

# THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Grace to you and peace, from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

If you read the last two chapters of the Gospel of John you will see a pattern. They begin with the resurrection story. Early in the morning, Mary Magdalene finds the empty tomb. She tells the disciples and Peter and another disciple run to see if it is true. Yes, the tomb is empty. Jesus is gone.

Next you read three stories of Jesus appearing to various disciples. The first Mary Magdalene. She is still in the garden, near the tomb, and is weeping. When Jesus says her name she recognizes him. She tells the other disciples that she has seen the Lord.

In the evening of that same day many of the disciples were gathered in the Upper Room. They are frightened. Will they suffer the same fate as Jesus - arrest, a trial, and crucifixion? But Jesus appears and blesses them with these words, "Peace be with you." Jesus is alive; there is no reason to fear. A week later, the same thing happens but now Thomas is in the room and he experiences the same thing as his fellow disciples - an opportunity to see

the risen Jesus and hear the blessing, "Peace be with you."

The final story takes place by the Sea of Galilee. A few of the disciples, uncertain of what to do next, decide to go fishing. This was their occupation before three years of following Jesus. They are returning to what is familiar, something they know how to do. Once again, Jesus appears.

There is a comforting message to us in these stories. Jesus appears right where the disciples are. Jesus seeks them out in the ordinary places of their lives. We have the same assurance. Jesus is with you wherever you are.

Are you enjoying a day at the park? Jesus is there. Are you on your tractor or in the barn? Jesus is there. Are you headed off to college, or a new job, or moving to another town? Jesus is with you and will go with you. Are you still living at home but your children have moved? Jesus is with you in your loneliness. Has your child, or your spouse, or another special person died? Jesus is with you in your grief. No matter where we are or where we go, Jesus has promised to be with us and always brings the message, "Peace be with you."

*Pr Eunice Woodberry*

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

President:; Nikki Smith  
Vice President: Laurie Wille  
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening  
Financial Admin: Nikki Smith  
Christian Ed: Ashley Parish  
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee  
Stewardship: Margaret Durkee  
Lay Ministry: Donna Kotewa  
Worship: Yvonne Noorlun  
Youth: Ashley Parish



### Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Wednesday April 8, 2026

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Ashley Parish Yvonne Noorlun Nikki Smith Mark Durkee Margaret Durkee Laurie Wille

Secretary Report Kathy Wilkening Yvonne motioned to accept as read and Laurie second.

Treasures Report -Nikki Smith Total giving for the year is down about \$4,000 otherwise on track for the income and expenses. Mark motioned to accept and Margaret second.

Church Properties -Mark Durkee, The new mowing schedule is ready and will be sent out soon. Starting the lawn spring work.

Christian Ed/GIFT -Ashley Parish The GIFT program met April 1 and April 15th. The GIFT kids shopped at Dollar General and bought gifts for Easter baskets. Ashley's family delivered 20 Easter baskets to the Ronald McDonald house in Sioux Falls and 16 baskets to the Children's Hospital.

The youth served 4 Lenten meals. Thank you to all the youth who helped with the Lenten suppers and to the congregation for all their support.

May 6th will be a shorter GIFT day because of the spring concert at the school.

**May 20 will be the last GIFT program with a Talent show and meal afterwards.** Everyone is invited to attend the Talent Show at 5:30 and to congratulate all the talent God has given to the children in the GIFT program.

Worship -Yvonne Noorlun, Thank You to Tanner and Ashley for wonderful music during the Lenten Services. Thank you to Keegan Hastad for leading a worship service and again on April 19th. April 26 will be confirmation for Zachary Schneider. May 17 will be Senior recognition Sunday.

Pastors Report Pastor Eunice visited with 8 shut-ins with Holy

Communion. Sent cards and phone calls of condolences to family members. Prepared Sunday morning services, plus Good Friday. Taught confirmation class and attended Watonwan River Conference meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Yvonne motioned to accept the facilities use agreement for Jody Rettig for a baby shower for Fedder baby. Mark second.

Margaret motioned for Nikki Smith to renew the 6 month CD at Profinum Bank and Mark second.

