

Trinity Lutheran Church

April 2023 Newsletter

Worship Services

9:00 AM, Sundays and 5:30 PM, Wednesdays
Holy Communion at all services.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 2nd

9:00 AM Worship Service
Holy Communion & Palm Procession

Palm Sunday Brunch: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 6th

5:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion
Soup supper follows the Worship Service.

Good Friday: Friday, April 7th

5:30 PM Tenebrae Worship Service

Easter: Sunday, April 9th

Worship Service with Holy Communion
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Bring fresh-cut flowers to decorate the Easter Cross.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Easter Sunday sweet rolls, coffee & juice

9:15 AM

Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children and their families begins
in Trinity Hall.

Ruby's PANTRY

*Please follow the signs
and stay in your
vehicle*

Next drive - thru pantry is:
Saturday April 1, 2023
8:45 am - 10:00 am

For a \$25 cash donation, people can receive an abundance of food. There are no income or residency requirements.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ALBERTLEA
702 HWY 69 S, ALBERT LEA, MN, 56007

Volunteers Needed: Call 507-373-8233



PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 2nd | 10:00 – 11:30 AM | Trinity Hall

Menu: Egg Bakes and Muffins

Free will donation.

Proceeds go to offset expenses for the Youth -
Savannah, Georgia Mission Trip

Wednesday Night Suppers

Resumes on Wednesday, April 12th

Serving time:
5:00 to 5:30 PM

Supper will be served in Trinity Hall.

Everyone is invited.

Movie Day

Friday, April 14th | 2:00 PM | Fireside Room

"Saving Mr. Banks"

Determined to fulfill a promise to his daughters, Walt Disney for twenty years tried to obtain the rights to author P.L. Travers' beloved book.

TITANIC PROGRAM



Todd Walsh will share a program in
Trinity Hall

Saturday, April 15

6:00pm—Doors Open

6:30pm—Program

April 14-15 is the 111th
Anniversary of the
Disaster



Program Highlights:

- **Artifact First Class Crystal Glassware**
- **Artifact Olympic Grand Staircase Woodwork**
- **Artifact Olympic Pine Decking**
- **Artifact and replica First, Second and Third Class Dishes and Table Ware**
- **Replica Lifejacket**
- **Replica Wireless Key**
- **Replica Grand Staircase Cherub**
- **Replica Titanic Rivet**
- **Models of Olympic, Titanic, Britannic**
- **Many Other Items**
- **Period Video**

Breakfast with the Bishop

Saturday, April 29th, 2023

9:00 – 11:00 AM at Cabela's in Owatonna

\$15.00 per person (under 20 years old \$10.00)

There is a sign-up sheet on the opportunity table.

Please pay Steve Olson or the church office.

Please have money in by Monday, April 17th.

We will leave from the church at 7:45 AM.



Breakfast with the Bishop ~ April 21, 2018

Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge Fishing Tournament

Sunday, **April 30**, Trinity members will again have the opportunity, through a special offering, to support the MN Adult & Teen Challenge long term treatment recovery program. All Trinity member donations will be matched.

The Fishing Tournament will take place June 3rd at Cragun's on Gull Lake. This fund raiser supports your & adults in this recovery program at their centers in Duluth, Brainerd, Minneapolis, Rochester, Alexandria and Buffalo.

MN Adult & Teen Challenge's drug and alcohol treatment and recovery programs have been in operation in Minnesota since 1983. They serve people ages 13-74 through a total of 14 locations throughout the state. Additionally their "Know the Truth" prevention program speaks in more than 160 high & middle schools across the state sharing personal stories of addiction and recovery to help prevent substance abuse.

We expect to receive some raffle tickets in the near future for those contributing \$20/ticket hoping to win 1 of 10 prizes. A poster showing the prizes will be on the bulletin board at the parking lot entrance.

Your support of this most worthwhile recovery program is greatly appreciated.

Darryl Meyer and Bob Casperson, Long Prairie
Team MC, #9



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The Lutheran World Relief van will be at First Lutheran Church in May.

We need items for Personal Care and Baby Care kits. You may donate items or money to purchase supplies. (See below for items needed)

Baby Care Kits

Short or long sleeved gowns or sleepers **without** feet.
(6 to 24 months)

Tops and pants may be used. (6 to 24 months)

Baby socks

Bath size bars of Ivory or other gentle soap (4 oz)

Receiving Blankets

Sweaters

T-shirts – Lightweight Cotton (6 to 24 months)

Hand towels—dark colors preferred

****Gently used baby clothes may be donated.**

Personal Care Kits

Bath towels – light to medium weight (approx. 52” x 27”)
(dark colors preferred)

Bath size bars of soap (4 oz) (*any brand*)

Wide tooth combs (*No picks*)

Metal Nail Clippers

Toothbrushes

School kit supplies:

notebooks 8” x 10-1/2” ruled paper, 70 sheets

blunt scissors

rulers (inches and centimeters)

pencil sharpener

new pencils with erasers

ballpoint pens (no gel ink)

2-1/2” eraser

box of 24 count crayons

Quilts—Sewing Day

We will have two more Sewing Days to make quilts. Come and help on April 12 and/or May 10. We need blankets, sheets, mattress pads and drapes for quilt fillers and backs.

