

Trinity Lutheran Church

April 2024

Worship Services

8:45 AM, Sundays

5:30 PM, Wednesdays

Holy Communion at all services.

Newsletter



Our April Mentor Event will be Sunday, April 28th at noon in Jacobsen Hall. Our mentors and students will be discussing Prayer. Lunch will be provided.



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TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH
501 S. WASHINGTON AVE.
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APRIL 7, 2024
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YOUTH FUNDRAISER

FOR TRINITY YOUTH
GOING TO ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING IN
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SUMMER OF 2024

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT
APRIL 2024**

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APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

The last couple of months have been a blunt reminder to me that we do not always have control over all aspects of our lives. I have lost a couple of friends to cancer, and have also heard the news that another friend who I admire and respect has cancer. These men and women are not considered old by today's standard. However, they are all considered people who help others, and try to always do the right thing for everyone.

As I sat at one of the memorial services, I got to wondering what the Bible says about good people? In Proverbs 10:7 we are told that "good people will be remembered as a blessing, but evil people will soon be forgotten." Verse 11 says that "the words of a good person give life, like a fountain of water, but the words of the wicked contain nothing but violence." I shared these thoughts at our March church council meeting, and included Luke 6:35 in my devotion. "But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked."

I concluded with this thought; do not wait until someone's funeral to tell them how much they have meant to you. They won't be there to appreciate it.

Blessings,
Ron Petersen

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PREMISES April 2024

We are still trying to get a bid for the work on the South Tower.

One of the windows by the South entrance door was broken last week. There are two panes of glass in the window, so it is still secure at this time. Steve has someone fixing it when the glass comes in. There were some other incidents of glass breakage the same night. So we are hoping it was a random incident.

The council has decided to buy a automated external defibrillator. We will be using Thrivent Choice dollars to pay for it.

The Hermel Company that services our coffee makers was in to check on the one in Jacobson Hall. It has been leaking water, they said they would replace it.

With the nice weather that we have been having, it won't be long before we get the grill and the picnic table out of the garage.

If you have any questions or concerns for us let us know.

Del Johnson

Premise Committee

FINANCE APRIL 2024

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Hope everybody had a nice Easter season this year. The Wednesday services were well attended and very enjoyable. In the early Easter season before daylight savings begins, I always enjoy the service as the sunsets and the light diminishes through the stained-glass windows of the sanctuary. I enjoy watching the windows darken, up where I sit the silhouette of Jesus is the brightest part of the window as the sun sets – kind of neat in my book.

February 22 of this year, we lost member Liz Skov. In honor and memory of Liz, the Skov family has set up the Liz Skov Campership Fund. Education and teaching were an important part of her life, this fund will assist Trinity youth with fees associated with weekend retreats to Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp, a camping ministry they attend. Memorials and donations can be directed to the Liz Skov Campership Fund at any time. For online donations there is an option to direct funds to this account. There is a line item for this fund in the restricted funds account. Please consider setting up for online giving either on our website at

www.tlc-al.org
or at <http://myeoffering.com/>

February financial overview:

Total Receipts
\$23,648.23
Total Disbursements
\$20,180.63
Cushion
\$3,467.60

YTD financial overview:

Total Receipts
\$43,621.77
Total Disbursements
\$46,106.66
(Shortfall)
(\$2,484.89)

s/ Chris Skogheim

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

(Luke 24:33-35)

Traditionally, on the Monday following Easter Sunday, the Gospel reading comes from Luke, chapter 24, the Road to Emmaus story. It begins with two disciples walking from Jerusalem to the town of Emmaus about seven miles away. While walking, they are joined by Jesus, but their eyes are kept from recognizing him. During the ensuing conversation, the disciples speak about Jesus' crucifixion, death, and burial—and the rumors about an empty tomb and angels. Jesus then expounds upon the Scriptural witness. Arriving in Emmaus, the disciples invite Jesus to dinner. He originally declines, but then, reluctantly, joins them. As Jesus breaks the bread, his true identity is revealed; and he disappears from their sight. That's where the above verse begins.

We have just celebrated the Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter. We have waited for Easter for the past six weeks and all our lives. After all, it is through this event that we are given life—now and always. Death has been destroyed, the devil is vanquished, and we are free—saved by grace. What more could we ask. It is the first day of the week, early in the morning, and life has come.

The Emmaus story is a reminder that, while the celebration of Easter Sunday is a wonderful and blessed occasion, we aren't limited to one day each year to celebrate the new life given through the death and resurrection of our Lord. Each Sunday is a day to remember and give thanks for the new life we have received through Jesus. After all, as the Emmaus disciples testified, Jesus is made known in the breaking of the bread.

