

Trinity Lutheran Church

May 2024

Worship Services

8:45 AM, Sundays
5:30 PM, Wednesdays
Holy Communion at all services.

Newsletter



Car Hop in Trinity
parking lot
May 9th with
Nel's Diner
4:30pm-7:30pm

Join us for some fun!



Trinity Hosts
“Teens Encounter Christ
(TEC) Group April 25—28 at the
church. A good weekend for all those
that attended the event.

May Trinity Ushers

Lyle Hinz
***Shorty Jensen**
Del & Sue Johnson
Glen & LeAnn Juveland
Tom Nygaard
Steve and Linda Olson
Jan Drews



Sunday, May 12th
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Mothers Day Brunch at Trinity
Menu:

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

Free will offering.
Proceeds from the brunch will go
towards the Capital Improvement Fund.

Baccalaureate
Sunday is May 12th

Students are:
Luke Bighley, Aly Colby,
River DePoppe, Elijah Farris,
Jordan Habana, Sydney Kokot,
Hannah Malakowsky, Dakota Neely,
Tanner Nelson
and Shyanne Sundve



COUNCIL PRESIDENT MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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May is another busy month at Trinity. Our baccalaureate service is Mother's Day May 12th. Plan to join us after the service for our traditional Mother's Day Brunch. Everyone is invited, and the free will offering will benefit the Trinity Capital Improvement Roof Fund. This will also be the final day of Sunday School.

The church council is very pleased with the Shared Ministry Agreement with First Lutheran of Glenville that began October 1st, 2023. The shared Lenten worship services were very positive, as well as the confirmation classes. With the recommendation of the joint parish committee and Pastor Eileen, we will continue with this agreement, working to expand future ministry opportunities.

We are in the process of developing a new job description for the Family Ministry Director position at Trinity. Our congregation dynamics are constantly changing, as are the needs of the congregation. This position may be similar to what we have had in the past, or it could focus on other areas of Trinity's ministry.

Congratulations to the following students. They each received \$1,000 worth of scholarships from the various Trinity funds.

River DePoppe – (Trinity)

Sydney Kokot – (Bob Berthelsen)

Jordan Habana – (Debbie Olson, Wayne Larson, Andrew and Phyllis Pechacek)

Tanner Nelson – (Bertha Weiks)

Aly Colby – (Bertha Weiks, Bob Berthelsen)

Shyanne Sundve – (Bob Berthelsen)

It was a pleasure for Trinity to host Southeast Minnesota Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) the last weekend in April. We hope it was a meaningful experience for everyone involved.

As the education year concludes for 2023-24, I want to say thank you to everyone who has helped with the Sunday School and Confirmation programs.

Blessings,
Ron Petersen

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PREMISES
May 2024

AH Hermel Company was here and they replaced the Coffeemaker in the Jacobson Hall.

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Sharlet Boelter has been cleaning up the flower garden by the south entrance of the church.

Steve, Bob G and I are going to start mowing the lawn soon.

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

Del Johnson
Premise Committee

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Leland Johnson,
Jason Taylor

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Finance May 2024

Thank you to all our Thrivent members that directed funds through the **Thrivent Choice Dollars** program before the March 31st deadline.

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This July the confirmation youth will be making their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. They have done some fundraising and volunteering to receive credit for the trip. We will have a mileage sponsorship like we have done in the past, so look forward to that soon. Another fundraiser will be a Car Hop drive-in on May 9th in the parking lot. Nel's Diner will be cooking, and the kids will be serving. This should be a fun evening for our congregation and anyone else that pops in when they see a get together in our parking lot.

