



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Dear Trinity Family,

The season of Lent is upon us. We will be concluding our

Why Jesus? sermon series and begin our Wednesday night Lenten series. Wednesday nights during lent we will gather together and worship using the Holden Evening Prayer and engage in a worship theme entitled ***Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Didn't Say.***

You have probably have heard theses phrases... and possibly have even said them with well meaning intentions...

**“God doesn't give us more than we can handle.”**

**“Everything happens for a reason.”**

**“God helps those who help themselves”**

**“Love the sinner hate the sin.”**

Join us Wednesday nights during lent as we discover what makes these statements feel like truth and what about these statements. We will think about when these statements are said and discover how helpful these statements are or are not. In conversation with many people I have found that sometimes these phrases intended to be helpful have ended up being down right hurtful

for people. We will also discover new phrases that may actually be far more truthful about who God is, what God desires for God's people and God's role and involvement in our lives.

Sundays in March we will continue using the Narrative Lectionary following the story of Jesus in Matthew. We will have a couple of special worship services with **Camp Sunday** on March 10th. Mandy Severson from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will be joining us sharing a message and song. Please let the children and youth in your life know about this special worship and plan to join us. On March 24 - we will have special guests, Steve and Kim Wolf and Tom and Debbie Eckstein as they share their musical talents with us and lead a special worship - **Gospel Through Scripture and Song** - join us for worship with traditional favorites, gospel and contemporary music. This will be a worship for all ages please plan on joining us for both of these worship opportunities.

I look forward to seeing you in worship!

*Pastor Krista*



## TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Grant Hartman  
Vice President: Heather Tonkin  
Secretary: Cathy Sorenson  
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson  
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith  
Ch Properties: Duane Heckman  
Stewardship: Arlene Peterson  
Lay Ministry: Laurie Wille  
Worship: Jan Ringeisen  
Youth: Teresa Zaharia  
Pastor Krista

### Trinity Lutheran Church February 13, 2019

**Present:** Pastor Krista, Brenda Hansen, Duane Heckman, Clayton Duncanson, Nikki Smith, Grant Hartman, Laurie Wille, Heather Tomkin, Arlene Peterson, Teresa Zaharia, Cathy Sorenson

President Grant called the meeting to order. The secretary's report was accepted as read. Clayton presented the treasurer's report. There is \$12,914 in the checking account and \$41,597 in the savings account.

#### BOARD REPORTS:

**Stewardship**--nothing new to report

**Lay ministry**--We will be having a new members' Sunday in the near future. The committee is working on sending cards to members who have had an illness, birthday, etc.

**Church properties**--The new

water softener has been installed and the drains have been cleaned.

**Christian education**--The students will not be singing on February 17. GIFT continues to go well.

**Youth**--On February 17 the youth will meet at Pizza Ranch for a "pizza and ask pastor" event. They are also working on a project to sell t-shirts or sweat-shirts that will say, "There's Grace for that." They will also be serving Lenten suppers.

**Worship**--Teresa made the motion and Brenda made the second that we pay Tanner Mammenga \$20-\$50 dependent on how much he plays. Motion carried. We are so grateful to Kim and Tanner for helping with the music. The pianos need to be tuned and Yvonne will coordinate this. It was decided that we purchase a machine that will recharge batteries that are used in the microphones.

**Pastor Krista**--Pastor introduced a new program from the book **Ask, Thank, Tell**. Once a month a member from one of the committees will update and thank our members for their generosity in keeping Trinity a vital part of the community. The theme for Lent will be HALF TRUTHS. On March 23 a group from the Cities will lead worship with traditional favorites, gospel and contemporary music.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

There was discussion about staying within our budget for 2019.

We plan to review the budget quarterly and be diligent in cutting expenses.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- We have 6 confirmands who will be confirmed on May 5. Because of Lent, we will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm.

