

THE MESSENGER

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



Dear Family and Friends
at Trinity,

Mark's gospel begins the account of the resurrection of Jesus this way: "Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body.

Very early on Sunday morning, just past sunrise, they went to the tomb. On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"

While all four gospels speak of that early morning journey of the women to the tomb, only Mark tells us about the quandary posed by the women. Yet all four gospels record the answer. Matthew says "Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For the angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it!" Isn't that the greatest image ever? The angel sat on it-that stone was going no where, ever again. The angel sat on it! Victory and defiance to the ways and worries of the earth in that one action. Mark's gospel does not mention the angel sitting on the stone but rather simply says, "But as the women arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside". Luke's account is even more simple. "The women found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance..." and John speaks only of Mary Magdalene going to the tomb and says, "Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone has been rolled away from the entrance.". One gospel raised the question, "Who will roll away the stone?" All four gospels give us the answer, "Problem solved. God had dealt with it. The stone had been rolled away."

Many years ago it was my privilege to teach at a women's conference. The topic? What are the stones in our own lives that keep us shut-down, locked away, prisoners to past events and fears, and that prevent us from living the full life God had intended for us. Remember the promise recorded in John's gospel? "Jesus said, 'I have come that you might have life, and have it abundantly'".

As part of the workshop, the women were each invited to find a stone-it was South Dakota-stones of all sizes and

shapes were easy to find-any stone they liked. Then using a power drill, each one, in turn, drilled a hole in their stone, strung it on a piece of colored ribbon (the color was to reflect a specific feeling) and for the remainder of the conference, they were to wear their stone necklace. When asked about this piece of new, fine jewelry, they were to answer, "This represents the stone in my life that was rolled away by the very power, grace, and love of God through Jesus Christ"...or words like that.

This Easter season, I invite you to imagine doing a similar thing. (or go out and find a stone-I still have the drill!). and ask yourself the question:

Who will roll away the stone of grief that clouds my life with sadness and loss? God can, in Jesus Christ!

Who will roll away the stone of loneliness that leaves me broken hearted? God can, in Jesus Christ!

Who will roll away the stone of disappointment or the sense of failure that keeps me from trying something new, in a new way? God can, in Jesus Christ!

Who will roll away the stone of illness and disease that keeps me weak? God can, in Jesus Christ!

Who will roll away the stone of self condemnation and guilt? God can, in Jesus Christ!

Who will roll away the stone that keeps me from seeing God's blessings and richness in my life and prevents me from singing joyful songs of praise? God can, in Jesus Christ!

Who will roll away the stone....? God can, in Jesus Christ!

One of the things I find most interesting about these gospel accounts regarding the women and their worry is this. The problem had been solved BEFORE the question and concern were even raised. Could it be that simple for all of us? God, in Jesus Christ, has solved the problem, even before we ask. Is God waiting to surprise us with a solution even before we surrender our concerns and worries and doubts and fears to Him?

It is something to think about, and pray about, and trust for, in this season of hope, and joy, and new life isn't it?

There is an old hymn in my tradition, "rolled away, rolled away, rolled away, every burden of my heart rolled away". May that be your song in the days to come. ALLELUIA AND AMEN.

Pastor Penny

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun
Vice President: Dan Klassen
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Treasurer: Brenda Hansen
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 March 9, 2022

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

Pastors Report: Called a member of the church, helped plan for worship. Planned for Lent with the kit the worship committee ordered. Tried to contact a member concerning her mother's death. Will send out St. Patricks' Day cards to the homebound.

Secretary Report– the report was accepted as read.

Treasures Report- Teresa Zaharia –the report was accepted as read.

Stewardship- Rhonda Bonk Nothing to report

Lay Ministry/Evangelism- Eloise Miller -Thank you to Ardene Miller for the beautiful cards she made. Valentines cards were sent to GIFT kids as well as Easter cards.

Church Properties- Dallas Wegner- New faucets have been ordered for the kitchen. It was decided for Dallas to contact lawn service to spray church grass for weeds.

The letters for the front lawn sign have come in.

Christian Education- Nikki Smith - Total of 26 kids were in GIFT. The Family GIFT program had 6 families for the evening meal and hopefully more families will attend next month. On April 6 the GIFT kids will be going to Dollar General to purchase and make baskets for Easter to be delivered to the Ronald McDonald house. The kids will also be purchasing food to be distributed to the school food shelf program in Truman. The congregation is asked to help with additional food for the Truman school.

Youth- Teresa Zaharia None

Worship- Cathy Sorenson- The Lenten Services will have Allison and Mark Nass singing the Holden service this year.

Motion carried to give appreciation gift cards to Karen, Allison, Mark and Tanner.

NEW BUSINESS

Council approved church facility use agreement for Saturday, April 16 for the Laurie Wille family gathering. Re-visit mask wearing in church. It is up to the individuals on mask wearing.

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.