As the gather around the table each Sunday, Jesus is present with us bringing with him forgiveness and life. When we eat of the bread and drink from the cup, we are proclaiming the promise of new life given through Jesus' death and resurrection. More than just Easter Sunday, or any Sunday for that matter, every time we eat and drink—break bread together at our homes and with our loved ones—we remember and celebrate what Jesus has done for us. We rejoice in the life he offers, the joy he brings, and the hope he gives.

As the disciples gave witness every Easter eve, we give witness each time we break bread together that Jesus is present. That is the gift of Easter that we can celebrate every day.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Greetings,

I'd like to say thank you to all of you who signed up for various volunteer positions since last month. Please don't stop volunteering. we need you and appreciate you. Some of you may not be quite sure about helping. You can ask any council member. they would be happy

to walk you through what is involved. ask someone who you have seen do that particular volunteering what is involved. Take that first step.

Here is a list again

Readers

Communion Assistants

Ushers - bell ringers

Running the sound system

Running the screen

Sunday morning greeters at each entrance would be a great way of getting involved. Welcome Glenville church or other visitors.

I'd suggest if no one is at the entrance greeting and you want to do it, then go ahead and greet everyone coming in. Say good morning and shake hands if your comfortable. Introduce yourself to someone you do not know. This is our church family.

You regular volunteers: don't stop ok?

New volunteers: we welcome you to get involved. Challenge yourself.

Come on be brave and get your feet wet.....

Cathy Petersen

Council secretary



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

Quilts—Sewing Day

We will have two more Sewing Days to make quilts. Come and help on April 10 and/or May 8. We need blankets, sheets, mattress pads and drapes for quilt fillers and backs.

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWSLETTER

Wishing everyone an enjoyable April and praying for April showers to bring May flowers and a good season for our farmers.

Ist Lutheran Church Women have sent out an invitation to area church women's groups to join them for their monthly meetings. Your board thought this might be something fun to do. the date is April 10th at 12 noon at Edgewater Pavilion and bring an hors

Calendar of Evens

April 2nd	TLCW Board meeting	9:30
	Bible Study Leaders	1:00
	Fireside Room	
April 9	Mary Circle	1:30
	Fireside Room	
April 10	Sewing Day	9:00
April 16	Working Gals Bible Study	6:45
April 17	Deborah Bible Study	9:30
	Elizabeth Bible Study	9:30
	Eunice/Lois Bible Study	2:00
April 20	Women of the ELCA Spring Event Elmore, MN Check bulletin board for info "No Bake Sale" the month of April"	

Coffee Hour Schedule

April 7th	Mary
April 14	Deborah
April 21	Elizabeth
April 28	Eunice

Your Board Members: LeAnn Juveland, Linda Olson, Mary Roozenboom, Sheila Jensen, Donna Oliva, Jody Nygaard

Aebleskiver Breakfast

April 21, 2024

About Æbleskiver

Food :

Æbleskiver are spherical Danish snacks made from fried batter. The name literally means "apple slices" in Danish, although apples are not usually an ingredient in present-day versions. The crust is similar in texture to European pancakes, but with a light and fluffy interior similar to a Yorkshire pudding. [Wikipedia](#)

Everything you always wanted to know about ebelskivers!

Not quite a donut and not quite a popover, an ebelskiver (pronounced "able-skeever") is a light, puffy, filled pancake cooked in a special pan on the stovetop.

The aebleskiver is thought to have originated with the Vikings and used to restore strength after a battle. Whether this is actually true or not, no one knows, but it certainly is a nice tale to tell again. The earliest known aebleskivers have been found in 300 year old pans that were made of copper. The aebleskiver is one of the most popular Danish Christmas treats. The name literally means "apple slices" in Danish as they were originally filled with small pieces of apple or applesauce.



**Southeastern Minnesota Synod
Lutheran Men in Mission - Saturday April 20, 2024
Breakfast With the Bishop**

Dwight Tostenson, CEO and Co-founder of The Redemption Project will share about the compassionate work his team does with those touched by the criminal justice system.

The Redemption Project believes that addressing the basic need of employment for inmates upon their release will have a positive impact on breaking the cycle of recidivism. Their three-stage program of **Educate, Advocate and Support** is designed to meet the needs of inmates throughout their reentry process. In addition, they believe an individual who has the dignity, self-respect, and economic benefits of meaningful employment can help address the other roadblocks related to recidivism which include Addiction Issues, Lack of Education and Lack of Housing.

Dwight will share how The Redemption Project works with inmates to develop an intellectual framework based on the cardinal virtues of Wisdom, Courage, Self-Control, and Justice to prepare them for employment and a successful life after prison. The organization provides mentoring, financial assistance and help in finding employment so their program participants can have a new start in life.

Bishop Regina Hassanally will be present to share a devotion.