Cathy Sorenson  
Secretary



Inclement Weather Policy

**In case of inclement weather, announcements about Trinity's worship service cancellations will be found on these radio stations...**

**KSUM-1370 AM**  
**KFMC-106.5 FM**  
**KJLY-104.5 FM**

**The announcements will also be found on Trinity's website, Facebook page and on the KEYC television station website. Or sign up at the office for Text Alert! for your cell phone.**

**You may also sign up in the office for a phone call, or fill out the sheet on the table in the church hallway.**



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#### **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. **We are excited to share, Trinity Lutheran Church received \$1,108 in charitable outreach funding in 2018.***

# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/Calendar year	THEME	GOSPEL
Mar 3-Transfiguration	<i>Why Jesus-Because Jesus is Love</i>	Matt 16:24—17:8
March 6-Ash Wed	<i>The Greatest in the Kingdom</i>	Matt 18:1-9
March 10-Lent 1	<i>The Unforgiving Servant</i>	Matt: 18:15-35
March 17-Lent 2	<i>The Laborers in the Vineyard</i>	Matt 20:1-16
March 24-Lent 3	<i>The Wedding Banquet</i>	Matt 22:1-14
March 31-Lent 4	<i>The Parable of the Talents</i>	Matt 25:1-13

## MARCH LAY MINISTRY

### TRINITY

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

**WORSHIP TIME: 8:45 AM**

**GIFT CHURCH SCHOOL:**

**Wed at 2 pm until 5:30 pm**

#### COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

March 3 & 10

#### COMMUNION SERVERS:

3/3-Mark Durkee

3/10-Donna Kotewa

#### LAY READERS:

3/3-Clayton Duncanson

3/10-Margaret Durkee

3/17-Jan Ringeisen

3/24-Laurie Wille

3/31-LeAnn Maloney

**ASH  
WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 6  
5:30 PM**

#### ACOLYTES:

3/3-Jordan Carlson

3/10-Jonah Carlson

3/17-Jordan Carlson

3/24-Jonah Carlson

3/31-Carter Brudelic

#### MARCH USHERS:

\*Duane Heckman, Clayton Duncanson and Tom Kneeland

#### Special Dates:

- World Day of Prayer, *March 1, 2019*
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, *March 3, 2019*
- Ash Wednesday, *March 6, 2019*
- First Sunday in Lent, *March 10, 2019*
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 10, 2019*
- Second Sunday in Lent, *March 17, 2019*
- First day of spring, *March 20, 2019*
- Third Sunday in Lent, *March 24, 2019*
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, *March 31, 2019*

## LENTEN SCHEDULE



**March 13-** 7 pm Lenten Worship at Madelia

**March 20-** 5:30-6:45 \*Lenten Supper hosted by the Youth (Hotdog bar, chips, rootbeer floats)

7 pm Lenten Worship at Trinity Truman

**March 27-** 7 pm Lenten Worship at Madelia

**April 3-** 5:30-6:45 \*Lenten Supper hosted by the Youth (Tator-tot Hotdish, jello, & PB sandwiches)

7 pm Lenten Worship at Trinity Truman

**April 10-** 7 pm Lenten Worship at Madelia

**April 18-** Maundy Thursday-9:30 am Worship with Communion and fellowship

**April 19-** Good Friday- Communion Worship at 7 pm

**April 21-** Easter Sunday-Communion Worship 8:45 am

*\*The Lenten suppers are free will offering*



### WELCA NEWS

Division C was in charge of the lunch for Barb Mager's funeral. We want to thank everyone who so willingly helped set up and decorate, served the lunch and cleaned up after.

Many thanks are also due JoAnn Knutson for all the lovely mittens and caps she makes for our mitten tree at Christmas time. Cathy brought two bags of them to the school and two bags to Heaven's Table. They were much appreciated.



Because of the weather we were unable to work on quilts in January. We will only do quilts in February and March this year. For lunch at noon, we plan to order pizza from Casey's on Monday and go to Aardvarks on Tuesday. Since Thrivent money comes in the form of a charge card it is too late to apply for it for our sewing project this year.

