

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## May 2023

### Newsletter

#### Worship Services

9:00 AM, Sundays

5:30 PM, Wednesdays

Holy Communion at all services.



## Movie Day

Friday, May 5th | 2:00 PM | Fireside Room

"Me Before You"

Louisa is normally cheery outlook is put to the test when she faces her newest career challenge: as caregiver and companion to Will who is now wheelchair-bound.

# Ruby's PANTRY

*Please follow the signs and stay in your vehicle*

Next drive - thru pantry is:  
**Saturday May 6, 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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Volunteers Needed: Call 507-373-8233



Graduate Sunday will be Sunday, May 14th.  
We will pray for all our graduates: high school, college, trade school, kindergarten, etc.

*Congratulations on all your accomplishments.*





**Sunday, May 14th | 10:00 AM –11:00 AM**

**Trinity Hall**

**Menu:**

Scrambled Eggs, plain or with cheese  
French Toast Bake, Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Ham  
Juice, Coffee, Milk

**Free will offering**

The capital improvement fund.



# AEBLESKIVER BRUNCH

Trinity Lutheran Church, 501 S. Washington Ave.

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**  
**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Menu**

**Aebleskivers**

*(Round Danish pancakes, like little clouds from heaven)*

**Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Juice, Milk**

**Free-will Offering.**

Proceeds will go towards the  
Capital Improvement Fund.

## *Pastor Eileen*

I can remember the day like it was yesterday—November 11, 2007. It was the day that we stood in front of the church with our newborn little boy and he was baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. I was asked to help my 8 pound 4 ounce bundle of joy grow in the Christian faith and life...

To live with them among God's faithful people,  
Bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,  
Teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
Place in their hands the holy scriptures,  
And nurture them in faith and prayer,  
So that your children may learn to trust God,  
Proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
Care for others and the world God made, and  
Work for justice and peace.

We responded, "I do."

Well, my "bundle of joy" has grown up. I have brought him to be among God's people. He has been given the Holy Scriptures, fed at the Lord's table, and has learned the Lord's Prayer, Creed, and Ten Commandments. I pray and hope that he has found solace, comfort, and peace through his faith and prayer.

This month, on May 28<sup>th</sup>, my son and eight young adults will be affirming their baptisms. They are saying YES to those promises made for them so long ago. My prayer for them all is that the words spoken and the blessings received at their affirmation of baptism are not just words but are words of life. I pray that this is not the end of their relationship with the church and faith, but that this is a renewal of their relationship with God. I pray that they Love God and Love Others by Serving God and Serving Others. I pray that others come to know the love of God through their words and actions.

I ask you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, as your pastor and as a mother, to pray for these young adults—Isaiah Andersen, Kameron Behnke, Tristan Dickerson, Betsy Kokot, Hayden Lowe, Taison Saelee, Kaiden Verness, Jake Woyen, and Hsa Yu. Life is not always fair or kind. We know that with God all things are possible. Growing up is not easy. My prayer is that these young ones always know that they are enough and that God loves them no matter what.

For the Affirmation of Baptism worship on May 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be blessed to have Bishop Regina Hassannally with us to preach and preside. What a special gift to me to just be “mom”! I pray to see you there.



**Mark your calendar and get ready for VBS – Vacation Bible School – Operation Restoration!** – fun! Our Community VBS will be August 7-10 at Ascension Lutheran Church. There will be activities for ALL AGES. Look for opportunities to serve and be uplifted.

***Congratulations Graduates!*** We will recognize graduates during worship Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

As we prepare for Affirmation of Baptism, there are events for our young people to prepare.

- Wed., May 17 at 6:30 – Stole Making
- Sun., May 21 – Due date for Faith Statements and Projects
- Sat., May 27— 9 am – Affirmation Rehearsal

**Monday Night Bible Study** will be using Jennifer Dukes Lee’s book “It’s All Under Control Bible Study: A 6-Week Guided Journey.” We meet on Mondays at 6.

