



THE BELL TOWER April 2024



Our mission is to:

Teach and share God's Word with those around us

Live in fellowship with one another and foster Christ-centered relationships

Care and grow in faith by serving God and His People

Pastor Brett's Note:

After the Resurrection

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! These are some of my favorite words to say! These words sum up what our faith is all about, that our Savior is risen, He is alive and has defeated sin and death for us all! For me as a pastor, the Sunday after Easter is one of the hardest mainly because all that excitement that comes with Easter Sunday, the trumpets, the choirs, all the music, and the message of the tomb being empty, is gone. There are usually a few less people and the joy in worship isn't as evident. The resurrection of Jesus always brings people together, it's the foundation of our faith and I think that is what I struggle with the most, is that all the people that come together aren't there to continue to celebrate the empty tomb.

The Gospel reading that we read on Easter morning from Mark reminds us that Jesus leaves behind a community for His people. As the women are going to the tomb and see the man dressed in a white robe that tells them that Jesus is not here He is alive and go and tell the disciples and He will come and meet them like He said He would. Jesus is providing the women that community to be with, who understands what they are going through, and can be there for each other. This is the beautiful part of what the body of Christ is all about. We gather together so that we can be there for each other in all walks of life.

Last month I was reminded of how important community is and being around people who can relate to what you are going through. Our neighbor passed away and it was at his funeral, as we heard the stories of Mr. Dan, how he had touched and impacted their lives, that we were surrounded by people who felt and understood our sorrows. Our neighbor was a man who loved being around people, in a relationship with you, one who wanted to spend time with you. We talked about how that is not always the case today, that in our fast-paced society, of always on the go that we don't take time to be with people, to learn about them, to just stop and spend time with friends and loved ones.

This is my prayer for all of you, that as you reflect on what we celebrated on Easter, that the tomb is empty, that death, sin, and the devil has been defeated because of our Saviors death and resurrection, that we can see and appreciate that wonderful gift of community that Christ has brought us all into. We continue to come together to celebrate, to praise Him, and spend time as His family in our Father's House. I also pray that you can see how God puts people into your life at the right time to walk through that part of life with you, one who can relate and understand what you may be going through. Just like He did for the women who came to the tomb, He provided that angel to speak those words of God's promise that Jesus is alive! Continue each and every day to celebrate the message of Easter and look forward to that day when we will see Him face to face! Have a blessed month.

In Him,
Pastor Brett

April's Memory Verse

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35

Worship Schedule - Our Sunday morning worship services are at 9AM. All services are in-person and live streamed on our Facebook page. They are also archived for viewing anytime. Our communion schedule is April 7th and April 21st.

Check out our Facebook and YouTube Page for past videos and livestreams.



Electronic Giving: Scan the QR code to give via online or Venmo. The QR code will also bring you to our livestream and newsletter.



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Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting March 21st, 2024

Teach and share Gods Word with those around us. Live in fellowship with one another and foster Christ centered relationships. Caring and growing in faith by serving God and His people.

1. **Call to order** -Randy Schellack
Members in attendance: Pastor Brett Hartwig, Kurt Sogn, Amy Wohlwend, Emmalee Kuphal, Curt Hutchins, Gary Schellack, Adam Schellack, Randy Schellack, Cody Nelson, Cassie Wagner and Tami Hansen
2. **Opening prayer** - Pastor Brett
3. **Approval of the Agenda** - Tami Hansen made a motion to approve the agenda. Adam Schellack 2nd. Approved.