Pastor Eileen

It's been a long winter. We've gone through many snow storms, a "blizzard", ice, and more snow. Mother Nature fools us with a day or afternoon of sunshine and warmth—the promise of spring—and then taunts us with more snow, more cold.

It's been a long winter. The darkness of long nights and short, cloudy days have brought depression.

It's been a long winter. We long to feel the sunshine on our cheeks. We long to smell and feel the fresh breezes from an open window. We long to taste "April showers" on our tongues. We long to hear birds waking us up in the morning to their happy songs. We long to walk barefoot through the grass and smush our toes into some warm mud.

It's been a long winter.

We long... We long for spring!... We long for Jesus!

During this Lenten season, we have longed. We have longed for God's Amazing Grace. We have longed with the Prodigal Son to be truly found. We have longed with the Blind Man to truly see. We have longed with the Samaritan woman at the well to taste the living water of new life. We have longed for a stronger relationship with Jesus. We have longed for the new life that only our loving God can give.

Holy Week is soon upon us. We will journey with Jesus to the cross. We will witness Jesus' triumphal entry in Jerusalem as he rode a donkey. They gave him a parade and shouted "Hosanna!" We will eat with Jesus his last Passover. Jesus will remind us to serve one another as he has served. We will walk with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane. Will we be able to keep our eyes open? Or will the pleasure of sleep get the best of us? Jesus will be arrested, tried in court, and sentenced to death. Our shouts of "Hosanna" will turn to hateful cries of "Crucify!" We will walk with him to the cross and witness his excruciating death.

We will sit at the cross and wonder why Jesus had to go through this torture for you and me. We will ask ourselves and others—"Were you there?" Jesus died to take away our sins. Jesus died that we might know God. Jesus died in an ultimate display of love.

We long...

Jesus didn't stay dead. He lives! And because he lives we live also! What resurrection hope we have! Jesus died and rose from the grave for everyone! Alleluia! (Oops I shouldn't say that word yet, but I can't help myself)

Holy Week is a special time. It is a wonderful time of worship. It is a time of awe! It is a wonderful time in our relationship with each other and, most importantly, with God.

Please, make Holy Week an important part of your life, your family's life, and the life of your friends. Come worship the Resurrected Lord of Amazing Grace! I promise you will not be the same afterwards.

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion @ 9:00 with Brunch afterwards

Thursday, April 6

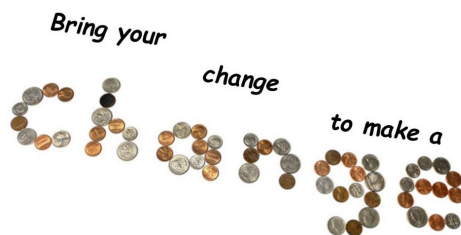
Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion @ 5:30 Meal afterwards

Friday, April 7

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship @ 5:30 led by our Confirmation students and their mentors

Sunday, April 9

Celebration Easter Worship with Holy Communion @ 8:00 & 10:00



We will have our Noisy Offering on the 3rd Sunday of April – April 16. Our Noisy Offering is a ministry of the Monday Night Bible Study to help Bridge the Gap of Hunger. The offering will go to the food ministries of Salvation Army, the Ecumenical Food Bank, and the United Way.

Holy Communion is a wonderful gift for all. I am so pleased that Trinity offers Communion to all their members regardless of age. That being said, it is very important that we continue to educate our children and ourselves on God's gift of Holy Communion.

Holy Communion instruction will be offered on Friday, March 31st at 6:00. Our time together begins with a Potluck. During our time together, we will have a meal (potluck) together. We will discuss the reasons behind celebrating Holy Communion, the Biblical history of the practice, and the Lutheran understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We will bake communion bread. We will prepare Holy Communion for the following Sunday and have a lot of fun. A parent or caring adult is asked to participate with each child.

Following the period of instruction, our children will receive a blessing by you on Sunday, April 2nd.

If you have any questions about the Holy Communion education, please speak with Pastor Eileen.

Put on your calendar! Community VBS August 7-10! Keep your eyes and ears open for more details about this exciting new ministry in our community.

High School Fun Night Friday, April 14th from 8 pm until 11 pm. Come play and hang out together in Christian friendship!

Our next Mentor Event will be Sunday, April 23rd at 10:30. We will be discussing the Gifts of the Church. Lunch will be provided.

Okoboji Camp representative will be here on April 23rd to speak to the congregation about the camp and what they offer for kids and families.