The coffee machine needs a new switch. WELCA will pay for the repairs.

We do not yet know when or where the spring gathering for WELCA will be this year. It is usually the first Saturday in April. Hopefully we will get information soon.

In the past Barb Mager has made the confirmation stoles but we will get them made somehow for our six confirmands. Barb had already purchased the fabric.

Think about volunteering to be chairman or suggesting someone you think might be willing to be chairman for the salad luncheon which will be June 26.



Celebrate! Saturday, March 16 is National Quilting Day!

**Thank you to those who helped out with Trinity's Tailgate Party. Your generous volunteering and giving helped Trinity make this gift possible!**



Above: Pastor Krista Strum and Yvonne Noorlun, president, present the AED to Shirley Rohman at Truman Public School.

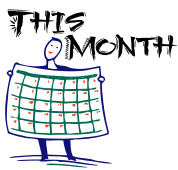
## Trinity Lutheran Church Donates Life-Saving AED to Truman Public School

Last fall Trinity hosted a tailgate party prior to a home football game. The Trinity Council wanted to do something with that money that affected the greatest number of people possible. The decision was made to purchase an AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) for the school. With the funds from the tailgating party, seed money from Thrivent Financial, and money from Trinity special funds, the goal was met.

We thank the church and community that support our school. Thanks in advance for help from our Ambulance Department for any necessary training.

*Article from the Truman Tribune*





# March

April 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Worship Schedule</u>  <b>Worship 8:45 AM</b>  <b>Church School</b>            On Wednesday's 2:00-5:30 pm</p>	<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u>            Mon-8:00-11:00            Wed-8-11 &amp; 1-4            Fri-8:00-11:00</p>	<p><u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u>  <b>Tuesday:</b> 9:00-1:00 pm  <b>Friday:</b> 9:00-1:00 pm</p>			1	2
<p>3 <u>Communion</u>              Transfiguration of the Lord</p>	4 1:30 Martha at Barb S.	5	6 NO GIFT School <b>Ash Wednesday Worship 5:30 pm</b>	7 9 am Open Bible Study at the church	8	9  2 am Sunday
<p>10 <u>Communion</u>              Conf-U mtg.</p>	11	12 7 pm Church Council mtg.	13 GIFT school 2-5:30 pm 7 pm Lenten Worship at Madelia	14	15 <b>NewsLetter DEADLINE</b>	16
<p>17 <u>2nd Lent</u>            Kids sing &amp; Noisy Sunday  </p>	18	19	20 2-5:30 GIFT school 5:30-6:45 Lenten supper 7 pm Worship at Truman	21	22 Pat Jones	23 Scrapbooking
<p>24 <u>3rd Lent</u>            Good News through Scripture &amp; song- 4 guest musicians entertain us</p>	25 <b>9 am Quilting Days</b> 	26	27  9 am Messenger assembly GIFT school 2-5:30 pm 7 pm Lenten Worship-(M)	28	29	30
<p>31 <u>4th Lent</u>              I will praise you as long as I live.            PSALM 63:4, NIV</p>						

# NEWS

From Our Parish



Our heartfelt sympathy to Dean & Bev Gulbranson on the death of their son-in-law, Larry Voltin (Debbie) who passed away on January 29, 2019. His funeral was held on February 6<sup>th</sup> in Richfield, MN.



Congratulations!

To Gracie Zaharia on winning the Truman Public School Spelling

Bee which was held on February 1, 2019. She was the overall champion and 8th grade champion. Gracie will go on to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee in Mankato on February 19th.



**Chuck Nord**

celebrated his 90th Birthday on February 16th.

