

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Greeting in the name of
Christ Jesus!

*“New life starts in the dark.
Whether it is a seed in the
ground, a baby in the womb,
or Jesus in the tomb, it starts
in the dark.”*

~Barbara Brown Taylor

While reading during my devotions recently, I came across this quote from Rev. Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor, an ordained minister, great preacher, a writer and college professor. I was able to hear her preach when I attended *The Festival of Homiletics* several years ago for continuing education.

What powerful words to express an understanding of "new life". We enter the season of Easter in the weeks after we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on March 31st. The season is observed approximately 7 weeks, ending on May 19th which is the festival of Pentecost. Our senses are heightened during this season of the Church year. We are acutely aware of "new life" around us and yes- within us! This is because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ On April 7th, five youth will be affirming their baptismal promises (Confirmation). What a great reminder for us all that we have had promises made on our behalf and at a youthful age after being nurtured in faith formation, these young adults make this affirmation. It is an affirmation for a lifetime. As congregation members you were in on the

initial promises; and that promise reaches on to you and continues in CONTINUOUS faith formation practices and opportunities. You NEVER stop growing, you are NEVER too old, or graduate from faith formation learning! There is daily promise that accompanies you along in the faith formation that began at birth and will end at death. Witness. Promise. Darkness to light. "Let your light so shine" and the promises that surround that gift. THIS IS GOOD/GREAT NEWS!

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Despite the designated church season, we as baptized Christians— especially as Lutherans—practice daily "resurrection" and "new life/birth" because it is—well— our baptized way of life! **Each and every day** we begin in the dark and have the promise and hope of new life- moving from darkness to light--**EVERYDAY!** WOW. What a gift to celebrate and embrace.

In the coming month, and the approaching summer months, stop daily and give a heartfelt, gracious thank you back to God for the new life that *His* life provided for us. A new life which is full of promise and light--Full of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life.

I can't end this without my passionate reminder, invitation, or nudge that worship be part of your coming weeks. Yes, it is a busy time—but it is a brief time and spent and it is refreshing and renewing like a good rain renewing the earth.

God bless us along the way.

Pastor Carol

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Josh Tonkin
Vice President: Dan Klassen
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Financial Admin: Nikki Smith
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee
Stewardship: Margaret Durkee
Lay Ministry: Judy Doble
Worship: Cathy Sorenson
Youth: Caitlyn Carlson



**Trinity Lutheran Church
 Council Meeting
 March 13, 2024**

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Dan Klassen
 Cathy Sorenson Nikki Smith
 Ashley Parrish Caitlyn Carlson
 Mark Durkee Margaret Durkee
 Pastor Carol

Secretary Report: Kathy Wilkening - was accepted as read.

Treasures Report: - Nikki Smith was accepted as read.

Stewardship: - Margaret Durkee None

Lay Ministry/Evangelism - Judy Doble (not present) The committee has been going through the Bylaws and sorting out the cards.

Church Properties : - Mark Durkee Discussed parking lot snow removal and the property lines. Sent out mowing schedules for the summer months. Will

schedule annual maintenance for the furnace in fall. Mark and other members will look at maintenance on air conditioners.

Christian Education/GIFT : - Ashley Parrish GIFT met on February 7th and 21st. Youth shopped at Dollar General for Easter Baskets that were delivered to Ronald McDonald house. Five confirmands are interested in going to a weekend camp but the camp was full. Ashley will look into other opportunities for confirmation camp. GIFT and Youth will lead the April 14th worship service with Noisy Offering.

Youth: - Cailyn Carlson The Youth helped to deliver the Easter Baskets to Ronald McDonald house in Sioux Falls. They toured the facilities as well as serving pizza to the guests staying there. There is an opening in the Youth department if anyone is interested in volunteering for the position. Thank you Kim Hastad for all your years serving on the Youth committee.

Worship: - Cathy Sorenson MaundayThursday service will be at 9:30 in the fellowship hall with coffee and donuts after the service. Good Friday service at 6:30 PM with communion. Easter with Communion at 10. Confirmation Sunday will be April 7th. The Youth will lead the

Sunday morning worship on April 14 with NOISY OFFERING.
Pastors Report: -Pastor Carol Continue with Home and Assisted Living visits with many phone calls, email and cards. Meet twice a month for Adult Education, taught confirmation for Laurie, looking into new confirmation curriculum. Planning a 4 week study with special music on the 23 Psalm.

OLD BUSINESS: Yvonne Noorlun asked for a job description for each department. Most were read at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Question? Can a person be on more than one committee? Tabled and will continue discussion next month. Motioned accepted to the transfer of Brady Shanks membership to Trinity Lutheran in Janesville. . Submitted by Secretary Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of February 29, 2024

Checking Account Bal.	\$71,029
Savings Account Bal.	\$54,819
FEBRUARY:	
General Fund Income	\$ 7,016
General Fund Expenses	\$ 9,086
Net short	\$(2,070)
MARCH:	
Cash Available	\$ 71,029
Bills to pay	\$ 8,129
Cash long	\$62,900

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER/YOUTH DIRECTOR

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
April 7-Confirmation	Acts 4:32-35	1 John 1:1—2:2	John 29:19-31
April 14-Youth Led Worship	Acts 3:12-19	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
April 21- 4th Sun in Easter	Acts 4:5-12	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
April 28-5th Sun in Easter	Acts 8:26-40	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8



March Youth Director Newsletter

We had a very eventful March! We had Lenten suppers, delivered Easter baskets to the Ronald McDonald House, had GIFT, and of course had the celebration of Easter. My oldest daughter plays hockey and she and her 15u team had the amazing opportunity to play at the State Hockey Tournament!