Worship and Music has made the following decisions concerning masks and gloves for Holy Communion Assistants. Gloves will continue to be worn by those who are distributing the communion bread. Masks are not required. However, the Communion Assistant is always welcome to wear a mask if wanted. Thank you for your support.

Council President

In preparation for writing this article, I reviewed my April newsletter articles for the previous 3 years. In April of 2020 we had suspended in person worship, meetings and activities because of Covid. Two years ago I was in the process of going through boxes and bags of things belonging to my parents and numerous relatives. Last year, I was looking forward to an early spring and seeing more people in worship and church activities. Thankfully, after the past 3 years more people are comfortable with getting together for worship and group activities.

However, the project I embarked on 2 years ago is still not complete. I have made some progress in the effort to sort through family “treasures”. But, the “P” word keeps getting in my way. What is that word that all of us have encountered in our daily lives? PROCRASTINATION - the action of delaying or postponing something. The issue with delaying a task is that eventually we have to deal with it. With my advancing age, I am getting better at dealing with procrastinating. I actually went to the doctor for a physical. She determined that I was still alive, but I may need to be more proactive about my health.

With Palm Sunday and Easter upon us, I get to thinking about what Jesus was going through. I am sure that He would have preferred to delay his crucifixion on the cross. But Jesus knew his death and resurrection was part of God’s plan for us that we may have eternal life.

The issue of “why do today what I can put off until tomorrow” is that tomorrow eventually comes. That could be a task we need to complete, or our relationship with God. Where are you in your faith journey?

Ron Petersen



CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED *Alleluia*

Trinity Lutheran Church Women

Co-Presidents: Linda Olson and LeAnn Juveland

“Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born-again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.” 1 Peter 1:22-23

After believing the truth of the Gospel and obeying it by following Jesus, the Holy Spirit cleanses our hearts and minds of what prevents us from being able to love honestly, sincerely, without hypocrisy or falsity. Only through the pure love that is the fruit of the Holy Spirit, who we received when we became born-again, can we love with all our hearts, as we read in 1 Corinthians 13:3-7.

What an extraordinary life we have in us! The life brought by believing the Word of God, caused us to be born-again, in our ‘spirit’, also called the “inner man” by Paul. Our inner man is totally changed by the union with the Holy Spirit. If we live in obedience to the Lord until the end, our spirit will never be separated from God, meaning that our spirits will live forever.

TLCW Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 4th at 9:30 am

Mary Circle

Tuesday, April 11th at 1:30 pm

Sewing Day

Wednesday, April 12th

Deborah Circle will meet in the Fireside Room

Elizabeth Circle will meet in Jacobsen Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 19th at 9:30 am

Eunice & Lois Circle

Wednesday, April 19th at 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Circle Dates for April

April 2nd Lois-Palm Sunday April 9th Easter

April 16th Mary Circle April 23rd Deborah Circle

April 30th Elizabeth Circle



Blue Earth River Conference Spring Event

Sat., April 29th at First Lutheran Church. The theme is “Just Love” and the speaker is Shirley Gangsted with “Portrayals of Women of the Bible”. There is a sign-up sheet on the opportunity table.

Memorials Given in Loving Memory of...

Mission Trip

Barry Oliva

- By Erna Berthelsen
- By Eleanor Schou
- By Bob and Pat Goldman
- By Glenn and LeAnn Juveland
- By Jay and Cheryl Endersen
- By Karen McGill
- By Clarence and LaVonne Eggers
- By Gloria Jensen
- By Larry and Coreen Weigel

Gary Retzlaff (Kim Nelson's dad)

- By Mark and Sheila Jensen

Choir

Barry Oliva

- By Shorty and Nancy Jensen

Commercial Mixer

Barry Oliva

- By Tom and Jody Nygaard

Gary Retzlaff

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Choir

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Wednesday Night Supper

Barry Oliva

- By Sue Fink
- By Flo Gilster

Finance

A blessed Easter season to all. March was a tough month for us 21sters. A 21ster is one who calls Dec.21st the first day of spring. The daylight hours get longer, and the temps rise but this year it seemed cooler, with no big thaws. Or maybe I'm just getting older.

A big project we are looking into is replacing the shingles over the sanctuary. I am not sure of the timeline but it will be sooner than later as the shingles are 20+ years old (to our best guesses). They are at the age that if they are damaged by hail or wind the insurance company would not cover them.

Thank you for your continued financial support of our church! Our general budget is tight right now with all of the increases in price we have all seen the past 18 months or so. The biggest culprit is our energy bill. Aside from the monetary support of Trinity, the church needs a few more volunteers each month. Please consider helping when the opportunity presents. Many hands make light work.

February financial overview:	Total Receipts	\$19,286.00
	Total Disbursements	\$24,129.63
	(Shortfall)	(\$4,843.63)

YTD financial overview:	Total Receipts	\$39,193.14
	Total Disbursements	\$53,773.19
	(Shortfall)	(\$14,580.05)

s/ Chris Skogheim

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