:30</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Newsletter DEADLINE!</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 <u>Communion</u></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Confirmation 4-5:15</p> 	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>Confirmation Sunday</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>28</p> <p>29</p> <p>Acolytes for April</p> <p>Apr 5– Liam W & Addy Urban Apr 12– Zach S. & Alex Ebert Apr 19 –Sydney B & Callie Parish Apr 26—Grayson W & Liam W</p>		<p>30</p> <p><u>Ushers for April</u></p> <p>Gary Wessling & Brad Nickerson</p>	<p><u>Comm Servers for April</u></p> <p>4/5-Yvonne & Cathy S 4/19-Sorenson 4/26-Dave S</p>	<p><u>Lay Readers for April</u></p> <p>4/5-Laurie W 4/12-Jan R 4/19-Tim L 4/26-Sandy M</p>	



WELCA News

Most of March was a very pleasant month. Even reaching 80° which did not hurt my feelings at all. The quilting ladies met on February 23 and 24. The ladies finished 13 lap robes and 10 regular size quilts. So far this quilting season we have finished 15 quilts, 15 lap robes, plus 4 baby quilts.

Kathy and quilters are planning to make a special quilt for Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. A very generous amount of fabrics have been donated to the church. One more time to meet and sew quilts on March 30-31

Thank you to the Youth for serving most of the Lenten meals. WELCA will be serving 2 meals.

The Spring Festival will be April 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madelia. Serving hours are 11 to 1 and cost is \$6.00.

Two workers are needed as well as 5 salads. One salad of meat, fruit, vegetable, or jello and should serve 10-12 people.

Waitress worker from 11:30 to 1:00

Kitchen worker from 10:00 to 11:30.

Gifts for door prizes are needed as well as Silent Auction items.

Please contact Robin Miller 708-439-1627

Open bible study will be after Tuesday coffee on April 7th about 9:30.

WELCA will be delivering Easter gifts to shut-ins

~Kathy Wilkening

The Living Meadows at Luther Auxiliary
presents our annual

Spring Festival

TUESDAY, April 14
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MADELIA, MN
Tickets \$6.00
Pre-School \$1.00

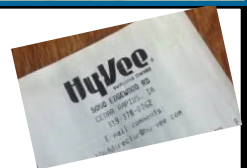
11 AM to 1 PM Salad Luncheon
12:30 Drawing for a variety of door prizes

Take out for in-town delivery available at no charge.
Call 507-642-8301 between 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$118,072.79

Hy-Vee-\$106,475.97

Keep those receipts coming!!

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



Our Sympathy to the Clayton Duncanson family. Clayton passed away on Sunday, March 22nd at his home. His funeral will be held on Thurs, April 2nd at 1 pm., at Trinity Lutheran Church. Visitation time at the church will be held from 12-1 pm.

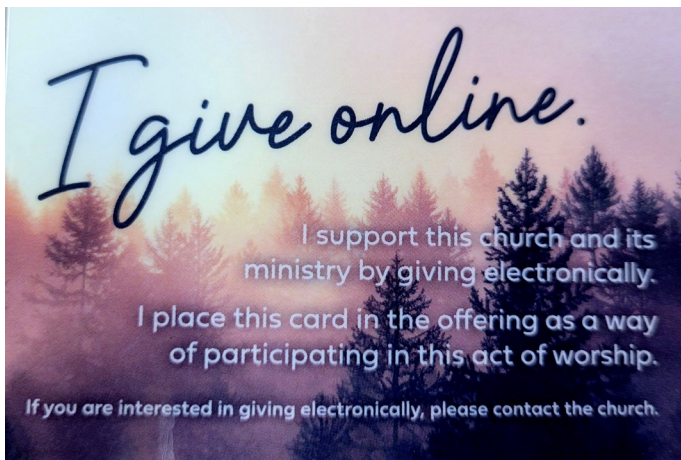


Deepest sympathy to the Mike & Janice Wiederhoeft family at the death of Mike's father, Norm who passed away on March 21, 2026. The funeral was held on March 28th at St. Paul's Lutheran in Truman.

We now have cards for those who give Online/electronically. Here you can show that you are a proud giver of an offering by putting this card in the offering plate.

This basket of cards will be on the right side of the table before you come into the sanctuary.

Thank you to LeAnn Maloney and the Preferred Printing Company for making and donating these cards.



Darrell Buhmann has moved. His new address is:

Darrell Buhmann
Maplewood Residents
620 Summit Drive, Apt 307
Fairmont, MN 56031

Phone (219) 789-9774
Email: buhmann1@frontier.com

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.

\$165.00 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!




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

Jerry Teig, Norman & Marilyn Anderson, Linnea Huss, Dan Strausser, and Clayton Duncanson and Mike Wiederhoeft families
Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2		4 Paula Heckman
5 	6 Carolyn Drevlow	7 Amy Mohwinkel Cindy Widerhoeft	8	9 JoAnn Knutson (90 years) 	10 Callie Parish	11
12 Dan Janssen Lowell & Yvonne Noorlun (35 years) 	13 Marianne Lang	14	15	16 Zachary Schnieder	17 Liam Werner	18 Corry Pettersen
19 Lily Detloff	20	21	22 Michael Bonk Jerome Wille	23	24 Teresa Hall Jacob Worlds	25
26 Sam & Donna Kotewa (29 years) 	27 Kylee Harder	28	29 David Baarson	30 		

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April 2026

JOIN US FOR
Good Friday

6:30 pm



Easter
SUNDAY-10 AM



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