Submitted by Secretary  
 Kathy Wilkening



### Treasurer's Summary Report As of March 31, 2026

Checking Account Bal.	\$57,307
Savings Account Bal.	\$68,246
<b>MARCH:</b>	
General Fund Income	\$ 6,598
General Fund Expenses	\$ 7,467
Net short	\$ -869
<b>APRIL:</b>	
Cash Available	\$57,307
Bills to pay	\$ 8,075
Cash long	\$49,232

# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

## SCRIPTURE READINGS – MAY

DATE	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
May 3– 5th Easter	Acts 7:55-60	31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 10-6th Easter	Acts 17:22-31	66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 17-7th Easter	Acts 1:6-14	68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 24-Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	104:24-34, 35b	1 Cor 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23
May 31-Holy Trinity	Gen 1:1—2:4a	8	2 Cor 13:11-13	Matt 28:16-20

### Youth Director Newsletter for May 2026



May is here and we will be finishing up school which means that GIFT will be ending for the school year. Looking back at this last year of GIFT, there are many good memories with kids that have returned as well as many new faces! One of the things that I am most excited about is that some of the kids who have been going to GIFT for years are now some of our helpers! My hope is that we can continue to grow and plant some seeds of faith along the way:)

Thank you to our congregation, volunteers, parents, and kids who continue to support our programs!

#### EVENTS:

May 6th GIFT from 2:15pm-4:30pm Early out due to the Spring Fling at the school.

May 20th GIFT from 2:15pm-5:30pm,



**GIFT Talent Show**  
**at 5:30pm**  
**with meal to follow**  
**ALL are welcome**  
**to attend!**

Ashley Parish-Youth Director



The older GIFT students went out in the community and cleaned up a yard in Truman on April 15, 2026.. (L-R) Kael Krahmer, Loriah Young, Judah Dague, Alex Ebert, Liam Werner, Parker Sandwick, Carleigh Hoiseth, Amelia Spicer, and Callie Parish. In the back are the adult helpers-Karthy Wilkening, Nikki Smith and behind the rake is Dave Sorenson.

**LAWN MOWING IN MAY**

5/3-5/9 - Dennis & Pam R  
 5/10-5/16-Brian Nickerson  
 5/17-5/23-Mark Durkee  
 5/24-5/30-Gary Meyer



June 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30				

**Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat**

<p><b><u>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p><b>Worship Service at 10:00 am</b></p> <p><b>Live streamed on our FB page</b></p>	<p><b><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></b></p> <p>Mon-8-11                  Wed-8-11, 1-4                  Fri-8-11</p>	<p><b><u>Acolytes for May</u></b></p> <p>May 3– Sophia Carlson &amp; Jackson H.                  May 10– Gabby Greier                  May 17 –Zach Schneider &amp; Gage M.                  May 24—Addy Urban &amp; Liam Werner                  May 31-Alex Ebert &amp; Sydney B.</p>			<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p>
<p>3 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>Rogation Sunday/ Blessing of seeds and soil</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Open Bible Study 9:45</p> 	<p>6 GIFT class 2:15-4:30 (leaving early due to school event)</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 Laurie Wille will lead Worship</p> <p>Happy Mother's Day!</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 9:30 WELCA Meeting</p>	<p>13 7 pm Council Meeting</p>		<p>15</p>	
<p>17 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>Senior Recognition</p> <p>9 am Reception in Fellowship HL</p> 	<p>18 Newsletter</p> <p><b>DEADLINE!</b></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 GIFT class 2:15-5:30</p>  <p>GIFT Talent Show at 5:30-Supper after</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 <u>Communion</u></p> <p>PENTECOST SUNDAY</p> <p>Possible Outdoor Worship</p> 	<p>25 Church Office Closed</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p>  <p>Pr. Rebecca Sullivan</p>			<p><u>May Ushers</u></p> <p>Lowell &amp; Yvonne Noorlun</p>	<p><u>May Comm Servers</u></p> <p>5/3-Jan R                  5/17-Cathy S                  5/24-Jan R</p>	<p><b><u>MAY LAY READERS</u></b></p> <p>5/3-Margaret Durkee                  5/10-Dave Sorenson                  5/17-Brenda Hansen                  5/24-Donna Kotewa                  5/31-Laurie Wille</p>	



## WELCA News

**He is Risen. He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!!!!**

Thank you to all the WELCA ladies and all the youth who served the Lenten meals. All the meals were delicious.