In April, I look forward to Confirmation. I have had the privilege to get to know this group of kids and I am so proud of them as they reach this milestone and continue to grow in their faith. My daughter is getting confirmed and as a parent, I am extremely proud, excited, and of course reminded of how quickly children grow. I appreciate every one of you who have helped these kids on their journey of faith!

Events in April:

- April 3rd-GIFT 2:15pm-5:30pm
- April 7th-Confirmation Sunday
- April 14th-Youth Led Service
- April 17th-GIFT 2:15pm-5:30pm



The GIFT class shopped for Easter Baskets for the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux Falls. The Youth and leaders delivered the baskets, plus food shelf items. They also bought pizza for the guests staying there at the time. The youth & leaders also toured the Ronald McDonald facility plus the Sandford Children's Hospital.



WELCA NEWS/ BITS & PIECES



WELCA News

On April 6 you are welcome to come to Trinity in Madelia to enjoy a Salad Luncheon. The proceeds benefit the Auxiliary of Living Meadows to help the residents there. You may purchase tickets for one dollar to be eligible for one of the many door prizes. You need not be present at the drawing to get a prize.

In January the quilters made twenty six quilts and February they made twenty eight. They will be given locally to groups that help needy people.



QUILTERS

Did everyone who has a child to pray for remember cards for St. Patrick's Day and Easter? If you did not remember both days hopefully you remembered Easter!

I hope you enjoyed the meals served before the Lenten services. Thank you to the ladies from WELCA that did the March 6 supper. GIFT did one meal and the young people did the others. Thanks to all who helped out.

Barb Shoen

LIVING MEADOWS at Luther, Madelia
AUXILIARY PRESENTS:

Spring Festival

TUESDAY, April 9

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MADELIA, MN

11 am to 1 pm Drawing for a
Salad 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!!

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



PASTOR'S NOTES

Beginning Sunday, April 21 which is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday" Pastor Carol will be beginning a four week preaching series on the beloved **Psalm 23**. You are invited to read this familiar Psalm several

times before the series begins. Read it from several different translations of the Bible, such as NRSV, NIV, NEV, The Message, King James or the New King James. It is always interesting to hear the Psalm in different voices/perspectives/translations! Pastor looks forward to sharing with you as we walk through this Psalm on Sunday mornings (April 21, 28 & May 5 and 12th).



From the Pastor

Pastor Carol would like to thank all those who responded to the invitation to be part of the Midweek Lenten Services (readers and

vocalists), and several of the Sunday worships, where extra readers were needed! Thank you! Thank you!

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$69,510.96

Hy-Vee-\$42,711.14

Keep those receipts coming!!

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

Remember to...



May 2024						
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WORSHIP SCHEDULE Worship at 10 am on Sunday's Streaming Live on FB	1 <u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u> Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00	2 Open Bible Study at 9:45 am	3 GIFT Class 2:15-5:15	4	5	6 Bridal Shower for Elizabeth Kotewa at Comm Bldg. 9-11 am
7 <u>Communion</u> 	8	9 Spring Festival in Madelia	10 Confirmation 2:15-3:15 6 & 7 grades 7 pm Church Council mtg.	11	12 HE GIVES SHOWERS OF RAIN TO ALL PEOPLE, AND PLANTS OF THE FIELD TO EVERYONE ZECCHARIAH 10:1, NIV	13
14 <u>Noisy Sunday</u> 	15 Newsletter DEADLINE!	16	17 GIFT Class 2:15-5:15	18	19	20
21 <u>Communion</u>	22	23	24 Confirm class 6 & 7 gr 2:15-3:15 	25	26	27
28	29	30 <u>Pastor Carol Office Hours</u> Mon-10-12 Wed-10-12	<u>Ushers for April</u> Dave Sorenson & Jackson Hastad	<u>April Holy Comm Servers</u> 4/7-Ross R 4/21-Cathy S.	<u>April Lay Readers</u> 4/7-Keegan H 4/14-LeAnn M 4/21-Laurie W 4/28-Brenda	<u>April Acolyte Schedule</u> 4/7-Liam & Zachary S 4/14-Mariel & Callie Parish 4/21-Gabby G. 4/28-Taelynn & Gage Moon

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

VIP ADMISSION TICKET

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE *Elizabeth Kotewa's* BRIDAL SHOWER!

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2024

9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

Truman Community Building
313 North First Ave West
Truman, MN 56088



Dear Trinity Lutheran Members:

Thank you for all the ways you support Luther Crest Bible

Camp and for your gift of \$60.

You are making a difference! We are busy preparing for a full Summer Camp. Because of you, we will continue to offer amazing experiences for children, youth, families and adults.

ARE YOU MISSING A HAT OR COAT? Check the coat rack at church! There are many items left here from kids & adults



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.



\$382.00 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!



Thank you to all those who helped out in any way with the Lenten Meals and those who came in to support our local groups!

In case of Inclement weather, announcements about Trinity's worship service cancellations will be texted to you and also be announced on our website, Facebook page and on the KEYC television station out of Mankato, MN.



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

Prayers

Jerry Teig, Norm & Marilyn Anderson, Linnea Huss, Pastor Penny Ritter, and Lois Lloyd's daughter-Amy.

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

Remember your OFFERINGS



APRIL

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
					Paula Heckman	Carolyn Drevlow
7 Amy Mohwinkel Jared Steuber Cindy Wiederhoeft	8	9 JoAnn Knutson (88 years) 	10 Callie Parish	11	12 Daniel Janssen Lowell & Yvonne Noorlun (33 years) 	13 Marianne Lang
14 <i>when my heart is OVERWHELMED lead me to the ROCK that is HIGHER THAN!</i> <small>PSALM 91:2, NIV</small>	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 (27 years) 	27 Kylee Harder
28	29 David Baarson	30				

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Celebrate!
JESUS
IS ALIVE!

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