

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



**Dear Family and Friends
at Trinity,**

Once upon a time, a long, long time ago, when I was married and living in Sioux Falls, my husband's niece Paula came for a visit. She was about five at the time. In an effort to find some activities that would both entertain and educate I took her to a reproduction of a Frontier Village located on the outskirts of Sioux Falls.

The village had everything you would expect a replica of a Frontier Village to have—a General Store filled with tourist-trap-type souvenirs, a pretend saloon, a one room school, a blacksmith's shop, a simple chapel with a pump organ, and more. It also had, as its main attraction, a herd of buffalo.

There was a viewing platform, a vantage point from the village where you could just watch the buffalo, but

there was also a road that would allow you to drive down into the pasture area and view the buffalo "up close and personal". I asked Paula what she would like to do. She asked if there was an admission fee to drive into the grazing area and I explained that there was but that the fifty-cent fee certainly would not be prohibitive. Paula thought for a moment and then with five year old logic and wisdom asked, "Aunt Penny,

do you think it really is wise to pay 50 cents to get trampled to death in a buffalo stampede?"

Paula had weighed the fun adventure of the moment against the possible risk to the future and she decided the risk was not worth the potential loss. Now I seriously doubt that we were, in fact, in any real danger of being trampled to death in an unprovoked, highly improbable buffalo stampede, but then again, who is to say?

We often face similar through far more serious decisions in life. We are called upon to make the choice between the impulsive action and the long range plan; between that which is fun-for-the moment or that which lasts-a-lifetime; the irresponsible fun or the responsible action. It is so in our spiritual lives as well when we are called upon to decide between the temporal and the eternal, between the things and values of this earth or the things and values of God, between our way or God's way. All of those choices have ramifications.

Next time you must make a decision between the immediate and the future, ask yourself, "Is it worth it?"

Jesus in Mark 8:36 asked it this way: "What does it profit a man (or woman) to gain the whole world and lose his/her soul?"

Pastor Penny

COUNCIL MINUTES

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President: Yvonne Noorlun
Vice President: Ron Kelley
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Treasurer: N/A
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Dallas Wegner
Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk
Lay Ministry: Eloise Miller
Worship: Jan Ringeisen
Youth: Teresa Zaharia



Trinity Lutheran
 Council Meeting
 April 14, 2021

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Yvonne Noorlun Rhonda Bonk Teresa Zaharia Jan Ringeisen Nikki Smith Eloise Miller

Secretary Report: Correction - Eloise Miller gave the Lay Ministry report not Laurie Wille. Rhonda motioned to accept secretary report with correction and Eloise second.

Treasure Report: A motion was made by Jan that Trinity Lutheran Church Council appoint Brenda Hansen as Master Administrator of Trinity Lutheran Church's Quickbooks account. Eloise second. Teresa motioned to pay monthly bill as presented in accounts payable. Eloise second.

Pastor Penny Report: Delivered Palm branches to 7 shut-ins, sent cards to 7 families, sent Easter cards to 8 families, weekly lunch date at church, plus phone calls. Penny submitted a letter and editorial for the March Messenger.

BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship-Rhonda Bonk
 Thankful that Penny reminds everyone for monetary gifts.

Lay Ministry/Evangelism-Eloise Miller - None

Church Properties-Dallas Wegner - Bev Comm has installed underground wires to the church building. Will need to plant some grass seeds.

Christian Education-Nikki Smith
 Time will change for confirmation instructions to 6:30-8 pm.

Youth-Teresa Zaharia - None

Worship-Jan Ringeisen - Communion times changed to 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Call committee contacted Madelia to open communications to go forward.

Jan motioned to pay Professional Tax Advisor \$100 per month to do payroll, monthly and year end reports. Nikki motioned for Brenda and Yvonne to sign papers at

Profinium for PPP loan to be used for payroll only. Teresa second.

Council decided to change the time of the meeting from 7:30 to 7:00 the second Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Graduation Recognition Sunday will be May 16, 2021

Jan motioned to adjourn at 8:20 and Teresa second.