The next WELCA meeting will be May 12, at 9:30 right after Tuesday morning coffee. The service project for this year will be school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Discussion will be on the Salad Luncheon on June 24.

Thank you to all who mailed Easter Cards to their Prayer Partners.

Barb Shoen ordered fabric for the 2 graduate students Gavin Kester and Addison Smith. The quilting ladies tied quilts for 6 days during the winter months. The group tied 29 quilts that are 80 X 60, 5 baby quilts and 17 lap size quilts. The quilting group is getting smaller every year. We are looking for more fun ladies or men to help tie quilts and enjoy everyone's company. We have a fun time and good treats at coffee time.

We receive a large amount of donated fabric and will be able to sew many more quilts in the future. Much of the fabric is for babies so we will be able to donate some new quilts to Option Pregnancy as well as our own baptismal babies.

Open Bible Study will be May 12 right after Tuesday Morning coffee.

~Kathy Wilkening~ WELCA President

## GIFT TALENT SHOW



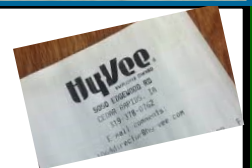
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**Wednesday, May 20th 2026**  
**at 5:30 pm**

A meal will follow the show

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to congratulate all the talent God has given to the children in the GIFT program.

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### **UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:**



**Fareway-\$118,072.79**

**Hy-Vee-\$106,475.97**

*Keep those receipts coming!!*

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

# NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



Trinity Lutheran Church held Confirmation Worship for Zachary Schneider on Sunday, April 26th. Zachary's parents are John & McKenzie Schneider.

Pictured above are Laurie Sherman (Zachary's Instructor), Zachary and Pastor Eunice Woodberry.



Join us as we congratulate our two HS seniors from Trinity on May 17th, Addison Smith and Gavin Kester.

At the 10 am service, they will receive their quilts from the WELCA ladies. A **Reception** for the seniors will be at 9 am before the service in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great time to meet and greet and give them your congratulations.

Amy is the daughter of Lois Lloyd

## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR


# Amy Teetzel

*Please join us as we remember and celebrate a beautiful life.*

**Saturday, May 16, 2026**  
Burial service at Nashville Cemetery at noon.

Lunch at the Weihe home, 2044 230th Street, Truman, MN following.


### 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.*

**\$303.00 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!**



**Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**






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

**Jerry Teig, Norman & Marilyn Anderson, Linnea Huss, and Don Meyer.**

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



**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

					1 Jan Ringeisen	2
3 Mindy Cook	4	5	6 Hudson Pettersen	7 Oaklynn Beebe	8	9 Dan Strausser  <b>Brian &amp; Karen Nickerson (29 years)</b>
10 Roby Tonkin <i>Mommy IS THE BEST</i>	11 Chris Duncanson	12 Mariel Parish	13 Addison Smith	14	15 <b>Cameron &amp; Alicia Forbrook (4 years)</b>	16
17 Gavin Kester Tanner Mammenga	18	19 Laura Langvardt	20 Olivia Tonkin Nathan Rolling	21 Carter Brudellie <b>Norm &amp; Marilyn Anderson (60 years)</b> 	22	23
24 <b>Jake &amp; Nicole Ebert (13 years)</b>	25 <u>Memorial Day</u> <b>Gary &amp; Linda Meyer (58 years)</b> 	26 Roxanne Lehr	27	28 	29 Jackson Hastad	30
31 Duke Drevlow Gary Meyer						

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Scan code to Give!

# THE MESSENGER

## May 2026

Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying,

*"This is the way, walk in it."*

Whenever you turn to the right hand  
Or whenever you turn to the left.

Isaiah 30:21, NKJV

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