4. **Secretary report** - Gary Schellack made a motion to approve the February 2024 secretary report. Curt Hutchins 2nd. Approved
5. **Treasurer's report** - Kurt Sogn made a motion to approve the Treasurer report. Cody Nelson 2nd. Approved.
 - a. **Received the money from Ron Kuehl Estate**
 - i. \$85,494.33 dedicated to the cemetery
 - ii. \$170,988.66 dedicated to the church
 - b. **Balance Sheet (page 1)**
 - i. The Bell Bank General Account's balance has been low pretty much all month. The main items that contributed to this were the \$2,500 Giving Hearts Day matching amount and offerings being lower than budgeted. I had to transfer a total of \$7,000 from the Reserve savings throughout the month to cover the Giving Hearts Day check and the shortfall from offerings.
 - c. **Dedicated Accounts (page 2)**
 - i. Fellowship offering for January was \$278.
 - ii. Fellowship offering for February was \$177.
 - iii. Jail Ministry offering for February was \$100.
 - iv. TIM offering for January and February was \$200.
 - v. These checks will be paid out in March.
 - d. **Income Statement (page 3-5)**
 - i. Receipts in February were \$\$11,856.69
 - ii. Offerings were shy of the budget by \$\$6,921.52.
 - iii. Expenses were \$18,660.28. (\$6,803.59 more than receipts).
 - e. **Other Items:**
 - i. Klug Estate CD – The interest from the CD that we opened last year for \$250,000 in Klug Funds will be cashed out into our savings account around April 17th. It should be around \$11,000.
6. **Committee reports**
 - a. **Trustee** -Kurt Sogn
 - i. Nothing to report
 - b. **Pastors Report** -

Official Acts:

Baptism- Wrenley Nelson March 10th

Average Attendance for month- 61

Lent Midweek Service Attendance average- 42

- Confirmation continues to go well; we finished up our section on Confession and then will begin our unit on looking at other world religions and how they compare to Christianity.
- Continue to lead chapel twice a month at Arbor Park Assisted Living.
- Men's Bible Study continues Thursday evenings and Friday Mornings once a month. We will have another Men's fellowship event on Monday April 8th to watch the National Championship game for March Madness.
- Continuing with the Call Committee at Grace Lutheran School for a new principal, are starting over with a list of names and will begin the process again to find a new principal. Grace's annual Pasta with

a Purpose dinner is Saturday, April 27th from 12-7 at the school. Tickets are \$12 for ages 12 and up and \$6 for ages 4-11.

- We have finished our study on the book of Titus and will begin our new study in April called Love in Chaos.
 - Had good attendance this year for our Midweek Lent services. Join us on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday for services at 7pm and our Easter Service will be at 8 am with breakfast to follow service.
 - Will be starting meeting with the 8th graders and families on April 14 for a 4-week session on Communion and they will then celebrate their first communion on May 19th.
 - Will be meeting with two families in the coming weeks who would like to join the church. Will be doing the new member class with each family.
 - Will continue to train people who have volunteered for Altar Guild this month.
- c. Stewardship** - Pastor Brett
- i. Gift card program will start next month. A percent is given back to the church, and it's different depending on the gift card. Tara Orr is in charge.
- d. Evangelism** - Pastor Brett
- i. We will be helping with Harvest days and will be in charge of the 5K which will be on Saturday morning. We will need to design the 5K T-shirts.
 - ii. We will have live music Friday night with service.
- e. Elders** - Adam Schellack
- i. Ideas for Ron Kuehl Estate money
- f. Board of Ed** - Emmalee Kuphal
- i. **Youth**
 1. 8th -12th graders are invited to join us each Sunday night from 6:30-7:30 for Senior High Hangout.
 2. Students held a babysitting night in February as well as a bowling event at Kingpinz.
 3. March events include Nerf Night with area churches as well as helping at Easter Eggstravaganza
 - ii. **Women's Events**
 1. All women are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 10am for a Bible Study on Women of the New Testament. The 6:30pm group will meet again starting April 3rd.
 2. We will have a meal prep service event on Tuesday, April 16th from 6:30-8pm. These meals will be donated to the Moorhead School Food Pantry. Sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to attend.
 - iii. **Sunday School**
 1. Our students are collecting money for the organization 4 Luv of Dog. They have a goal to raise \$500 and currently have around \$300.
 2. They are continuing to study stories of the Bible in connection with the lectionary.
 - iv. **Church Events**
 1. Easter Eggstravaganza is Saturday, March 23rd from 9:30-11:30am. A free Community Brunch will also take place at the same time.
 2. Our Annual Trivia Night will take place on Saturday, April 13th from 5-8pm. Registration is open. If you would like to donate prizes, please talk to Emmalee.

