

Trinity Lutheran Church

February 2023


Newsletter

Worship Services

9:00 AM, Sundays

5:30 PM, Wednesdays

Holy Communion at all services.



*And now abide
faith, hope, love,
these three; but
the greatest of
these is love.*

1 Corinthians 13:13

Movie Day

Friday, February 3rd

2:00 PM

Fireside Room

“Annie”

A spunky young orphan is taken in by a rich eccentric, much to the chagrin of the cantankerous woman who runs the orphanage.

Super Bowl Sub Sandwiches

February 12th

There are sign-up sheets by both entrances for Sub Sandwich orders or you can text/phone Corky Stanley at 507-402-2808 to place your order. Please place your orders no later than Sunday, February 5th. Ham or Turkey subs cost \$6.50. Combo subs cost \$7.00. Sub sandwiches will be made fresh on Sunday, Feb. 12th. They will be available for pick-up after the church service in the Confirmation Center. Proceeds from the Subs will help cover the costs of the Savannah, Georgia Mission Trip.

Ruby's
PANTRY

*Please follow the signs
and stay in your
vehicle*

Next drive - thru pantry is:

Saturday February 4, 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.

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702 HWY 69 S, ALBERT LEA, MN, 56007

Volunteers Needed: Call 507-373-8233





Ash
WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

12:00 PM and 5:30 PM

Soup and sandwiches (served by youth) follows 5:30 service.

On Ash Wednesday we begin our Lenten journey by confessing our sins and receiving ashes as a sign of our repentance and our desire to be reconciled with God through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Wednesday Lenten Worship Services
5:30 pm

March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29

Soup and sandwiches served by the youth follows worship.

Free will donation.

2023 Trinity Lutheran Church Council

President...Ron Petersen
Vice President...Jeff Nelson
Secretary...Cathy Petersen
Treasurer...Chris Skogheim

Family Faith Formation (Education)

Ron Petersen 2023
Jason Taylor 2026

Finance

Ron Petersen 2025
Chris Skogheim..... 2025

Life & Missions

Greg Andersen..... 2025
Del Johnson..... 2025
Tonya Telles 2026

Premises

Steve Olson 2024
Jeff Nelson 2024

Worship & Music

Cheryl Enderson..... 2025
Lori Holty..... 2026
Cathy Petersen..... 2025

Terms end in January of the year listed.

**Council Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday
of the month at 6:00 PM.**

Everyone is welcome to attend.



We are currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 school year.

There are scholarships available for traditional and non-traditional students. Letters will go out to Trinity's current graduating seniors, so be on the lookout for those. The due date for all applications is March 23, 2023 by Noon.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the 2022-2023 Scholarship Committee.

2022-2023 Scholarship Committee

Linda Bergland, Chairperson

Rebecca McPherson, Laura Cunningham and Council Member.

Premises Committee

Work continues on emergency exit lights and wall pack emergency lighting. Most units need new backup battery replacement and several need new light bulbs. All emergency light packs need a new battery. I need to order new exit fixture backup batteries. The East stairway in the Sunday school addition including the stairway to the Whole need emergency light packs installed. The city inspection guys are coming to look it over and tell me what is needed to bring this area up to code. We will continue to repair our existing emergency lights and exit signs.

A new TV and DVD player have been purchased and installed in the fireside room. This will be a comfortable room to watch videos and learn material on the big screen.

If you have any concerns or ideas to share, feel free to contact Steve, Jeff, or any council member.

Pastor Eileen

¹*The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?*

*The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?*

⁴*One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.*

⁵*For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.*

Psalm 27:1, 4-5

We are in the middle of a Minnesota winter. Snow upon snow falls upon us. The nights are long (thankfully they are getting shorter by the day). The temperatures are cold. We hold ourselves up in our cozy homes waiting for spring.

It is in the middle of winter when many of us might start feeling a little blue. We need the sun. Some call it the winter blues. Others refer to it as Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD. Whatever the case, some feel less joy and more anxiety than normal.

What to do?

One, know that you are not alone. God is with you. You go nowhere without Jesus by your side. As the Psalmist states, “The LORD is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?”

God is our shelter. We feel comfort in worshipping God. The fellowship of the saints—brothers and sisters in Christ—brings joy.

Two, it is not a sign of weakness to get help. Talk to your family. Talk to friends. Your primary care team can help too. Find a therapist. Talk to me. Pray. Pray. Pray.

“For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent, he will set me high on a rock.”

If you are thinking of suicide, please talk to Pastor Eileen or call 988—the suicide helpline. If you need to talk to someone, call 1-800-273-TALK or text HOME to 741741.



Summer will be here before we know it! We hope to coordinate a Community VBS! Our beginning planning meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 6:30. We'd love to have anyone interested in helping to come to this meeting. We'd also love for everyone to pray for a wonderful and spirit filled event!

The BERC (Blue Earth River Conference) Annual Assembly will be at United Lutheran Church in Walters on Sunday, Feb. 12th. Registration begins at 1:00, with the meeting at 2:00. Sign up available on the Opportunity Table.

Confirmation students and their parents will have a short meeting concerning the program during Lent and the Savannah Mission Trip after class Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7:30.

High School Students will have a Lock-in on Friday, Feb. 17 beginning at 8:00 pm. Students can be picked up Saturday at 8:00 am. Students may bring one friend. Please bring a snack and what you'd like to drink.