May 22nd will be the last bible study. It will resume on Monday, September 11th.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** continues to study the Bible lessons assigned for worship the next week. We meet on Thursdays at 9:30.

May 25th will be the last bible study. It will resume on Thursday, September 7th.

**Women’s Evening Bible Study** meets on the third Tuesday of the Month at 6:45. We use the “Gather” magazine Bible Study. The last bible study will be on May 16th. It will resume on September 19th.

## Council President

Thank you to everyone who made the Lenten, Holy Week, Palm and Easter Sunday services so meaningful and very special. Over 100 people enjoyed the Palm Sunday Brunch. The Easter Sunday Services were well attended, both in person and online.

May will be a busy month at Trinity. The bacculaureate service is Mother's Day May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Plan to join us after the service for our traditional Mother's Day Brunch. Also, the previously postponed Aebleskiver Brunch will be held the next Sunday, May 21. This is usually done earlier in the year, but I am sure they will still taste just as good in May. Proceeds from both brunches will go to the capital improvement fund.

Our Southeast Minnesota Bishop, Regina Hassanally, will be presiding over our confirmation service on May 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be a very special Sunday at Trinity.

Pastor Eileen received an interesting email from a gentleman in Wisconsin. He was wondering if his great-grandfather, Jes Smidt, was the Danish immigrant who did the wood carving of the altar and other pieces in the church sanctuary when it was built. His records listed Albert Lea and Geneva where he had done work. If you have any information regarding this, please let me know. The picture he sent of one of his great-grandfather's altars is very similar to our altar. Also, check out the history of John Lacis and his painting in the "new" Fireside Room.

Once again, thank you to the people who do so many things for Trinity and our members.

Ron Petersen

May 7th - The last day of Sunday school. Have a great summer and stay safe.

May 17th - This is the last day of Pre-Confirmation; this will be a game night for the students.

During our next few weeks our Pre-Confirmation class will be viewing the Gospel of John, Jesus' life on earth. All are welcome to join us at 6:30pm in Jacobsen Hall.

## Finance

Warm and sunny, warm and sunny.....snow. That's why we love Minnesota in the spring. Hopefully, by the time this article is out, the trees and grass will have a little more color.

Regarding Online Giving, which is gaining popularity, up over \$500 in March, we noticed a little glitch in the system. If you are wanting to increase your tithe, decrease your tithe or change the frequency of giving, please click the **Cancel All Offerings** button and then click the **Add New Offering** button and enter the new information regarding your tithe. Editing an existing tithe seems to cause the system to stop directing your funds to Trinity. This can all be done on <https://www.myeoffering.com/> . Thank you to all our Thrivent members that directed funds through the **Thrivent Choice Dollars** program before the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Lenten suppers and Lenten services last month. It is always fun to see our youth helping out in Trinity Hall. As always, many hands make light work

### March financial overview:

Total Receipts	\$23,194.05
Total Disbursements	\$24,935.81
(Shortfall)	(\$1,741.76)

### YTD financial overview:

Total Receipts	\$62,387.19
Total Disbursements	\$78,709.00
(Shortfall)	(\$16,321.81)

s/ Chris Skogheim

## Men's Bible Study

We will continue to meet until Saturday, May 20th. Recess and then will resume on Saturday, September 9th.

## Trinity Lutheran Church Women

LeAnn Juveland and Linda Olson Co-Chairs

How much lighter trials become when we realize God's grace is twofold. It is not only the happy ending. It is also the peace we feel during a painful journey, when we trust in God---- all the way. Doris Haase

By the time you are reading this, the grass will have greened up, the flowers blooming and the fear of frost is over, so we can plant our flowers and gardens.

May is the month we honor the Mothers in our lives and those who have a special place in our hearts. Also we honor our Veterans. Thank You for your service!

