

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Greetings to you Trinity brothers and sisters in Christ!

We are making that transition between seasons in the church.

We move now, early in March from Epiphany and the Transfiguration of Our Lord to the season

of Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 5th! In addition to our regular Sunday worship, there will also be mid-week services on Wednesdays through Lent (5-following Ash Wednesday). The youth will be serving a meal prior to the worship service. (See below)

Midweek Lenten Worship: Holden Evening Prayer

“At the Foot of the Cross” will be the theme on the Wednesdays starting on Ash Wednesday. The theme carries us to Maundy Thursday and Easter. Through these dynamic monologues, you will be introduced to seven figures who were connected in some way to the final journey of Jesus at the cross. Each figure shares a “from the heart” conversation with Jesus. Each figure experiences some type of transformation in which their lives are changed. Come and see this exchange and deepen your own Lenten journey with reflection on these figures’ lives. In addition, you will participate in the deeply moving liturgy of the *Holden Evening Prayer service*. Take time out for these midweek service; preparing your hearts, mind and body for the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Come and be fed through fel-

lowship, a meal, and insights from scripture and through prayer/song.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Carol Mapa

A FEW FYI’S FOR LENT:

The Liturgical Church Calendar: Lent

Some images and words of the season:

Lent: an Anglo-Saxon word meaning “spring”

Mark of Ashes: The Jews used ashes as an outward sign of repentance, a practice continued by early Christians, but discontinued by many of the reformers. So, while ashes today may remind us dust and mortality, it

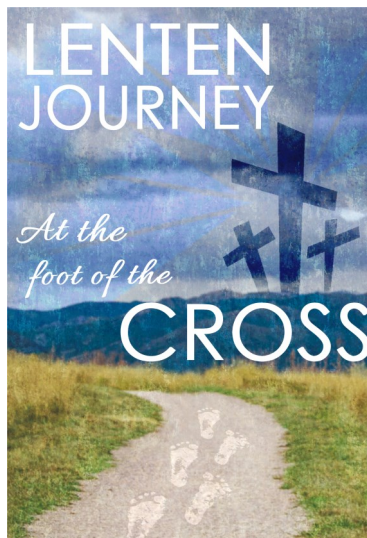
is in keeping with Lent to see ashes as signs of our focus on repentance, turning from our sinful nature toward the reception of grace and faithful discipleship to the Gospel.

Forty Days: The number 40 is attached to historic events—the flood, Moses’ days on Mt. Sinai, the Israelites’ wandering in the wilderness, Jesus’ fasting and prayer in the wilderness before beginning his ministry.

Jesus in the Wilderness: a period of spiritual preparation; just like the 40

days of Lent are to prepare us for the Easter celebration.

Psalm 51: A Psalm of repentance, just as Lent is a time for repentance.



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COUNCIL MINUTES

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President: Nikki Smith
Vice President: Dan Klassen
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Financial Admin: Nikki Smith
Christian Ed: Ashley Parish
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee
Stewardship: Margaret Durkee
Lay Ministry: Sylvia Balk
Worship: Yvonne Noorlun
Youth: Caitlyn Carlson



Trinity Lutheran Church
 Council Meeting 7:00
 Wednesday- February 12, 2025
 Call to order-

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Dan Klassen Cathy Sorenson Nikki Smith Ashley Parish Sylvia Balk Allison Klassen Yvonne Noorlun

Call Committee: Yvonne Noorlun, Dave Sorenson, Sandy Meyer, and Robin Miller. Heather from the Synod came to Truman to talk to the call committee about finding a new pastor. The South Central Minnesota area has 146 vacancies with only 75 graduating pastors. Call committee should continue to look outside the box to find a new future for Trinity.

Secretary Report-Kathy Wilkening -was accepted as read.

Treasure Report-Nikki Smith- Income for January was \$4,609.42 and expenses were \$8,202.18 with a deficit of \$3,592.76. The new

water heater will be paid for with Gifts and Memorial Fund. Received the bill for repair on our organ for \$966. Money will be paid for from Gifts and Memorial Fund.

Lay Ministry/Evangelism -Sylvia Balk Council discussed who will be getting cards. The final decision will be children under 5 years of age and over 80. Will continue to mail get well cards. This reduction is to save on the cost of stamps. Dan motioned to accept Yvonne second.

Christian Ed/GIFT Ashley Parish- GIFT met twice in February and learned about leaving their sins behind and moving forward as better people. Continue to do work stations and thank you to all the volunteers.

Youth- Allison Klassen- Took the youth to Mount Kato tubing with 8 youth and 4 adults. The youth participated in Kids Against Hunger for 2 hours. A total of 108,000 bags were filled with the Fairmont's' food going to Haiti.