Here are a few links that will give you an overview of the ELCA Youth Gathering: <https://www.facebook.com/youthgathering/>
<https://www.elca.church/gathering>
<https://www.elca.church/gathering/about/mission-goals>

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| March financial overview: | Total Receipts | |
| | \$28,678.95 | |
| | Total Disbursements | |
| | \$24,472.43 | |
| | <u>Cushion</u> | \$4,206.52 |

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| YTD financial overview: | Total Receipts | |
| | \$72,300.72 | |
| | Total Disbursements | |
| | \$70,579.09 | |
| | Cushion | \$1,721.63 |

s/ Chris Skogheim

The Book of Esther, in the Old Testament, tells the story of Esther, a young Jewish woman who becomes queen of Persia and saves her people from genocide. The story Israelites are in exile in Babylon. Esther and her cousin Mordecai persuade the king to retract an order for the general annihilation of Jews, but the king's chief minister Haman has other plans. Esther reveals her identity to save her people, and the two work together to reverse the decree. The day the Jewish people are to be killed, Mordecai issues a counter-decree that allows them to defend themselves. Jewish people celebrate the new decree with feasts and banquets, and Mordecai is elevated to a seat beside the king. The Book of Esther is a classic story of good versus evil that explores themes of preserving Jewish identity and survival in a foreign land. It's celebrated by Jewish people every year on the holiday of Purim.

It's a really good book in the Bible. If you haven't read it, you should.

In Esther, Queen Esther is not sure if she should use her royal power to save her people. Sharing with the king her true identity could result in her own demise and death. Mordecai, however, implores his cousin Esther, "Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this" (Esther 4:14b).

I believe that God is saying this to our congregations, "Who knows? Perhaps you have come Trinity and First for just such a time as this."

Could God say the same thing to each of us, "Who knows? Perhaps you have come, [your name] for just such a time as this."?

Yes.

Continue Pastor Eileen

Trinity, Albert Lea and First, Glenville have completed their first 6 month partnership. I feel that the partnership has gone very well. The change in worship times has gone smoothly. Trinity might have a few folks who come in late, but that only happens once in a while. Our worship is richer together.

Our Confirmation ministry has blossomed. Believe it or not, we had 22 students at the beginning. We have had some move or decide not to complete the program.

We now have 18! When we have more kids, we can do more learning. Plus I think it's more fun. They have enjoyed learning and playing. We celebrate with two of our young ladies Affirming their Baptisms this month at First.

We have done Holy Communion Education. On the Friday before Palm Sunday, students and their parents gathered to learn about the awesome gift of Holy Communion. I pray that wonderful, loving memories have been made.

I had a blast during Lent. It was so comforting to worship, eat, and fellowship together in one place. Worship was meaningful. The food was awesome! All the people who helped make the Wednesday Lenten worship happen were fantastic! We met each other and learned that folks from Trinity and First are a lot alike. In fact, many of us already knew each other.

Lent culminated with a Maundy Thursday Worship at First that encompassed the true meaning of Maundy Thursday (the institution of the Last Supper and the Great Commandment). Then Good Friday saw our confirmation students and mentors share the Passion of Christ.

I have been asked how I am doing with the change. To be honest, there is more work to be done. However, the newness has given me a renewed energy and excitement. I thrive being busy, and there have been some times when I have.

The councils of First and Trinity have decided to continue with our partnership. The current partnership will go until September 1st. At that time, I predict that we will make another yearly commitment.

So, how do I see us moving on? What would I like us to work on in the next 5 months?

I would like to continue working on the ministries that we can do together—confirmation, faith stepping stones, Bible study, service, etc. I would like us to keep on having vibrant worship. I would like that, even though we are two separate congregations, we see our purpose as the same – To Love God and Love Others as we Serve God and Serve Others.

I am sure there is much more that we can and will do. Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us and lead us for such a time as this.

Pastor Eileen



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The Lutheran World Relief van will be at First Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 18th. We will be sending our quilts, 29 baby care kits and 30 personal care kits.

The kits were assembled on Wednesday, April 24th. 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, Wednesday, May 8th at 9:00am in Trinity Hall. Come and help sew quilts.

