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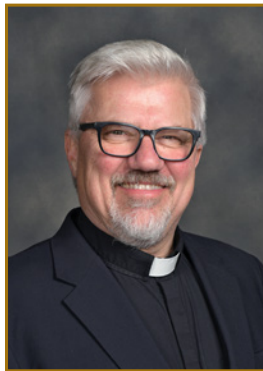
THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA



MARCH 2024

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For Everything There is a Season

This winter has been a bit lackluster, hasn't it? The typical ice, snow, and cold have been replaced by warmer temperatures that have made it easier to get around. And yet, in spite of the advantages of the milder winter, there have been challenges, too. I've heard many folks tell me that they have actually found this winter HARDER to get through, since their usual activities of ice fishing, snowmobiling, sledding, and skiing have

been taken away and replaced by... replaced by what? Let's face it, we simply don't have a lot to do in the winter without the cold and snow, and for many people, these past three months have been miserable! But, of course, it's all a part of our life together.

Sometimes winters are mild and quiet, and sometimes winters are colder and more active, but regardless of the presence of snow, ice, or cold, one thing that EVERY winter has is this: it's DARK. Every winter is a season of darkness and a time for things to be quiet, calm, and still.

Regardless of how you feel about this past winter, we are now in the season of Lent, often called the "Springtime of the Soul." The winter is giving way to spring and the darkness is giving way to light. During Lent we look forward, not backward, to see where the Spirit of God is leading us. In the book of Ecclesiastes, we hear these words: For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die... a time to kill and a time to heal... a time to weep and a time to laugh... a time to mourn and a time to dance...

During this Lenten season, we celebrate all of life together: times that are quiet and times that are loud; times of celebration and times of mourning; winters that are warm and winters that are cold! And through it all, we look ahead in faith, hope, and love to where our God is leading us.

~ God's Peace, Pastor Engholm

Worship
Sundays at 9 am
Lent Wednesdays at 7 pm
Onsite & Online

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What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?



LENT

Lent Midweek Services

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20

Light Supper from 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Services at 7:00 pm ~ Onsite & Online

Our Lenten theme is "Gathered into One", and we'll be focusing on how God pulls us all together into one family of faith. Our differences and our diversity actually make for a beautiful harmony of hearts, minds, and voices that work together to share the light of Christ. Join us for supper and worship each Wednesday in Lent and hear stories from Trinity members about how God pulls us all together into one family of faith.



Drive Thru Prayers

Monday, March 25 - Friday, March 29
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.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday, March 24

9:00 am
Onsite & Online

Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:00 pm
Onsite & Online

Good Friday, March 29

7:00 pm
Onsite & Online



Easter Sunday, March 31

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.



Easter Garden Plant Sale

Order by March 10

Purchase a plant from the Trinity Easter Garden Sale to adorn Trinity's altar on Easter morning! Order forms are available at the Welcome Center or you can order online at www.trin.org/easter-garden. All proceeds will benefit Youth Ministry at Trinity.



Palm Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, March 24
10:00 - 11:00 am

Join us for a Continental Breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 24 in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Rolls, juice, and coffee will be served as we shout "Hosanna!" and launch into Holy Week.



Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday, March 24
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!

Golden Agers / OWLS Luncheon

Maundy Thursday, March 28
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, March 28. A Maundy Thursday worship service with communion will follow the meal.

Children's Ministry

As we approach Easter, we continue to explore Jesus' ministry and miracles! We will host regular Sunday School classes on March 3, 10, and 17. There is no Sunday School on March 24 or March 31 due to Palm Sunday, Easter, and school break. However, we hope you will join us on Sunday, March 24 right after church (about 10:00 am) for an Easter Egg hunt! Bring your baskets and be ready to hunt for eggs. The hunt will be outside unless weather or mud is an issue, in which case the hunt will be inside.



Vacation Bible School will be

June 17-20, 2024 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm
More details coming soon!



Thursday, March 21 | 10:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Join Trinity's OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Fellowship Group for coffee and conversation as we hear from Dave Hendricks, who will share about his experience at Holden Village, a Christian Retreat Center in Washington State. He'll also share an interesting video about the history of our National Anthem. All "older" and/or "wiser" Lutherans and friends are invited.