Bible Studies with Pastor Eileen

Monday evenings at 6:00 pm

3rd Tuesday evening of the month at 6:45 pm

Thursday mornings at 9:30 am

There will be a Mentor Event on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 10:30. We will meet in the Confirmation Center and travel to Bayview Funeral Home for a presentation by Funeral Director Josh Fossum.

Keep your eyes and ears open for our Lenten Series beginning Sunday, Feb. 26!

Council President

2023 is off to a flying start at Trinity Lutheran. New Year's Day was the first Sunday of the year, followed by Minnesota Adult/Teen Challenge on the 8th. We had over 50 men from the Rochester campus sing, share, and join us for a noon meal that Sunday. It was so nice to have a large group with us again this year. Thank you to all who helped prepare, brought food, and served the meal to over 120 people. The day was very special.

Our 145th annual meeting took place on Sunday the 15th with 40 voting members in attendance. I would like to welcome Lory Holty, Tonya Telles, Jason Taylor, and Cheryl Enderson to the church council. Thank you to retiring council members Patty Peek and Jenni Golbuff for your service to Trinity the past three years. We also approved the 2023 budget of \$324,678 at the meeting.

Trinity continues to have a large following of our Sunday services on Facebook. This is a good way to "attend" the service if you cannot be there physically. The first Friday of the month movie day will be moving to the Fireside Room this February. We have added a new viewing option to make more use of this room. When you go down to check out the "new" Fireside room, stop at the library to see all of the rearranging and updating that Carla Johnson has done for us.

As a new year's resolution, try to become more involved with activities at church. We all need to "Come and See" what is happening not only on Sunday, but any day of the week.

Blessings,

Communion Assistants and Readers Needed

The Worship & Music committee is looking for more volunteers to be communion assistants and readers. There are sign-up sheets on the opportunity table. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Petersen at 507-520-0875 or Patty Peek.

We appreciate all the current faithful communion assistants and readers.

Finance

And February it is, 2 to 3 minutes of daylight are added daily during this time of year. I'll take it and we need it, too many cloudy days lately. Below are excerpts from my 2022 annual letter to show members how the past year looked financially.

Trinity had a deficit of \$1,216 for meeting our fixed expenses and salaries in 2022. Our total disbursements were up \$10,382 from 2021. Our total offering increased by \$3,174 from 2021. The major increase in disbursements was due to the increase we have all seen in energy prices, 2022 saw a \$7,550 increase over 2021. We met or exceeded almost all our designated benevolences we budgeted for in 2022, except for the budgeted \$10,000 to the ELCA. We were \$5,041 short of fulfilling that.

We received an email from our offering envelope supplier that there are delays happening with delivering envelopes out. Production of the February envelopes was suspended. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. Until then, please use an envelope from home or a temporary envelope found in the pews. Please record your member number, amount and any designations on the envelope. This will help our weekly counters with their task of tracking weekly offerings.

Please consider setting up for online giving either on our website at www.tlc-al.org or at <http://myeoffering.com/>.

December financial overview:

Total Receipts	\$39,583.74
Total Disbursements	\$27,757.81
Cushion	\$11,825.93

YTD financial overview:

Total Receipts	\$275,543.45
Total Disbursements	\$276,759.45
<u>(Shortfall)</u>	(\$1216.00)

s / Chris Skogheim

Trinity Lutheran Church Women

By Linda Olson and LeAnn Juveland

“The one who obeys me is the one who loves me; and because he loves me, my Father will love him; and I will too, and I will reveal myself to him.”

John 14:21

February is the month most often associated with love. We start seeing cupids and hearts in the stores and begin thinking of what to give the one we love. Valentines become available in January for sending to loved ones in February. This is a good month to think about what real love is. There are three kinds of love-

Eros-This is erotic love. It is the first stage of a romantic relationship. It can be felt when you don't even know the person who is the object of this love. It is a physical love centered on self.

Phelos-This love is based on a friendship between two people. It is based on give and take. It is a mental love that is still centered on self but also the other person.

Agape-This is totally selfless love. It is love given without expectation of receiving any benefit in return. It has no conditions and benefits the one who is loved not the one who loves. ***THIS IS SPIRITUAL LOVE.***

TLCW Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 7th at 9:30 am

Sewing Day

Wednesday, February 8th – all are welcome!

Mary Circle

Tuesday, February 14th at 1:30 pm

Deborah & Elizabeth Circles

Wednesday, February 15th at 9:30 am

Deborah Circle will meet in Fireside Room

Elizabeth Circle will meet in Jacobsen Fellowship Hall

Eunice & Lois Circles

Wednesday, February 15th at 2:00 pm

Coffee hour dates for Circles

Deborah February 5th

Elizabeth February 12th

Eunice February 19th

Lois February 26th

In Loving Memory of...

Jacobsen Hall

Richard Anderson

By Lois Lunn

By Barb Larson

Wednesday Night Supper

John Severtson

By Marlene Wright

Steven Thorson

Son of Wayne Thorson

By Glen & LeAnn Juveland

Undesignated

Richard Anderson

By Dean and Donna Sonnek

By Bob and Pat Goldman

By Eleanor Schou

By Steve and Linda Olson

By Darryl and Jo Meyer

Doris – mother of Lola Eastlund

By Lola Eastlund

Commercial Mixer

Richard Anderson

By Tom and Jody Nygaard

Undesignated

Honor of

Vicki's Birthday – daughter of Lola Eastlund

By Lola Eastlund



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