\$369.00 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 February 28, 2022

Checking Account Bal.	\$45,255
Savings Account Bal.	\$54,556

FEBRUARY:

General Fund Income	\$ 6,481
General Fund Expenses	\$ 5,001
Net long	\$ 1,480

MARCH:

Cash Available	\$ 45,255
Bills to pay	\$ 6,118
Cash long	\$ 39,137

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
April 3-5th Sun in Lent	Deut 26:1-11	Phil 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Apr. 10-Palm Sunday/ Confirmation	Isa 50:4-91	Phil 2:5-11	Luke 22:14—23:56
Apr 15-Good Friday	Isa 52:13— 53:12	Heb 10:16-25	John 18:1—19:42
April 17-Easter	Acts 10:34—43	1 Cor 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12
April 24-2nd Easter	Acts 5:27-32	Rev. 1:4-8	John 20:19-31

Thank you to all those who served or helped out in any way and also those who came out to support our Wednesday night Lenten Suppers!



Join us on Wednesday, April 6 from 5:15-6:15 for Walking Taco's



WELCA News

For only \$6.00 on April 12 you can enjoy a salad luncheon in Madelia. It will be for the benefit of the Living Meadows Home.

For more details, the flyer is printed on the right side of this page.

Thank you to Yvonne, Cathy, and their helpers for making and serving supper before two of the Lenten services.

Cathy brought the caps and mittens to the school here in Truman and to the CADA House in Fairmont. She also brought some fleece blankets to CADA. Eight baby quilts were brought to Pregnancy Options Center.

Colby Brudellie, Karsan Davis, and Luke Hinton are graduating from high school this year. They will each receive a quilt that was made especially for them from fabric that was purchased with their likes in mind.

We had a WELCA meeting in February.

It was decided to have our Salad Luncheon this year after not having it during covid.

We also made some changes to policies in our handbook. These changes were made because we no longer have work divisions or any circles.

No. 2: now reads: We make quarterly payments to WELCA of 50% of the offerings at our business meetings and the Thursday morning Bible Study.

No. 4: We pay up to \$50 for the graduate reception, with certain stipulations.

No. 14: We request donations of \$50 or more to the WELCA for working at events such as anniversaries.

We also eliminated number 10 which allowed only \$100 for sewing supplies because that is no longer feasible.

~Barb Shoen

LIVING MEADOWS at Luther, Madelia
AUXILIARY PRESENTS:

Spring Festival

TUESDAY, April 12

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MADELIA, MN

11 am to 1 pm Drawing for a
Salads Luncheon Variety of Prizes
Adults \$6.00 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!!



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.*



APRIL 2022

May 2022						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WORSHIP SCHEDULE In-person Service at 10:30 am on Sunday's & streaming	CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00	April Lay Readers 4/3-Brenda H 4/10-J Zaharia or K or C Hastad 4/17-J Ringeisen 4/24-LeAnn M.	 Serving on April 6th		1 	2
3 <u>Communion</u>	4	5	6 GIFT 2:15-5:15 Family GIFT 5:15-6:15 Lent Supper 5:15-6:15 6:30 Lenten Service	7 9 am Open Bible Study at the church	8	9
10 	11	12 Spring Festival in Madelia 11-1 pm	13 7 pm Church Council mtg.	14 Maundy Thursday NO Service	15 <u>Communion</u>  6:30 Worship	16
17 <u>Communion</u> 	18 Newsletter DEADLINE!	19	20	21	22 	23
24	25	26	27 	28	29	30

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



To my church family,

I want to thank everyone for their kind words and generous memorials in memory of my mom & sister.

Pam & Dennis Rode & Family



Our sympathy to Judy Doble on the death of her twin brother, Jerry Ziegler

from Indiana, who passed away in March.

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Judy would like to thank all those who sent cards and memorials in memory of her brother, Jerry.

Blood Drive to be held at the Truman HS on Wed, April 6th, 2022



BLOOD DRIVE

From 11 am—4 pm at the schools Elementary Activity Room.

To make appointments, please call the school office at 507-776-2111.

Come to give from April 1-18 and get a Red Cross t-shirt, while

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

MARCH 2022

ELCA.org/disaster

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary. Hundreds of thousands of people are seeking refuge in neighboring countries. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities and pastoral care.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.

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Yes, I want to help!

- Lutheran Disaster Response: Eastern Europe Crisis Response \$ _____ IDG0103
- Lutheran Disaster Response: Where needed most \$ _____ DDG0010

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Email address _____

Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



Our sympathy to the Pam Rode family at the sudden death of Pam's sister, Lori DeBuhr from Rock Rapids, IA. She passed away March 1st. Dennis & Pam's address is: 51341 Via Sorrento, La Quinta, CA 92253



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

Prayers

Ardene Miller, Rosalie & Duane Heckman, Doris Fedder, Linnea Huss, Rich Luring the Pam Rode family and Judy Doble family.

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



We love our church!



April

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1	2
3	4 Paula Heckman	5	6 Carolyn Drevlow Cali Cross	7 Amy Mohwinkel Jared Steuber Cindy Wiederhoeftl	8	9 JoAnn Knutson (86 years)
10 	11	12 Dan Janssen Lowell & Yvonne Noorlun (31 years) 	13 Marianne Lang	14 	15 	16 Chris Hiller
17 Liam Werner 	18 Cory Pettersen	19 Lily Detloff	20	21	22 Mike Bonk Jerome Wille	23
24 Jacob Worlds Teresa Zaharia Duane Heckman (84 years)	25	26 Grant Hartman	27 Kylee Harder	28	29 Dave Baarson	30

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THE MESSENGER

April 2022

Christ
is Risen!

Join us for Easter
Services on Sunday,
April 17th at 10:30 am.
And will also be Live
streamed on our FB
page

Hallelujah!

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