Congregational NEWS



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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

February 20, 2024

FINANCIAL REPORT

Operating Fund summary for January 2024

Beginning balance
1/1/2024: -\$ 511.92
Operating Fund income: \$ 22,830.95
Operating Fund exps: \$ 37,402.52
Net balance (Jan.): -\$ 14,571.57
Operating Fund balance as of
1/31/2024: -\$ 15,083.49

2024 operating fund EXPENSES exceeded INCOME by \$14,571.57.

Building Fund expenses:

Internal Loan Payment: \$ 5,000.00
Loan balance: \$ 65,000.00

Cash Summary:

Bremer: \$81,091.72
(includes \$1,588.68 for Jan. federal withholding and \$14,321.96 in hail damage receipts)

Citizen's Building Fund: \$ 115,109.87

M/S/C Diane Holmes / David Kind / carried

OLD BUSINESS

- **A/V Upgrade:** There have been equipment delays and we are still waiting for some electronic elements to all arrive to start the project. Trinity is regularly following up with the vendor for updates.
- **Communion/Teller Assignments:** 2024 Church Council Communion Assistants schedule (for the first Sunday of each month) and Teller responsibilities (for every week)

were shared and reviewed. Nick will send out email reminders to church council members each month.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Church Committees/Boards:** Pastor Jeff gave an overview of committees and boards at Trinity, noting that there were more committees prior to Covid, and also that some new ones were formed through that phase (i.e. "The Sunshine Ministry"). He will bring a recap to a future meeting of committees pre-Covid that haven't resumed, to determine if there is a need and interest in the congregation for some of those committees to resume. The council aims to invite various committee/board leaders to future council meetings this year to encourage open communications and to continue to identify opportunities for partnering together.
- **Council Retreat:** Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 5:00 pm, at the Holmes house.
- **New Stove:** The council reviewed the specifications of the proposed stove, to replace the old stove that was not working and was removed, priced at approximately \$1,500.
- **Holden Trip:** About 10 people have signed up for this Summer's trip to Holden Village in Washington State. There is still time to sign up to go on the trip. Contact Eileen Nelson for more information.

MEMORIALS

in memory of

Betty Brabec
Undesignated ~ \$20

Gwen Dalchow
Undesignated ~ \$30

INCREASE
FOOD ACCESS.
BUILD STRONG
COMMUNITIES.



MN Food Share's March Campaign

Trinity will be collecting food, supplies and dollars for the **Watertown Food Shelf**. As a community of faith, we are called to help those who are hungry and in need.

Food, Supplies & Cash Donations

Food shelves need all types of food and personal care products as well as monetary donations. Money allows the food shelves to stretch donations further because of their access to discount products and programs. Cash also gives them more flexibility to acquire perishable items like fresh produce, meat and dairy products.

Whether through prayers or donations, we thank you for your generosity this month during the Minnesota Food Share March Campaign!

Check out the "Pack the Pews" bags for a list of the items that Friends For Life Food Shelf is in special need of this year.



Pack the Pews Sunday is March 24

Join Trinity for "Pack the Pews Sunday" as a part of Minnesota Food Share's March Campaign. Empty grocery bags will be available in the back rows of pews in the month of March. Everyone is encouraged to

take a bag (or two) home with them, fill it with non-perishable food items and/or household supplies and return it to church by Sunday, March 24. Thank you for your generosity during this Food Share Month.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Welcome one another just as Christ has welcomed you. ~ Romans 15

How will you welcome others into your life and into the life of Trinity Lutheran Church?



Trinity Livestream Update

The Trinity Tech Team has been hard at work preparing for the updates regarding the new sound system and the equipment needed to livestream our services in the sanctuary. Of course, since this project is quite complex, it is taking a while for all of the pieces to get put into place. We are hoping that the equipment will be arriving soon and that the installation will begin shortly after that. While we don't have a firm timetable yet, we are hoping to have the project completed later this spring.



ELCA Missionary Support

Trinity supports the missionary work of Rev. Andrew & Meredith Ronnevik with prayer and financial sponsorship. Support for our missionaries in Papua New Guinea for one week is \$25. We invite and encourage you to sign up on the calendar in the back of the sanctuary for a week of support. A gift supporting our missionaries is a great gift for a birthday or anniversary or a meaningful way to remember or honor a loved one. Thank you for your prayers, support and participation in God's Mission locally and globally.