7. Old Business

a. Goals for 2024

- i. Adam will check into central air for the Sunday school wing.
- ii. Bonfire at the Hansen farm with an outdoor movie or video games

8. New Business

a. Sabin Harvest's Day

- i. Talked about moving and serving food at the church instead of downtown.
 1. Everyone can get out of the heat and enjoy their food inside the church with no flies bothering them, use the bathrooms, enjoy the air conditioning.
 2. Volunteers won't have to run back and forth to the church, work in the heat with flies.
 3. Last year there were a lot of people around the church because the bouncy houses were in the field.
 4. Looking into possible changing the menu to something less expensive

b. Easter Eggstravaganza

- i. Easter Eggstravaganza is Saturday, March 23 rd from 9:30-11:30am. A free Community Brunch will also take place at the same time.
- ii. Crafts are set up, eggs are stuffed.
- iii. Food prep will start Friday 5pm and start cooking Saturday 7am

c. Holy Week and Easter Services - Breakfast

- i. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 7pm
- ii. Easter service at 8am then breakfast

d. App for church communications

- i. Pastor Brett had a demo on Subsplash which has an app, website, mass communication through email or text, registration, donations, and more

e. Ideas for ways to use money from the Ron Kiel Estate - Church and cemetery

i. Church ideas:

1. Remodel bathrooms
2. Lighted sign for announcements North of Sabin
3. Update stain-glass in sanctuary
4. Projectors need an adaptor so they are not washed out

ii. Cemetery ideas:

1. Add irrigation system
2. Fertilize

f. Emmalee Kuphal, DCE

- i. Turned in her resignation and her last day will be April 21st. She will be moving to Mankato, MN to be closer to family and start a new job.

9. **Adjourn** - Kurt Sogn made a motion to adjourn. Adam Schellack 2nd. Approved

10. **Closing Prayer** -The Lord's Prayer

Next Council meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, April 9th at 7:30 pm**

Submitted by Secretary, Tami Hansen

Church Happenings

Women's Service Project – All women are invited to join us on Tuesday, April 16th from 6:30-8pm for a meal prepping event to benefit the Moorhead School Food Pantry. All supplies will be provided – we just need your help! Sign up on the bulletin board or email Emmalee if you plan to join us.

Men's Bible Study - All men are invited to our Men's Bible Studies. Join us on Thursday, April 4th at 5:30pm at Murphy's Pub in Moorhead. Our Friday Morning Bible Study will be on April 19th at 6:30am at the Fryn' Pan in Moorhead. Come and join us as we grow in His Word.

Adult Bible Study - Join us starting April 7th as we begin a new series called Love in Chaos. We don't have to look far to see division in our world. And in many ways, we are confused, angry, and disillusioned by all the chaos we're experiencing. How should Christians respond to the chaos? What does it look like to live faithfully in these strange and challenging times? Join bestselling author Bob Goff in this six-session series as he helps us answer these questions. Learn what it looks like to follow Jesus and obey his commands even in a time of chaos.

Women's Bible Study – All women are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 10am for our Women's Bible Study. This group is continuing their study of the Women of the New Testament. Starting on Wednesday, April 3rd, the evening women's Bible study group will meet here at church at 6:30pm for a devotion followed by a walk around Sabin. If you'd like to join or have questions, please contact Paula Tollerud.

Trivia Night – 3rd Annual Trivia Night! Join us on Saturday, April 13th from 5-8pm for a fun evening of trivia! Register your team of 6 for \$100 or individual registrations for \$20 a person. There will also be raffle tickets available from Friday, April 13th through Sunday, April 21st at 10am. Check out our Facebook page or church website for more information, or talk to Emmalee if you have any questions. All proceeds benefit the youth attending the LCMS Youth Gathering next summer in New Orleans!