Pastors Report: Prepare for baptism and visit shut-ins. Prepare for Lenten Holden services and Adult Education Sunday mornings twice a month. Pastor Carol and Nikki will attend a Conference in Hanska. After the GIFT program on February 19 Pastor Carol will give a training session for Lay Ministry at 5:30. To help keep communication open in the church by putting more information from the board meetings in the bulletin. With all the new members it is suggested that

we wear name tags and keep name tags in our mailboxes.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mitchell Scheff was accepted as new membership at Trinity. Motion accepted of the facilities use agreement for Jan Warrington to use the fellowship hall for her granddaughter's Confirmation on April 27. Motion passed for the facilities use agreement for Laurie Will to use the fellowship hall for Saturday April 19.

Worship-Yvonne Noorlun - March 5 will be Ash Wednesday service 6:30. Lenten suppers will be from 5:15 -6:15 before Lenten service at 6:30. March 30 will be Pastor Rebecca Sullivan for Hymn Sing Worship. Confirmation Sunday will be April 27 and Pastor Carols last Sunday.

Submitted by secretary
 Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of January 31, 2025

Checking Account Bal.	\$45,755
Savings Account Bal.	\$56,115

JANUARY:

General Fund Income	\$ 4,609
General Fund Expenses	\$ 8,202
Net short	\$ -3,593

FEBRUARY:

Cash Available	\$ 45,755
Bills to pay	\$ 7,712
Cash long	\$38,043

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
March 2-Transfiguration	Exod 34:29-35	2 Cor 3:12—4:2	Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]
March 5-Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12, 12-17	2 Cor 5:20b—6:10	Matt 6:1-6, 16-21
March 9-1st Lent	Deut 26:1-11	Rom 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
March 16-2nd Lent	Gen 15:1-12, 17-18	Phil 3:17—4:1	Luke 13:31-35
March 23-3rd Lent	Isa 55:1-9	1 Cor 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
March 30-4th Lent	Josh 5:9-12	2 Cor 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Youth Director Newsletter for March 2025

This school year is flying by! I can't believe we are already to March. The regular hockey season is done for my oldest and soon softball and soccer season will be here! It seems that we are always busy with some sort of sporting event. My husband and I try to embrace this time as we both know someday, we will miss all the running. For now, we enjoy spending as much time as we can with our family.

GIFT continues to go well. We have an afternoon meal, a bible verse/theme, a craft station, bible study, skits/games, story time, songs and prayer. We also have wonderful volunteers who faithfully show up for our kids! Thank you to everyone who helps, we could not do this without you!

Events: 3/5 No GIFT as there is no school due to Spring Break

3/19 GIFT 2:15 pm-5:30 pm

***In April the GIFT kids will be shopping for Easter gifts for the Ronald McDonald House**

(The Trinity Youth Group had a great time at "Kids Against Hunger" Event on Feb. 8th. in Fairmont. 108,000 packages were packed up from all the groups helping. The Youth said they want to do it again!)



WELCA NEWS/PASTOR'S LETTER (Cont.)



WELCA News

At our WELCA meeting in February we were reminded of the GIFT kids plan to raise some money to give to the swimming pool fund. The idea is to use unlabeled pill bottles in which to put coins, bills or checks. This is happening in February & March.

We still are in need of a secretary for WELCA. Robin volunteered for a one time help at that meeting. We would also like to have more women attend our meetings. It is only four times a year and we meet on a Tuesday morning after coffee.

In January we made ten quilts, one baby quilt and eleven lap robes. The Truman rest home had asked for nineteen lap robes. Sylvia and Kathy gave them thirteen so we only needed six more for them. Now we will get 15 ready for the Zulu house.

We have two high school graduates this year. They are Abby Hinton and Carson Hastad. We were so pleased at how very prompt they were at getting their list of preferences to us!

Instead of making school kits, we decided on personal care kits. These are World Relief projects. I will give the details for the kits next month. Everyone can help provide the products we need for them

~Barb Shoen

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Disappearance of "Alleluia" in our worship services beginning the Sunday after Ash Wednesday. Sundays are not part of the 40 days of Lent and always considered to be celebrations of the Resurrected Christ. Yet since medieval times the custom has been to bury the celebratory "alleluia". In our liturgy the Hymn of Praise is eliminated for those Sundays in Lent. Our hymns and special music are not subject to this practice. **Liturgical colors of violet/purple and black:** Violet is a color for repentance, the predominate theme during the 40 days. Black is a color for mourning, used for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

"Lent is a time for giving things up" Or Self-denial: One in the same thing and as opposed to "practice in giving for Easter". Think about this: When we decide to root out sinful, self-serving ways during Lent, we replace them with new ways to give time and energy and forgiveness to those in need, as Christ gave himself for us, forgiving our old debts and reconciling us with God. This is the HEART of the Easter message. This is the HEART of Lenten preparation.

