



# TIDINGS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA



## Endings and Beginnings

What a great time to be the church! During the season of Lent we found our spirits renewed, and now during the season of Easter we are finding new life in our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! And as we move into the month of May, we have so much to celebrate – just take a look!

- May 1 Campaign Celebration: Keep Shining!
- May 8 Mothers Day
- May 15 High School Graduate Blessing Sunday
- May 22 Jacob Ulland Farewell Reception
- May 29 Memorial Day Weekend

Life is full of changes: births, deaths, baptisms, weddings, graduations, and transitions of every kind. What transition are you going through right now? Has there been a death in your family, or maybe a birth? Do you know someone who has gone through a divorce or is perhaps in a new marriage? Has someone you know graduated recently, or maybe you know someone who is about to start school – kindergarten, high school, or college? In every season there is something lost and something gained, something to grieve and something to celebrate. And for those of us who are “Easter People”, we know that there is always a new beginning just around the corner, no matter what kind of ending we are going through. May God bless all your endings and beginnings in this season of life!

~ God’s Peace, Pastor Engholm



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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**Worship Onsite**  
Sundays 9:00 & 10:30 am

**Worship Online**  
Sundays 9:00 am  
Wednesdays 7:00 pm

### STAFF:

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# What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?



## Keep Shining Beyond the Campaign Sunday, May 1

As Trinity reaches the end of our final capital campaign, we want to celebrate the reduction of our debt from \$1.7 million to \$200,000 – what an accomplishment! We will have a celebration of how God has been at work at Trinity over the past nine years through a building project, three capital campaigns, and a growing vision of how we want to continue shining God's light in the world. Please join us for a celebration at our two worship services, 9:00 and 10:30 am, along with a special program in between services with pie, cookies, coffee, and stories of God's light shining in our lives!

Trinity members received a letter invitation in the mail recently, asking for your prayerful consideration of how you will continue to support the Building/Capital Appeal Fund at Trinity. Please return your Intent to Give card to the Trinity office by May 16. Thank you for your faithful support.



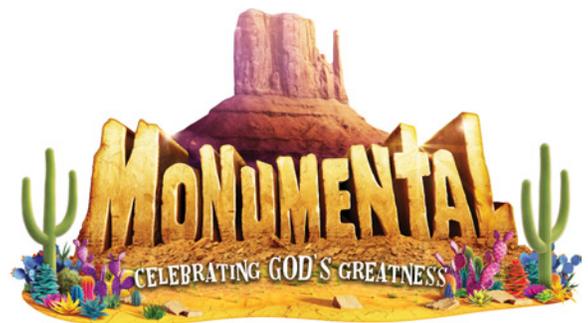
## OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Thursday, May 19 | 10:00 am

Join the Trinity OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Fellowship Group for Abelskivers Day! Special guest Chris Beckman will show us how to make this delicious Danish treat. All "older" and/or "wiser" Lutherans and friends are welcome to attend. After this month, the OWLS fellowship group will be taking a break for summer, but will be back in the fall.

## Children's Ministry

Sunday School officially wraps up on May 1 this school year! It has been such a wonderful year seeing both familiar and brand-new faces in-person this year. We are blessed to have a wonderful crew of parent volunteers helping out throughout the year, and we have enjoyed following our "Big Idea" of the week curriculum. We're already looking forward to next school year!

## Save the Dates for Vacation Bible School



August 8-11, 2022  
5:30-7:30 pm

Join Trinity this summer for "Monumental", a fun filled 4-day Vacation Bible School. Registration information is coming soon. We are already on the lookout for volunteers, so please reach out to Hannah at [hrosholt@trin.org](mailto:hrosholt@trin.org) if you are interested!



## Summer Worship 9:00 am Onsite & Online

Memorial Day Weekend (May 29)  
thru Labor Day Weekend (September 4)

Please note that our Wednesday evening Campfire Worship services will be taking a break during the summer months.



**A message from Minister of Music, Joyce Harding**

*“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.”*

Dear Trinity friends,

The activities are winding down here at Trinity for the program year and I am winding down, too. I have been blessed to serve as Minister of Music here for 21 years, and even longer leading Chapel Choir and Praise & Worship band. I have enjoyed working with our staff and the many singers and musicians here. This has been my dream job!

