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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA



MAY 2023

*from
the pastor*



Life's Flood Waters. God's Grace.

I had to laugh a bit at the "No Motorized Vehicles" sign posted down by the river in Watertown last week. The waters had risen so high that you simply couldn't use a motorized vehicle down there, unless it was a boat! Seriously, this year has seen record flooding along the south fork of the Crow River that runs right through beautiful downtown Watertown. It will hopefully reach its

crest soon and then recede, but in the meantime we have to live with the disruption of closed roads, detoured routes, and high anxiety.

In Psalm 69, we read these words: "Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold. I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me." Sometimes life can feel like a flood has come over us. We deal with loss, disappointment, dashed hopes, and unexpected detours. And there are no easy answers or quick fixes – we simply have to deal with the disappointment.

But the Psalm goes on: "But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your faithful help rescue me from sinking in the deep waters." We may not know exactly when that "acceptable time" is, but we do know that God is with us to support us, and will grant us a spirit of courage, patience, and peace. May God be with you! Amen!

~ God's Peace, Pastor Engholm

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Sundays 9:00 am
Onsite & Online

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What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?



You're Invited for a Guest Speaker at Trinity Wednesday, May 3 6:30 pm

At the March meeting of the OWLS, Chaplain Dale Tweedy spoke about his more than two decades of work as a prison chaplain in Russia. His presentation was so gripping that we have decided to invite him back again and invite the whole congregation! Join us on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 pm to hear more about his experience in this meaningful ministry!



Thursday, May 18 10:00 am

Join us as Trinity's own Corky Ibeling, also a member of the Watertown Historical Society, presents the history of Swedish immigration to America. With stories, pictures and historical items, we'll learn what it was like for these people of the 1850s to journey to their new home in America. All "older" and/or "wiser" Lutherans and friends are invited to attend.

OWLS Summer Service Project

This summer, the Trinity OWLS are invited to donate general school supplies (notebooks, folders, markers, colored pencils, dry erase markers, etc.) that will be shared with the Watertown-Mayer Elementary School. Drop off donations anytime to the church office.

Graduate Blessing Sunday Sunday, May 21

Join us as we celebrate with, pray for, and bless our high school seniors as they prepare to graduate this spring. Worship and a special reception following worship on Sunday, May 21 will be held in honor of the Class of 2023!



Feed My Starving Children Wednesday, June 14 4:30 pm

Join Trinity for an intergenerational opportunity to help combat world hunger by packing meals at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen. Anyone in kindergarten and older is welcome to participate. With enough interest, bus transportation will be available. Please sign up by contacting Eileen Nelson at 952-955-1491 or nelsej@gmail.com.

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Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Update from Children's Ministry Coordinator, Hannah Rosholt

The final day of Sunday School this school year is Sunday, May 7. It has been such an incredible year for Children's Ministry. We have laughed, sung, played, crafted, and learned about Jesus. I'm so grateful to the dedicated families and all the parent volunteers who make Sunday School possible.

A big thank you to:

Nina Kirkman, Nikki Hunkins, Sara Stutsman, Kayla Dalbey, Allison Neaton, Mary Gallus, Carrie Herman, Nicole Gohman, Meaghan Erickson, Stephanie Schmidt, Lexi Brever, Stephanie Salonek, Olivia Salonek, Sara Hallerman, Sarah Ress, Nick Neaton, Danielle Luoma, Shiree Hirsch, Jake Rosholt, Jenny Haller, and many other parents for sharing their time and talent on Sunday mornings.

This year we also began staffing the Nursery with high school students, so parents could enjoy some focused worship time. A big thanks to Natalie Johnson, Nathan Behrens, and Luke Maas for helping out in the Nursery. It's sad to wrap up such a fun year of Sunday School, but we look forward to starting again in the fall!

In the meantime, we hope your child can join us for our final after school activity this year on May 22 (see details to the right), and for Vacation Bible School June 19-22.

Dates to Note:

May 7: Last Day of Sunday School

May 22: After School Art Event (Grades K-4)

June 19-22: Vacation Bible School (3 yrs-Gr. 4)



**For ages 3 years old (by September 1, 2022)
thru 4th Grade (2022-2023 School Year)**

At Stellar VBS, kids shine Jesus' light! Stellar is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences that kids can see, hear, and touch! Kids will enjoy science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and out-of-this-world fun!

New this year, we're offering a family dinner before VBS. We plan to enjoy simple dinners like hot dogs, sandwiches, and Mac and Cheese outside each night to make the evening drop-off a little simpler for families.

Register online at www.trin.org/vbs

Volunteers Needed! Adults and youth (5th Grade and older) are welcome to help out with VBS. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Hannah Rosholt at hrosholt@trin.org.



After School Art Event (Grades K-4)

**Monday, May 22
3:15 – 4:30 pm**

Kids in Kindergarten – Grade 4 are invited to Trinity after school on Monday, May 22 for an afternoon of art. Together, we'll be creating a collaborative piece of art to display at church as well as individual projects that kids can bring home. Bus transportation is available from the Watertown-Mayer Elementary School and an after-school snack will be provided. Sunday School families will receive sign up information by email soon or you can contact Hannah at hrosholt@trin.org to sign up your child.

