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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA



APRIL 2023

*from
the pastor*



Live by faith, not by sight.

We all know the story, right? The women go to the tomb on that first Easter morning, but instead of finding their Lord, an angel appears with the news that Jesus is risen from the grave. As they're leaving to tell the news to the others, Jesus suddenly appears to them with these words: Do not be afraid.

Do not be afraid. I must admit, there seems to be much to be afraid of these days: the climate, the economy, the political situation, and the list goes on. Isn't it unrealistic to simply say, Do not be afraid? Of course it is. Which is why we are called to live by faith, not fear. Because while faith might seem "unrealistic" in light of what we see, we don't live by what we see. We live by faith, not by sight.

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 5:6-7, "We are always confident, for we walk by faith, not by sight." It is certainly important to keep our eyes open and attuned to the news of the day, but the news of the day isn't what keeps us going. What keeps us going is the GOOD news of all time, that Jesus has risen from the grave and is bringing new life to us all!

~ God's Peace, Pastor Engholm

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Worship
Sundays 9:00 am
Onsite & Online

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What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday, April 2

9:00 am
Onsite & Online

Maundy Thursday, April 6

7:00 pm
Onsite & Online

Good Friday, April 7

7:00 pm
Onsite & Online



Palm Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, April 2
10:00 - 11:00 am

Join us for a Continental Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 2 in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Rolls, juice, and coffee will be served as we shout "Hosanna!" and launch into Holy Week.



Drive Thru Prayers

Monday, April 3 - Friday, April 7
7:30 - 8:30 am

During Holy Week, Trinity will be offering prayers and free coffee to morning commuters driving by the church. All are invited to stop by for a cup of coffee and a prayer to start your day.



If you would like to volunteer to help with Drive Thru Prayers, please contact Marilyn Panzer at 952-807-5272 or mpanzer531@gmail.com.



Easter Sunday, April 9

9:00 & 10:30 am (Onsite)
9:00 am (Online)

The Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! We invite you to worship to hear the Good News of what Jesus' resurrection means for all of us. We will have two services on Easter Sunday with coffee and conversation between services.

Golden Agers / OWLS Luncheon

Maundy Thursday, April 6
12:00 Noon

Trinity's Golden Agers (members 70+) and OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) and a guest are invited to enjoy lunch in the Fellowship Hall on Maundy Thursday, April 6. A Maundy Thursday worship service with communion will follow the meal.

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry in April



Please note that there is no Sunday School on Palm Sunday (join us for the Easter Egg Hunt!) or Easter Sunday. Following Easter, we'll begin our series, "Rise & Shine!"

On a farm, life has a daily rhythm (for plants, animals, and people, too.) "Life" is what this series is all about, because we're talking about Easter and Jesus' triumph over death. Kids will review the Easter story and stories following it to discover we can stick with Jesus even when our days are dark, and that because Jesus is alive, we can spend our days trusting he's there for us.

Dates to Note:

April 2: Easter Egg Hunt (No Sunday School)
April 2: First Communion Training (5th Grade Only)
April 6: First Communion (5th Grade Only)
April 9: Easter Sunday (No Sunday School)
May 7: Final Day of Sunday School



Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday, April 2
10:00 am

Families are invited to grab your baskets and head to Trinity to search for treat-filled eggs that remind us of the new life we receive in Christ. Meet in the Trinity parking lot for the big hunt!



Join us this June for Vacation Bible School!

June 19 - 22, 2023

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Optional Family Dinner: 5:00 - 5:30 pm

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

Throughout the Stellar VBS week, we'll journey on a cosmic quest to learn about Jesus and shine his light to the world! This year we're offering a family dinner before VBS each evening. We invite families 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 today!

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.



Thursday, April 20 | 10:00 am

Trinity's OWLS meet monthly for a variety of activities to enjoy Christian fellowship with one another. Join us in April when we welcome Chris Boerner and Joan Lynch who will share a fun and educational presentation of their recent trip to four Alpine countries this past September. Not only will you witness many clips from this breath-taking and spiritually-enriching trip of a lifetime; Joan promises to provide a German or Austrian refreshment or two! All are welcome to attend.