But it is now my time for retirement, which will begin at the end of this month. When I began this job 21 years ago, I knew God was calling me here and that all I had done and experienced up to that point was in preparation for this calling. And just as sure as I was in my calling then, I am also just as sure that God has a new plan for my life and that he has a new plan for Trinity’s music ministry.

I consider each of you my friend and am forever grateful for the opportunity you provided for me here at Trinity.

I look forward to a retirement with grandchildren, BBQ, music, and of course Gary!

Stay calm! Stay connected! Sing on!

~ Joyce Harding

**The Farewell Reception for Jacob Ulland will be Sunday, May 22, in-between services at 9:45 am. Another Farewell Reception is being planned for Joyce Harding at a time to be determined.**

**Graduate Blessing Sunday  
Sunday, May 15**

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 program between services on Sunday, May 15 will be held in honor of the Class of 2022!



**Jacob's Journal**

Greetings Trinity Family,

It is very hard to believe that it has been two years already, and that in a few short weeks, my time as your intern comes to an end. No doubt it was the internship I never dreamed about. No, not because of Trinity, but because of this little thing called Covid, which changed everything and made for an entirely different experience than I had imagined. Covid however, wouldn't prevent me from learning and growing in very meaningful ways and I was able to get to know so many of the people here and witness their kind and generous hearts faithfully leading this community. I was able to see what God was up to in this place and I watched as a strong faith community adapted to a world turned upside down. I am grateful for all of you and the ways you left a lasting impact on my life. I was also able to learn from the wonderful staff here as well. Robyn, Joyce, Hannah, Mary, and Gail all helped me see behind the curtain of what it takes to keep a church running. They all make it look so easy, but I can tell you that it is not. They put in a lot of hard work and they are the gold standard in my mind of what passion and professionalism look like in the church.

I also want to thank Pastor Jeff, as he is the reason I made it here. Some might say it was a crazy idea to bring on an intern during a pandemic, but that's just what he did. I am grateful that he took that chance and for his mentorship during my time here. I also want to thank the members of the church council for agreeing to take this risk. I enjoyed working with and learning from them. I watched their leadership on display as they guided the church through the challenges that Covid presented. This was an internship that I will never forget and it's because of the incredible people here at Trinity. This is not a goodbye, but a see you later. I will carry my memories of my time here at Trinity with me wherever I go. On behalf of my family and myself, thank you for everything!

~ Jacob Ulland

# Congregational NEWS

## PASTORAL ACTS

### BAPTISM

**James Shakon**

son of John & Lauren Shakon  
born October 11, 2021  
baptized April 10, 2022

## MEMORIALS

**Karilyn Johnson**

\$95 ~ Karilyn Johnson  
Memorial Fund



## Trinity Weed Team Memberships Available!

Do you like to garden? Would you like to help out with gardening at Trinity? The church grounds are broken into ten sections and a few of them are available this year. Work on your own or with a friend at your own convenience this spring and summer. If you are interested, please contact Eileen Nelson at nelsej@gmail.com.

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

April 19, 2022

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### General Fund summary March 2022

#### Beginning balance 3/1/2022:

**\$ 3,613.87**

Operating Fund income: \$ 27,892.77

Operating Fund expenses: \$ 38,315.01

Net balance (March): -\$ 10,422.24

#### General Fund balance as of

**3/31/2022: -\$ 6,808.37**

#### Year-to date general fund EXPENSES exceed INCOME by \$19,841.04.

#### Building Fund expenses:

Loan interest payment: \$ 704.20

Loan principal payment: \$ 1,627.80

Add'l principal payment: \$ 11,303.20

#### Mortgage loan balance: \$ 209,447.49

#### Cash Summary:

Bremer: \$ 42,599.99

(includes \$2,692.96 for Mar. federal withholding  
and \$11,270.78 in hail damage receipts)

Citizen's Building Fund: \$ 139,351.09

#### Comments:

- 6% of general fund income for benevolence to Minneapolis Area synod amounted to \$1,673.00.
- Xcel bill for fuel and electricity amounted to \$2,549 (down about \$670 from February).
- Increased fuel cost continues to be reflected in an increase in Randy's sanitation bill.
- Annual post office bulk mail permit and box rent were paid.
- Bank charges for online giving are staying between \$200 and \$300

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**PASTOR'S REPORT** The campaign celebration "Keep Shining...Beyond the Campaign" is being planned to celebrate the END of our 9-year run of campaigns as well as the START of the days to come as we pay off the mortgage and begin new projects. We had a great response to the March Food Share Month—we donated nearly 500 lbs of food to the Watertown Food Shelf! We had a busy Holy Week with Palm Sunday Breakfast (new this year!), Drive-Thru Prayers each morning, Maundy Thursday services after Golden Agers luncheon and in the evening with 5th graders receiving communion for the first time (also new this year!), Good Friday and then our wonderful music-filled Easter celebration!