▶▶▶▶ Last Month in Pictures



Stewardship Celebration Sunday

Trinity Church Council



Valentine's Day Pasta Dinner Fundraiser



God's light was shining from Trinity on one of the few snowy evenings this winter. Thankfully, our snow shoveling crew was ready to clean it all up the next morning!



Youth Group Game Night

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA www.trin.org</p>					<h1>March 2024</h1>	
					1 Happy Birthday Jacob Empting Andy Olson	2 Happy Birthday Allison Kuntz
3 Worship 9 am Fellowship 10 am Sunday School 10 am Happy Birthday Jack Zellmann Geri Danielson	4 AA Meeting 8 pm Happy Birthday Jeff Peterson Ryan Ress	5 Quilters 9 am	6 Prayer 12:30 pm Lent Supper 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Team Mtg. 6:30 pm Worship 7 pm Worship Band 7:30 pm Worship Choir 7:30 pm	7 Happy Birthday Tom Matson	8	9 Happy Birthday Samantha Horsman Jim Sandquist
10 Worship 9 am Fellowship 10 am Sunday School 10 am Happy Birthday Diana Gilles Howie Gilles Angela Eliason	11 Apostles 8:30 am Priscilla Circle 2 pm AA Meeting 8 pm Happy Birthday Heidi Volkart Marlene Bender	12 Quilters 9 am Kitchen Rsvd. 6:30 pm Happy Birthday John Fritzke Tristan Gens Dave Kind Kayla Jones	13 Prayer 12:30 pm Lent Supper 5:30 pm Worship 7 pm Worship Band 7:30 pm Worship Choir 7:30 pm Happy Birthday Rachel Blackketter	14 Finance Committee 6:30 pm Happy Birthday Sandra Jones	15 Happy Birthday Kara Loehrs	16 Happy Birthday Quinn Nichols Anja Gilbert
17 Worship 9 am Fellowship 10 am Sunday School 10 am Happy Birthday Mary Speckel Tina Quinlan	18 AA Meeting 8 pm	19 Quilters 9 am Church Council Mtg. 6:30 pm	20 FCA Breakfast 7 am Prayer 12:30 pm Lent Supper 5:30 pm Worship 7 pm Worship Band 7:30 pm Worship Choir 7:30 pm Happy Birthday Joel Gjertson Jesse Gjertson Braeden Hoover John Quinlan	21 OWLS 10 am Happy Birthday Rece Illies Mary Jech Gabby Dulas Rick Zellmann Katie Lohmann Eileen Nelson Diane Filek David Hirsch Betty Gulbrandson	22 Happy Birthday Dylan Hecksel Dylan Nelson Paige Erickson	23 Fellowship Hall Reserved Happy Birthday Nancy Hendricks Jacob Bergstrom Joel Paschke
24 PALM SUNDAY Worship 9 am Breakfast 10 - 11 am Easter Egg Hunt 10 am Happy Birthday Emmarie Hirsch Katy Jo Danielson	25 Apostles 8:30 am AA Meeting 8 pm Happy Birthday Bailey Hecksel	26 Quilters 9 am Happy Birthday Grace Filek Greta Gersema Dustin Stutsman	27 Prayer 12:30 pm Worship Band 7:30 pm Worship Choir 7:30 pm Happy Birthday Dustin Gens Jonathan Gallus Julie Lague	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY Housekeepers 9 am Golden Agers 12 pm Worship 7 pm Happy Birthday Jim Salzsiedler Kevin Holmes	29 GOOD FRIDAY Worship 7 pm Happy Birthday Mary Jacks Tyler Volkart	30 Happy Birthday Bentley Drews Heidi Guetzkow Sandy Loehrs Thomas McMahon Meg Erickson
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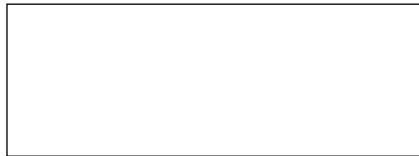


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