Congregational NEWS

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

Paisley Duenow
daughter of
Joel & Val Duenow
baptized March 5, 2023

Wren Hill
daughter of
Michael & Nicole Hill
baptized March 26, 2023

NEW MEMBERS

Matt & Nicole Gohman
Jordyn, Kenzi, Madison

MEMORIALS

in memory of

Ron Olson
\$40 ~ Undesignated
Memorial Fund

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 21, 2023

FINANCIAL REPORT

Operating Fund summary February 2023

Beginning balance

2/1/2023: **-\$ 3,151.03**
Operating Fund income: \$22,942.52
Operating Fund exps: \$27,761.11
Net balance (Dec.): -\$ 4,818.59

Operating Fund balance as of
2/28/2023: **-\$ 7,969.62**

2023 operating fund EXPENSES exceeded INCOME by \$9,908.83.

Building Fund expenses:

Loan interest payment: \$ 460.71
Loan principal payment: \$1,876.29
Add'l principal payment: \$2,663.00

Mortgage loan balance:
\$140,946.03

Cash Summary:

Bremer: \$57,225.04
(includes \$1,722.96 for Feb. federal withholding and
\$14,321.96 in hail damage receipts)

Citizen's Building Fund: \$105,365.08

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Comments:

- 6% of operating fund income for benevolence to Minneapolis Area Synod amounted to \$1,373.00.
- Xcel bill for fuel and electricity amounted to \$2,784.30 (down

about \$710.00 from January)
NOTE: Bill was actually paid the first week in March which accounts for lower February expenses.

- \$525.00 was paid for December snow removal.
- Mortgage payments of \$5,000.00 continue to be paid.
- Yearly copyright license was paid.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Wednesday night Lent services have begun. Thank you to all who are helping with our Lenten activities. During our February Underwear Drive we collected 166 packages of underwear, which has all been delivered. This is an increase from approximately 134 packages in February 2022. Thank you to everyone who participated. March is our annual tradition of collecting items for the Watertown Area Friends for Life Foodshelf.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

- Electrical panels have been installed and completed.
- Other projects continue to be worked on.

NEW BUSINESS

- Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly will be held April 28 and 29.

Trinity Mortgage Update

The church council recently voted to refinance the existing mortgage and enter into an agreement with an internal lender for an interest free loan. This action will eliminate the interest payments for the remainder of the loan, with each payment now going strictly toward the principal of the loan. Our thanks goes out to these new lenders, and thanks be to God for the generosity of this entire congregation!

Trinity College Scholarships

The Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation offers several college scholarship opportunities to Trinity's graduating seniors each year. The scholarship application will be available on March 27 at www.trin.org/scholarships. **Scholarship applications are due by May 1, 2023.**

Have You Remembered Trinity in Your Will?

Some people are able to continue to give to Trinity in death, as well as in life. Giving through your will helps to continue the 160-year tradition of ministry and mission at Trinity, continuing the legacy of your witness. With the advice of your attorney or tax adviser, the following language may be added to your will, trust, or codicil:
"I bequeath X% of my estate to Trinity Lutheran Church, 513 Madison Street SE, Watertown, MN 55388."

Thank you for considering a lasting gift to Trinity Lutheran Church!

PARISH Health Matters



The monthly column from Trinity's Parish Health Ministry Team

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day



As a way to promote public health and safety, each year the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) sponsors two National Prescription Drug Take Back Days in April and October. The intent is to encourage the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction from ever starting. Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands leading to overdose and overdose deaths. In April 2022 over 360 tons of unused prescription medications were collected across the nation.

The next local Take Back Day is Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Carver County Sheriff's Office in the Waconia City Hall at 201 S. Vine Street.

Please consider gathering up your unneeded medications and making an anonymous drop off.



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. More details and a chance to sign up will be coming soon.



Trinity OWLS enjoying time together!



Confirmation Mentors



Trinity donated 166 packages of underwear to Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis!



Thanks for all of the help with our Lenten suppers!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Drive Thru Prayers 7:30 - 8:30 am each weekday morning of Holy Week in the Trinity parking lot.						
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