**INTERN'S REPORT** Jacob suggested that middle school students also have a youth group to progress into a high school youth group. The continuation of programming may help with attendance. Jacob will be preaching on Sundays, April 24 and May 22, which will also be his last day at Trinity.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### • Internship Committee

They are wrapping up their commitments with a final evaluation for Jacob on May 1, 2022. They will help plan the farewell reception on May 22 as well as have their own farewell for Jacob.

#### • Teller and Communion Duties

Monthly teller calendar was shared with the council.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Keep Shining Beyond the Campaign

Celebration is planned for Sunday, May 1 between services with pie and coffee. An invitation and Intent to Give card to be mailed to Trinity members in mid April.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 KEEP SHINING CELEBRATION</b> <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Reception</b> 9:45 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am (Onsite) <b>Youth Ministry Year End Event</b> 5 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Steven Danielson Wilbur Light Zachary Lohmann	<b>2 Book Club</b> 6:30 pm <b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm	<b>3 Quilters</b> 9 am <b>Kitchen Rsrvd.</b> 6 pm	<b>4 6-8 Confirm.</b> 6:30 pm <b>Worship</b> 7 pm (Online)  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Kristin Hecksel Luke Sandquist	<b>5</b>  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Mark Fritzke Theresa Hennessey Wyatt Tatge Kim Whitehead	<b>6</b>  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Michael Huber Kallie Jackson	<b>7</b>  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Hannah Rosholt Shelley Stenson
<b>8 MOTHERS DAY</b> <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 9:45 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am (Onsite)  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Ailsa Gilbert Kimberly Patterson	<b>9 Apostles</b> 8:30 am <b>Priscilla Circle</b> 2 pm <b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Lynn Hendricks Sharon Schroeder	<b>10 Quilters</b> 9 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Traci Bergstrom Stephanie Salonek	<b>11 Worship</b> 7 pm (Online)  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Erik Eliason Lisa Fails Elena Ress	<b>12 Finance Committee</b> 6:30 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Sophia Danielson Jenna Kohls Amelia Neaton	<b>13</b>  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Brynn Illies Glen Schroers Dan Sieling	<b>14 Memorial Service for Carol Hendrick</b> 11:00 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Brynn Illies Glen Schroers Dan Sieling
<b>15 GRADUATE BLESSING</b> <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Reception</b> 9:45 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am (Onsite)  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Lexis Brevier Drew Isakson Matthew Isakson McKenzie Mitteness	<b>16</b>  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Parker Jackson	<b>17 Quilters</b> 9 am <b>Church Council Mtg.</b> 6:30 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Zachary Gruette Bernice Olson	<b>18 Worship</b> 7 pm (Online)  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Decker Danielson Sue Johnson Vicki Wingert	<b>19 OWLS</b> 10:00 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Ryan Whitehead	<b>20</b>  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Ryan Whitehead	<b>21</b>  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Dan Hagelin Rochell Prigge
<b>22 JACOB'S FAREWELL</b> <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Reception</b> 9:45 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am (Onsite)  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Rhian Hembroff	<b>23 AA Meeting</b> 8:00 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Lonne Gilbert Alden Hirsch	<b>24 Quilters</b> 9 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Madison Dalbey Luke Maas	<b>25 Worship</b> 7 pm (Online)  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Gary Vanderbilt	<b>26 Housekeepers</b> 9 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Samantha Fautsch Jennifer Jackson Norah Stienessen	<b>27</b>  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Kathy Stacey	<b>28</b>  <i>Happy Birthday</i> David Hendricks Steven Paschke
<b>29 Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 9:45 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Peggy Markgraf Mike Panzer Pat Sandquist	<b>30 MEMORIAL DAY</b> Church Office Closed <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:00 pm  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Carl Hagelin	<b>31 Quilters</b> 9 am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Dawn Gjertson Hannah Skahaug Dick Stadlander				

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**Last Month in Pictures**



Trinity enjoyed a jam-packed Holy Week with palms, breakfast, prayers & coffee, Easter eggs and First Communion. Alleluia!



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