**9:00 – 11:00 AM at Cabela's (I-35 N) in Owatonna
(Please note the Cabela's doors do not open until 9:00 AM)**

\$15/person (under 20 years old - \$10)

Send reservations and check payable to **SE MN LMM** by Friday April 12th to:

Russell Tesch

906 4th Ave SE

Waseca, MN 56093

Questions: Call 507- 835-3843 or e-mail: marie-tesch@mchsi.com



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Monday evening (6:15 pm) and Thursday morning (9:30 am) Bible Study will continue our study of Revelation with Dr Barbara Rossing. All are invited to come even if you are new to the study, it's never a bad time to start.

Working Women are Welcome to meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month for Bible Study at 6:45 pm. We use the 'The Gather' magazine Bible Study. Questions?
See Pastor Eileen

Tuesday, Pril 16, 6:45we will have our monthly Women's Bible Study. We use the Gather Magazine Bible Study.

****SAVE THE DATE****

**Women of the ELCA
SPRING EVENT
Blue Earth River
Conference**

LOVE WITH JUSTICE

**Saturday, April 20, 2024
Registration/Coffee
8:00 am –9:00 am
Program 9:00 am-11:30 am
Shiloh Lutheran Church
108 East Jay Street
Elmore, MN 56027**

The speakers will be
Brandon and Jasmin Sahr
on '**Our Walk with
Christ Through our
Adoption Process
Journey from Liberia.**'

We hope you can join us
for this interesting and
exciting telling of their

JOURNEY

Ruby's
PANTRY

*Please follow the signs
and stay in your
vehicle*

Next drive - thru pantry is:
Saturday
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



April 6, 2024

Trinity Lutheran has the honor and privilege of hosting TEC (Teens Encountering Christ). Teens and the TEC team will be finding a home at Trinity Thursday, April 25 through Sunday, April 28. You may see some new faces that Sunday. We welcome our new friends and pray that their weekend experience is fruitful and helps grow their relationship with God

Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a fellowship of believers in Christ, sustained by God's Word, led by the Holy Spirit and committed to God's vision of caring!

Attention all Youth Gathering Participants and Parents. There will be a meeting after the confirmation class Thursday, April 10 at 7:30.

WHAT IS THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING?

Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

An important part of the Gathering's ministry are the two pre-events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE), a faith formation and leadership development event primarily for youth of color, and the tAble, a gathering that brings together, blesses and empowers youth with disabilities.

The ministry of the Gathering is excited to partner with Young Adult Ministries to host the first-ever ELCA Young Adult Gathering for individuals who will be 18-35 at the time of the Gathering.



Memorials Given in Loving Memory of...

Undesignated

Allan Stoa
By Carol Johnson

Darlene Oakland
By Carol Johnson

South Tower Repair

Liz Skov
By Marlene Wright
By Fern Rockwell
By Glen and LeAnn Juveland
By Joan Mattick
By Donna Oliva
By Phyllis Tavis
By Marline and Sharon Herfendahl
By Allan and Nancy Halvorson

Pastor Marcia Hall
By Mary Rosenbloom

Clair (Terry) Jenson
By Loren and Elaine Porter

Youth Gathering

Liz Skov
By Myron Jensen
By Mark and Sheila Jensen

Bethelsen Scholarship

Marie Degennaro
By Ron Petersen

Liz Skov
By Erna Berthelsen

Douglas Wichmann
By Allan and Nancy Halvorsen

Dan Panzer
By Ron Petersen

Liz Skov Campership Fund

Liz Skov

Continued—Memorials

Liz Skov Campership Fund

By Leverne Skov and family
By Jeff and Dori Schou
By Eleanor Schou
By Bob and Pat Goldman
By Don and Darcie Gilster
By Lowell and Marlene Klukow
By Shorty and Nancy Jensen
By Lorene and Elaine Poorter
By Joe and Marcia Schublewski
By Cathy Peterson
By Virginia Plantage
By Darryl and Jo Meyer
By Jean Pestourious
By Marion Schroeder
By Dale and Gloria Jensen
By Doris Hanson
By Mary Roozenboom
BY Jay and Cheryl Enderson
By Luverne and Colleen Lyle
By Dean and Donna Sonnek
By Larry and Coreen Weigel
By Jan Baseman
By Barbara Larson
By Brent and Linda Bergland
By Chris and Tara Skogheim
By Jeremy and Charla Depoppe
By Becky Knutson
By Tom and Judy Nygaard
By Betty Kleinbeck
By Del and Sue Johnson
By Flo Gilster
By Jerry Schwemmler
By Lorraine Malepsy
By MaryAnn Martinson
By Lori Holty
By Dick and Karen Nelson
By Jeff and Kim Nelson
By Taylor Heavner
By Brian and Connie Heavner
By Friends and Family

Wednesday Night Supper

Liz Skov

By Lowell and Darcy Nielsen

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