*If you are interested in
attending the Synod
Assembly on May 11th in
Mankato as a delegate,
contact Pastor Eileen.*



**Our “Noisy Offering” for the Salvation
Army Food Pantry was almost \$500 for the
four month total.**

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN
NEWSLETTER
MAY 2024

Linda Olson, LeAnn Juveland, Mary Roozenboom,
Sheila Jensen, Donna Oliva, Jody Nygaard

Spring illustrates a great truth of the Christian life. Just as the death of winter makes way for the resurrection of life in spring, when God saves us, he takes those spiritually dead and makes them alive. The first day of spring-that first glance out the window that shows us the death of winter has made way for a new season-recalls the miracle of new life. Just as the beauty of spring sings the glory of God after a season of death, so do our Christian lives. Your salvation is no small feat. Your testimony is no dull story. You were once dead and God made you alive. Praise God for new life.

TLCW Board Meeting

Tuesday May 7, 9:30 am

Mary Circle

Tuesday May 14, 1:30 pm

Deborah & Elizabeth Circles

Wednesday May 15, 9:30 am

Eunice & Lois Circles

Wednesday May 15., 2:00:pm

Sewing Day

Wednesday May 8. All are welcome

Coffee Hour Circle Dates for May

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| May 5 | Lois |
| May 12 | Mary |
| May 19 | Deborah |
| May 26 | Elizabeth |

TLCW
Heritage/Salad
Luncheon

Remembering
the
Wedding Dresses
of
1920-1990



Wednesday
June 5, 2024
12:00 pm

*Please bring a friend, your
wedding pictures if desired
and a memorable story about
your wedding!*



**Women's Evening Bible Study will be
Tuesday, May 21st at 6:45pm**

Note:

Bible Studies are going on
Vacation during the summer!
Look for new **opportunities** to
study God's Word after labor Day
this fall.

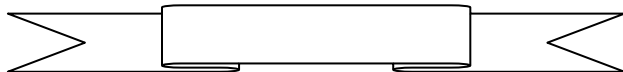
Trinity's Mission Statement

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!

New Orleans Youth Trip

Getting ready for New Orleans!

There will be a meeting for all students, chaperones, and parents going to New Orleans on Sunday, May 19th at 1;30 at Trinity. We will meet the folks from the other churches going with us. If you are unable to attend, please see Pastor Eileen.



A HUGE THANK YOU.

To everyone who has helped with Sunday School, Pre-confirmation Class, and Confirmation Class.

We couldn't do it without you. The kids love learning about God's Love.

Pastor Eileen

Memorials Given in Loving Memory of...

Youth Mission Trip

Liz Skov

By Karen McGill

Claudia Christenson

By Tom and Jody Nygaard

By Glen and LeAnn Juveland

By Donna Oliva

By Barb Larson

By Bob and Pat Goldman

By Mark and Sheila Jensen and family

By Larry and Coreen Weigel

By Ron Petersen

By Family and friends

Liz Skov Campership Fund

Liz Skov

By Bob and Patti Yaw

By Friends and Family

By Jerry and Monica Nelson

Bell Tower

Don Schou

By Marvin and Laurie Hovendick

Richard Petersen

By Phyllis Tavis

Roof Fund

Claudia Christenson

(Sheila Jensen's sister)

By Marlene Wright

Cliff Rask

By Phyllis Tavis

Ruby's PANTRY

*Please follow the signs
and stay in your
vehicle*

May 4, 2024

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



Throw Back to the 70's Nostalgic Church Basement Ladies Luncheon

First Lutheran Church-
Bethany Hall
Wednesday, May 8th, 2024
12:00 noon

Chicken Casserole
Open Face Sandwich
Jell-O—Pickles — Sweet Treats
\$10.00
Purchase Tickets in advance at First
Lutheran Albert Lea or at the
Welcome Center on Sunday morning..
ALL ARE WELCOME

Casseroles



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