### May Calendar & Events

#### May 2nd

TLCW Board Meeting 9:30am

#### May 9th

Mary Circle 1:30pm

#### May 10th

Sewing Day 9:00am

#### May 17th

Deborah Circle 9:30am Jacobsen Fellowship Hall

Elizabeth Circle 9:30 am Fireside Room

Eunice and Lois Circles 2:00pm

### May Coffee Hour Schedule

May 7th Eunice

May 14th Mother's Day Brunch in Trinity Hall

May 21st Mary

May 28th Deborah

**Save the Date;** June 7th will be our combined TLCW Salad Luncheon/Heritage Gathering. Your Board members are being creative and will present the program, it doesn't have a name but it involves food. We ask our attending members to bring a salad to share and invite a friend. Deborah and Mary circles will be hosting. Please come, we hope to give you a reason to giggle. Or at least smile and reminisce.



*Memorials Given in  
Loving Memory of...*

Music Fund

**Barry Oliva**

By John and Cheri Butler

Mission Trip

**Barry Oliva**

By Lois Lunn

Lutheran World Relief Kits

**Barry Oliva**

By Leverne and Liz Skov

Funerals/Memorial Services

*Alberta Brandt*

*Barry Oliva*



*In Honor of  
Bob & Pat Goldman's  
60th Wedding Anniversary*

Undesignated

By Marlin and Sharon Herfendal

By Lois Lunn

Youth Mission Trip

By Jan Drews



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

The Lutheran World Relief van will be at First Lutheran church on Saturday, May 20th. We will be sending our quilts, baby care and personal care kits.

Kits were assembled on Wednesday, May 3rd at 9:00 AM. Thank you to all who helped make quilts, donated money or items for the kits. Also, thank you to everyone who helped assemble them.

We have one more sewing day on Wednesday, May 10th at 9:00 AM in Trinity Hall. Come & help sew quilts.



**WELCOME**  
*to our Church*

***Michelle Egeness***  
***Walden “Wally” Egeness***  
***Reese Egeness***  
***Elizabeth “Liz” Eulberg***

*The scholarship committee would like to announce  
the following 2023 scholarship recipient:*

*High School seniors receiving a scholarships:*

***Zoe Kokot***

Bertha Weiks Memorial Scholarship \$500.00

Berthelsen Scholarship \$500.00

***Congratulations 2023 recipient!***

Committee members: Linda Bergland, Rebecca McPherson  
Laura Cunningham and Council Member



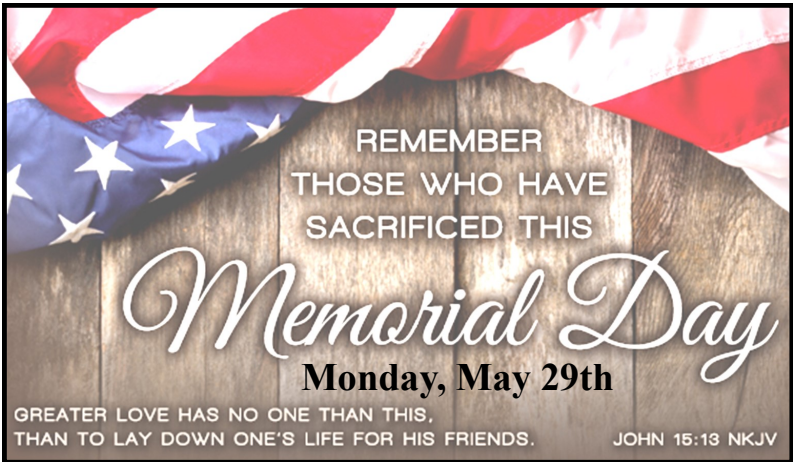
HAPPY

Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 14th

She is clothed with strength and dignity,  
and she laughs without fear of the future.

PROVERBS 31:25



REMEMBER  
THOSE WHO HAVE  
SACRIFICED THIS

Memorial Day

Monday, May 29th

GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS,  
THAN TO LAY DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.

JOHN 15:13 NKJV

## Wednesday Night Suppers

**Serving time:** 5:00 to 5:30 PM

Supper will be served in Trinity Hall.

**Everyone is invited.**



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