Lenten Midweek Wednesday Meals: Wednesday's through Lent at **5:15 – 6:15 p.m.** the Youth of Trinity will be serving meals. (free will donation)

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$98,652.10

Hy-Vee-\$79,048.15

Keep those receipts coming!!

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



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April 2025						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WORSHIP SCHEDULE 10:00 am Worship Streaming live on FB	CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon-8-11 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8-11	Pastor's Office Hours Monday (work from home) Wed. 10-12				1
2 Communion 	3	4 	5 NO GIFT (Spring break) 	6	7 	8
9 1st Sunday in Lent 9 am Adult Bible Study	10	11	12 Confirmation 4-5:30 5:15-6:15 Lenten Meal 6:30 Lenten Worship Council mtg. after service	13	14	15
16 Communion 2nd Sunday in Lent	17 Newsletter DEADLINE!	18	19 GIFT class 2:15-5:30 5:15-6:15 Lenten Meal 6:30 Lenten Worship	20 	21	22
23 3rd Sunday in Lent 9 am Adult Bible Study	24 Quilting Bring a sack lunch 	25 Days 9 am	26 Confirmation 4-5:30 5:15-6:15 Lenten Meal 6:30 Lenten	27	28	29
30 4th Sunday in Lent 	31	Acolytes for March 3/2- Taelynn & Gage Moon 3/9-Sophia C. & Jackson H 3/16-Alaina K. & Callie P. 3/23-Zachary S. & Grayson 3/30-Sydney B. Alex Ebert		March Ushers Jerome Wille Rick Davis	Comm Servers 2-Yvonne N 5-Yvonne N 16-Yvonne N	Lay Readers 2-Margaret D 5-Allison 9-Sandy M 16-Dan K 23-Donna K 30-Dave S

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



LENTEN MEAL SCHEDULE:
Wednesdays in Lent
5:15 —6:15 pm
(free will donation)

March 12-Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and cookies

March 19-Taco in a bag, fruit and bars

March 26-Chili, grilled cheese or peanut butter sandwiches, tater tots, and ice cream

April 2-(WELCA hosts)-Cheesy chicken sandwiches, chips and bars

April 9-Hot dogs, beans, potato salad and root beer floats



Prayers

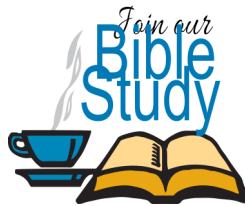
We remember in our prayers... all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:

Jerry Teig, Linnea Huss, Norman & Marilyn Anderson, Linnea Huss, Lloyd's daughter-Amy, Dan Strausser and Marlene Ratike.

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



Congratulations to Maddox James Selnes on his Holy Baptism, which was held on February 16th with Pastor Carol Mapa. His parents are Jordan Selnes & Morgan Nelsen. Maddox's sponsors are Brady Selnes and Kayla Schuder. Grandparents are Monty & Tammy Selnes and James Nelsen and Heather Gedes.



Adult Bible Study in March will be held on the 9th and 23rd at 9 am

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.

\$730.00 deposit in February

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!



FYI...due to stamp costs, the Lay Ministry Comm. has decided to send cards only to those who are 5 & younger and 80 plus and older



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Carter Werner	3	4 Dan & Nikki Smith (19 years)	5 <u>Ash Wed</u> Kim Hastad Luke Kester	6	7 Brytni (Drevlow) Pettersen	8
9 Tallin Cook 	10 Tom Dodge	11 Sandy Meyer	12 Tom Kneeland	13 Mike & Paula Heckman (5 years)	14 Muriel Druck (95 years) 	15
16	17 Ashlyn Cook Chris Hyndman June Speckhals	18	19	20 Colby Brudellie Jerry Teig (89 years)	21 Julie Brudellie Jerome & Laurie Wille (44 years)	22 Carson Hastad Karen Nickerson
23	24	25 Don & Kathy Wilkening (58 years) 	26 Darrell Buhmann MiKayla Carlson	27	28 Dan & Denise Janssen (27 years)	29 Donna Kotewa
30 Darin Carlson Don & Sandy Meyer (40 years)	31 					

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March 5th

ASH
WEDNESDAY
6:30 pm




Balance as
of Jan 31st
\$135.00

THE MESSENGER

March 2025

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faithful
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AS WE FOLLOW YOU,
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