Cards may reach

him at: 850 Goldfinch St., Box 603, Fairmont, MN 56031



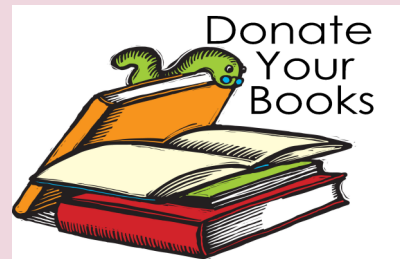
We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:

**Prayers**

**Donna Fisk and the family of**

**Dean & Bev Gulbranson** Be present

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



If anyone has children's books and chapter books that their kids have out grown that you would be willing to donate to the GIFT program to create a library box of children's books so they can practice reading. i.e. : *Magic Tree House Books, Junie B. Jones, Diary of Wimpy Kid, Box Car Children, Little House Books...etc.*



Anyone wishing to have a pastoral visit should contact the church office or Pastor Krista



**UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:**

**Fareway-\$149,349.22**

**Hy-Vee-\$85,029.09**

*Gas & Pharmacy receipts also count*







*\*\*Please don't cut off the receipts--the amounts are getting cut off and making them useless.*

# BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Carter Werner
3 Emily Zaharia	4  <b>Dan &amp; Nikki Smith</b> (13 years)	5 Kim Hastad Luke Kester	6 	7 Brytni Drevlow Dawn Fedder	8	9 Tallin Cook Nicole Fedder
10  Tom Dodge	11 Sandra Meyer	12 Tom Kneeland	13	14 <b>Muriel Druck</b> (89 years) Justin Kelley	15 Natalie Splinter	16 Jordan Penkaty
17 Ashlyn Cook Chris Hyndman	18	19	20 Colby Brudelic <b>Donna Fisk</b> (93 years) <b>Jerry Teig</b> (83 years) Geri Halbert	21 Julie Brudelic Chloe Hartman <b>Jerome &amp; Laurie Wille</b> (38 years)	22 Carson Hastad Karen Nickerson	23
24	25 <b>Don &amp; Kathy Wilkening</b> (52 years)	26 <b>Darrell Buhmann</b> (82 years) MiKayla Carlson	27	28  <b>Dan &amp; Denise Janssen</b> (20 years)	29 Donna Kotewa	30 Darin Carlson <b>Don &amp; Sandy Meyer</b> (34 years)
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**LENTEN MEALS**  
by the Youth

The Trinity Youth Group will again be serving the Lenten Meals before our Wednesday Lenten Worship Services  
5:30-6:45 pm  
*(free will offering)*

Wed, March 20-Hotdog bar with various toppings, chips and rootbeer floats



Wed, April 3-Tator-tot hotdish, Jello, peanut butter sandwiches and cake

**GIFT**



Growing in Faith Together

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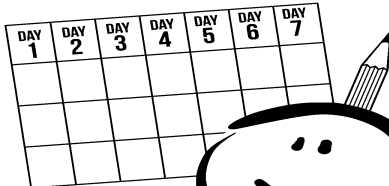
LIMBO FUN!





# DAYS OF CREATION

Play this game to remember when God made each of his masterpieces.



### What you need:

- Paper
- Rulers
- Pencils
- Markers or crayons
- Dice
- Bibles (open to Genesis 1:1–2:3 for reference)

### What you do:

1. To make game boards, draw a grid with four rows and seven columns, totaling 28 squares.
2. Across the top row, write DAY 1 in the first square and continue through DAY 7.
3. Take turns rolling one die, or all players can roll at once. For the number rolled, draw something God created on that day (in the correct column).
4. When you fill an entire row, draw a smiley face in the DAY 7 square. The first player with two smileys wins.

## +Christian Symbol+

### Chalice & Cross

The chalice with a cross rising from it symbolizes Christ's obedient suffering, even unto death. The cross is called a "passion cross," with pointed ends that represent suffering. We remember that in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus begged his Father that the "cup" of suffering be taken from him. But ultimately, he prayed, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39, NIV).