Submitted by Secretary
 Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of March 31, 2021

Checking Account Bal.	\$12,682
Savings Account Bal.	\$33,945

March:	
General Fund Income	\$ 2,312
General Fund Expenses	\$ 6,003
Net Loss	(\$ 3,691)

April:	
Cash Available	\$12,682
Bills to pay	\$ 5,188
Cash long	\$ 7,494

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
May 2– Fifth Easter	Acts 8:26-40	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
May 9-Sixth Easter	Acts 10:44-48	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 16-Seventh Easter	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May 23– Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
May 30-The Holy Trinity	Isaiah 6:1-8	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

REFLECTIONS

ABOUT PENTECOST

It's color is red and it comes in wind and fire. It is celebrated as the Birthday of the Church and it is the day when the church received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. IT IS PENTECOST! It is a day, and it is a church season. The day of Pentecost is the fiftieth and last day of the Easter season; the season of Pentecost is the longest of the church seasons and continues until Christ the King Sunday, just before Advent. The first Sunday of Pentecost is Trinity Sunday

Pentecost was originally a Jewish observance, held 50 days after Passover, and was one of the three major annual festivals for Jews, which is why so many people were in Jerusalem and heard Peter and the other disciples proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. Christians simply adopted the name of the day because of the significance of what happened on that day.

However, for the church, Pentecost does not only mark an event in church history; it is not just about looking back. For the Christian church the prayer of Pentecost remains, "Come, Holy Spirit, Come", and the church eagerly anticipates the gifts of the Spirit, and seeks ways to continue to use those gifts in sharing the Good News of God's love in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In many churches, worshippers are encouraged to wear red-a sign of power (God's power and the church's power), a reminder of the blood sacrifice of Jesus, and also as a reminder that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church". In some churches, confirmation may be held on Pentecost, and the stoles of pastors and/or confirmands may have the symbol of the Holy Spirit, a white dove on them.

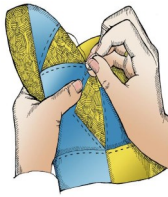




WELCA News

Ordinarily WELCA meets four times a year but because of COVID we missed our November and February meetings but we did get together in April. We were happy to have Pastor Penny at our meeting and thanked her for her devotions. One of the questions asked was about the profit from the Bakeless Bake Sale, which we held in December rather than having the annual cookie walk. The total intake was \$1,775 which we feel was excellent.

At the end of March and beginning of April seven of us met for four and a half days and finished 67 quilts. We did wear masks, as we did at our WELCA meeting! Those who joined me were Marlene B., Marlene R., Geri, Sandy, Kathy W., and Linda M. Thanks to all these ladies for their time and labor.



We have 22 bags remaining for the school kits. Kathy will make at least eight more. The plan is to buy school supplies later in the summer when items go on sale. We have some extra supplies on hand. When completed, these will also be brought to World Relief.

The salad luncheon will not be held in June

but we possibly might have a fundraiser in the fall.

We plan to have another WELCA meeting in August.

~Submitted by Barb Shoen



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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!

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$52,955.45

Hy-Vee-\$42,766.89

Keep those receipts coming!!

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



LAWN CARE TEAM FOR MAY

May 3-9- Dennis & Pam Rode

May 10-16 Dean G. & Mark D.

May 17-23 Duane H. & Steve G.

May 24-30 Grant Hartman



June 2022						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WORSHIP SCHEDULE In-person Service at 10:00 am on Sunday's Live on FB	Please call the church office to make reservations to be at the services in-person	CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11 & 1-4 Fri-7:00-11:00	WEAR RED FOR <i>Pentecost</i> SUNDAY, MAY 23RD			1
2 Communion	3 Church Office Closed	4	5 (new time) Confirmation class 6:30-8 pm	6 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	7	8
9 HAPPY Mother's DAY!	10	11	12 7:00 pm Council Meeting	13 Ascension Day	14 Newsletter DEADLINE!	15
16 Communion	17	18	19 Confirmation class 6:30-8 pm (last class)	20	21	22
23 PENTECOST SUNDAY	24	25	26	27	28 Office Closed Today	29
30 TRINITY SUNDAY	31 Church office closed MEMORIAL DAY			Teaching is a work of heart		

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

GIVEAWAY PIANO

A Scroll Piano is FREE for the taking.

(Several scrolls are also included)

Many years ago, this piano was brought to their home in Truman from California. It belongs to a member of Trinity.

If you want more information on this piano, you can contact the church office .



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE:



1. BEVCOM has completed the digging for the fiber optics and should be doing the hook up soon.

2. We have quite a few masks left. If anyone needs some or knows of a charity etc. that can use them, please let me know.