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISM Colette Wersinger *daughter of*

*Jason & Ashley Wersinger
baptized April 30, 2023*

FUNERAL

Gary Rockney

*April 25, 1945 ~ April 14, 2023
Memorial Service on
April 25, 2023*

NEW MEMBERS

Jeremy & Melissa Bauernfeind
Jackson, Colton

Announcement

We extend our sympathy to family and friends of Barb Olson, who passed away recently. Barb's late husband, Norm Olson was the Visiting Pastor at Trinity from 1990-2007. Barb's memorial service will take place on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 11:00 am at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church (12235 Old Rockford Rd, Plymouth, MN). Burial will follow that day at Trinity Lutheran Church.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

April 18, 2023

FINANCIAL REPORT

Operating Fund summary March 2023

Beginning balance 3/1/2023:

-\$ 7,969.62

Operating Fund income: \$37,697.14

Operating Fund exps: \$34,969.51

Net balance (March): \$ 2,727.63

Operating Fund balance as of

3/31/2023: -\$ 5,241.99

2023 operating fund EXPENSES exceeded INCOME by \$7,181.20.

Building Fund expenses:

Internal interest free loan of
\$120,000.00 deposited at
Citizen's Alliance.

Thrivent loan pd. in full: \$141,392.36

Internal loan payment: \$5,000.00

Mortgage loan balance:

\$115,000.00

Cash Summary:

Bremer: \$59,328.54
*(includes \$1,742.84 for Mar. federal withholding and
\$14,321.96 in hail damage receipts)*

Citizen's Building Fund: \$92,458.72

Comments:

- 6% of operating fund income for benevolence to Minneapolis Area synod amounted to \$2,258.34.
- Xcel bill for fuel and electricity amounted to \$2,385.93 (down about \$400 from February).
- \$350 paid for February snow removal.
- Memorial money used for a historical display cabinet in the Pioneer Room.

PASTOR'S REPORT

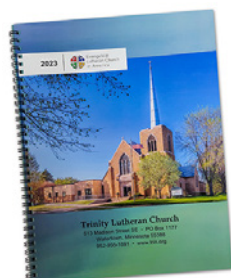
Pastor Jeff Engholm recapped the festive Easter celebration and the uplifting season of Lent. We "Packed the Pews" with 347 pounds of food and \$367 in donations to the Watertown Foodshelf. We would like to move forward with preliminary work to invest in equipment for live streaming our worship services.

OLD BUSINESS

- Wednesday Services - Discussion was tabled.
- Council Retreat still has not been scheduled due to schedule conflicts.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.



Trinity Photo Directory Addition

One of our Trinity families was inadvertently left out of our new photo directory, so the printing company has created an adhesive label that can be added to the book to correct the issue. If you would like one of these labels for your directory, please contact the church office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 AA Meeting 8 pm Happy Birthday Steven Danielson Wilbur Light Zachary Lohmann	2 Quilters 9 am	3 6-8 Confirm. 6:30 pm Speaker 6:30 pm Worship Choir 6:30 pm Worship Band 7:30 pm	4 Happy Birthday Kristin Hecksel Luke Sandquist	5 Happy Birthday Mark Fritzke Theresa Hennessey Kim Whitehead	6 Happy Birthday Madison Gohman Michael Huber Kallie Jackson
7 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Sunday School 10 am Happy Birthday Hannah Rosholt Shelley Stenson	8 Apostles 8:30 am Priscilla Circle 2 pm AA Meeting 8 pm Happy Birthday Ailsa Gilbert Kimberly Patterson	9 Quilters 9 am Happy Birthday Lynn Hendricks Sharon Schroeder	10 Worship Choir 6:30 pm Worship Band 7:30 pm Happy Birthday Traci Bergstrom Wren Hill Stephanie Salonek	11 Finance Committee 6:30 pm Happy Birthday Erik Eliason Lisa Fails Elena Ress	12 Happy Birthday Sophia Danielson Carter Jones Jenna Kohls Amelia Neaton	13
14 MOTHER'S DAY Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Happy Birthday Brynn Illies Glen Schroers Dan Sieling	15 AA Meeting 8 pm Happy Birthday Lexis Brever Drew Isakson Matthew Isakson McKenzie Mitteness	16 Quilters 9 am Church Council Mtg. 6:30 pm Happy Birthday Parker Jackson	17 FCA Meeting 7 am Worship Band 7:30 pm	18 OWLS 10 am Happy Birthday Decker Danielson Sue Johnson Vicki Wingert	19	20 Happy Birthday Jordyn Gohman Ryan Whitehead
21 GRADUATE BLESSING SUNDAY Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Reception 10 am Happy Birthday Dan Hagelin Rochell Prigge	22 Apostles 8:30 am Children's After School Art Event 3:15 pm AA Meeting 8 pm Happy Birthday Rhian Hembroff	23 Quilters 9 am Happy Birthday Lonne Gilbert Alden Hirsch	24 Happy Birthday Madison Dalbey Luke Maas	25 Housekeepers 9 am Happy Birthday Gary Vanderbilt	26 Happy Birthday Kevin Beck Samantha Fautsch Jennifer Jackson Norah Stienessen	27
28 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Happy Birthday Dave Hendricks Steven Paschke	29 MEMORIAL DAY <i>Church Office Closed</i> AA Meeting 8 pm Happy Birthday Peggy Markgraf Mike Panzer Pat Sandquist	30 Quilters 9 am Happy Birthday Carl Hagelin	31 Happy Birthday Dawn Gjertson Hannah Skahaug Dick Stadtlander			



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Last Month in Pictures



Palm Sunday & Easter Eggs!



First Communion



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