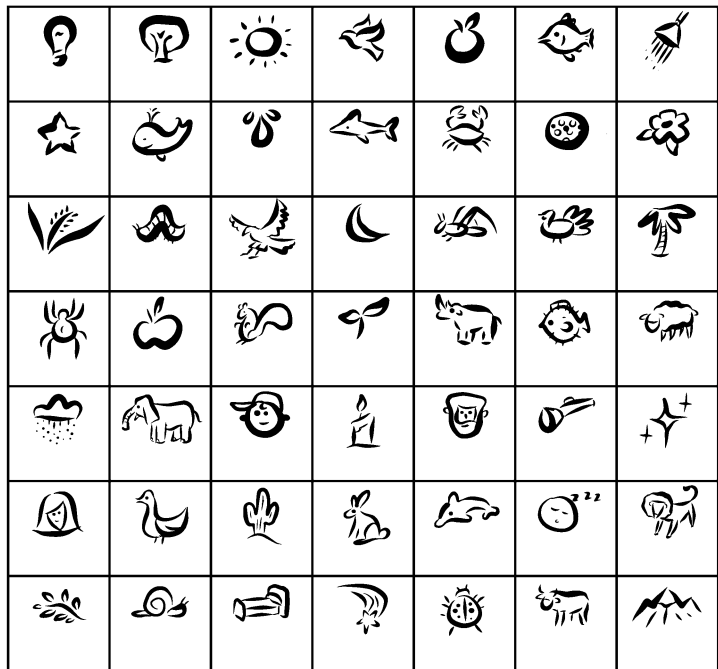


# PUZZLE

## Decode The days

At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

**Directions:** After reading Genesis 1:1–2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.



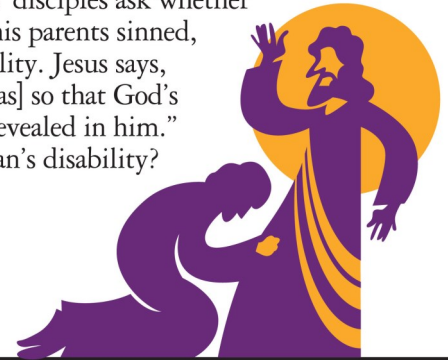
Day 1 (light) \_\_\_\_ Day 2 (waters) \_\_\_\_ Day 3 (land and plants) \_\_\_\_ Day 4 (heavenly bodies) \_\_\_\_  
 Day 5 (birds and water animals) \_\_\_\_ Day 6 (land animals and people) \_\_\_\_ Day 7 (God rested) \_\_\_\_

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 10, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10, Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2

## Bible Quiz

In John 9, Jesus' disciples ask whether a certain man or his parents sinned, causing his disability. Jesus says, "Neither. ... [It was] so that God's works might be revealed in him." What was this man's disability?

- Deafness
- Lameness
- Blindness
- Epilepsy



Answer: C (See John 9:1-7.)



# THE MESSENGER

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## March 2019

*God's Blessings to:*

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**March 6th**  
*5:30 pm worship*

*"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up."*

—Jesse Jackson



**Welcome**  
*Worship with us*

**TRINITY WORSHIP-8:45 AM**  
**CHURCH SCHOOL- Wednesday's**  
*(2 pm after school until 5:30 pm. Sept—May)*

If you are searching for a church home or are  
currently a member, we want to extend a  
warm welcome to you. Trinity observes the  
"Open" communion policy- all those believing  
in Christ are welcome at our Lord's Table.

*Communion is scheduled to take place the first two Sun-  
day's of the month, check the calendar inside  
for any changes.*

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-8:00-11:00 am  
Wed.-8-11 am & 1-4 pm  
Friday-8:00-11:00 am

### PASTOR KRISTA'S OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday—9:00-1:00 pm**  
**Friday—9:00—1:00 pm**

~Please call Pastor on her cell if you  
need to contact her any other time of  
the week. If she doesn't answer,  
leave a message and she will  
call you right back~