3. We are looking for input and ideas for church services this summer. Is there any interest in doing drive up services again, weather permitting? Let anyone on the council know your thoughts.

God's Blessings to you all.

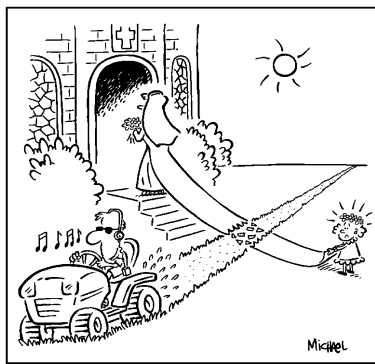


**IN-PERSON WORSHIP
AT TRINITY ON EASTER SUNDAY**
(Thank you to those for the special music during Lent, Holy Week & Easter)



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

Ardene Miller, Larry Miller, and Jan Warrington. *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*



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	<p>Remember your OFFERINGS</p>					<p>1 Jan Ringeisen</p>
2 Krista Ringeisen	3 Mindy Cook	4 Annabelle Hegg	5 	6 <u>Ascension Day</u> Brantley Butler	7	8
9 <u>Mothers Day</u> Brian & Karen Nickerson (24 years) 	10	11 Christopher Duncanson	12	13 Addison Smith	14	15
16 	17 Gavin Kester Tanner Mammenga Chandler Meyer	18	19 Laura Langvardt	20 Olivia Tonkin Tonia Kahler	21 Carter Bruderie Norman & Marilyn Anderson (55 years) 	22
23 Pentecost (wear red) 	24 Mason Peters Jake & Nicole Ebert (8 years)	25 Gary & Linda Meyer (54 years) 	26 Roxanne Lehr	27 Dominic Klassen	28	29 Colby Cross Jackson Hastad
30 	31 <u>Memorial Day</u> Duke Drevlow Gary Meyer					

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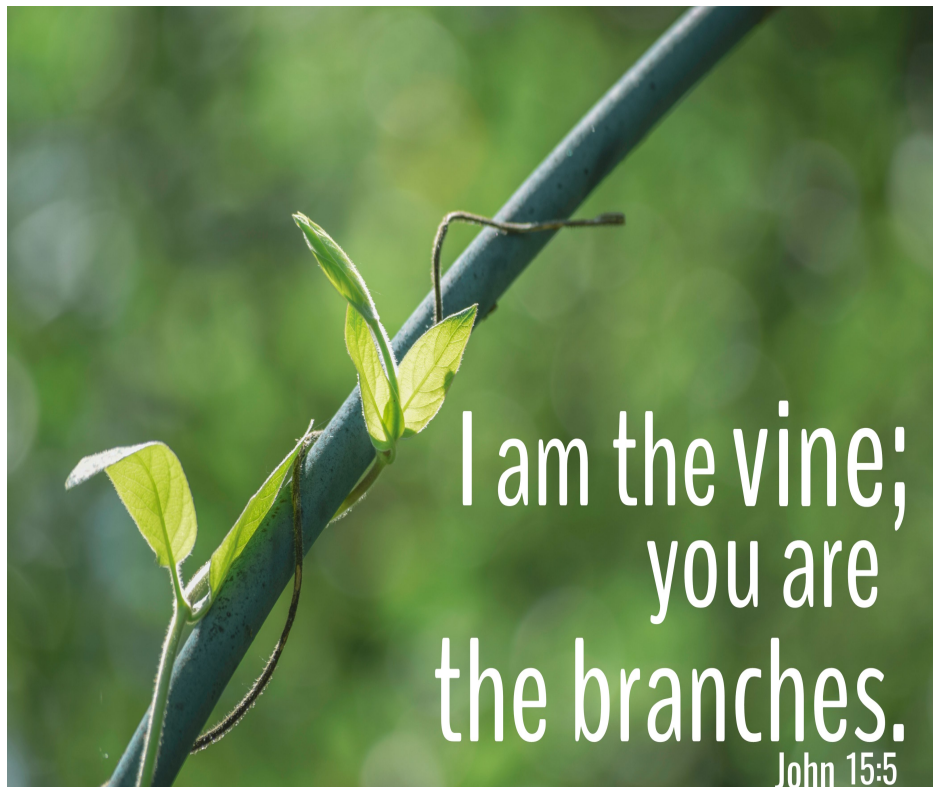
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