Men's Fellowship Event - All men are invited to come and watch the NCAA National Championship game on Monday, April 8th. We will meet at 8:00pm. Bring a beverage and snack and come join in the fun and fellowship.

Emmalee's Farewell Celebration - We would like to celebrate Emmalee's 5 and ½ years with us following Sunday School and Bible Study on April 21st. We will have a short program thanking her and will have cake and treats. All are welcome to join us as we thank Emmalee and wish her well on her new adventure.

Bridal Shower for Emmalee– All women are invited to Emmalee's bridal shower on Sunday, April 21st from 1-2:30pm. They are register at Target and Amazon.

8th Grade First Communion Class - Our first class for First Communion for our 8th graders will start on April 14th in the fellowship hall. We will meet for 4 weeks and will celebrate their first communion on May 19th. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Brett.

Children & Youth Ministry

Youth Group (Students in 6th – 12th grade) – Trivia Night Help Needed – students in 6th through 12th grade are encouraged to help with Trivia night on Saturday, April 13th from 5-8pm. We'll need help with scoring, collecting answer sheets, child care and more! Sign up on the youth room door or let Emmalee know if you're able to help.

Senior High Hangout - Students in 8th-12th are invited to join us here at church each Sunday night from 6:30-7:30pm for a devotion, games, and snacks! Invite your friends! We will not meet on Sunday, March 31st.

Youth Sunday – Every 4th Sunday the Youth Group is going to serve our church by being greeters, ushers, and serving fellowship. Our next Youth Sunday is April 28th. Please let Emmalee know if you'd like to help.

Sunday School – New students are always welcome to join us. We meet on Sundays from 10:15-11am. Our offering this winter/spring will go to 4 Luv of Dog. The students have set a goal to raise \$500 and have raised over 350!

Community Happenings

Trinity Lutheran Church Sabin Community Food Pantry - The pantry will be open this month April 11th and April 25th from 5-8pm. This will be self-serve during these hours. Please use the door located near the Bell Tower at the church. If these dates and times do not work for you, please contact the church office at 218-789-7259 or email tlcsabin@gmail.com to schedule a time. If you would like to make a donation to the food pantry, please place the item(s) in the bins located in the entryways or contact the church office.

Sabin-Elmwood Fire Department Fundraiser – The Sabin-Elmwood Fire Department will be having their mixed social dinner fundraiser event on April 6th at the Sabin Community Center. Doors open at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased from any firefighter or by contacting Sabinfd@gmail.com

Grace's Pasta with a Purpose Dinner - All are invited to Grace's annual Pasta with a Purpose dinner on Saturday, April 27th from 12-7pm at the school. Tickets are \$12 for ages 12 and up and \$6 for ages 4-11.

Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter Article April 2024

Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are his: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.

April Celebrations

Birthdays

2nd Marcy Brush, Jessica Lass

5th Junell Krabbenhoft

6th Nathan Hansen, Doug Rosenfeldt, Tenley Tollerud

7th Xander Nygaard

8th Karla Schellack, Kole Wohlwend

9th Vicki Hopkins, Curt Hutchins

10th Rennae Weiss

13th Zoey Rezac, Nikki Grenz

15th Laiken Hall, Lynn Johnk, Brynn & Harper Odden-Lemar

16th Barron Krieger, Stacie Sedlacek

17th Adam Hanson, Teresa Ingebretsen, Brian Poehls

20th Eric Church, Taylor Windus, Adam Nelson

21st Marcus Rehder

23rd Ryan Rosenfeldt

25th Aaron Mayry

27th Jenna Hansen, Brittany Nash

29th Brian Moore

30th Randy Schellack



Happy Anniversary

9th Loren and Sandra Poehls -59 years

14th Lucas and Kayme Torgerson -12 years

22nd David and Jody Suedel -35 years

30th Fred and Peggy Dickelman- 30 years

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:30pm – 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study	4 5:30pm – Men’s Bible Study	5	6 5:30pm – Sabin- Elmwood Fire Dept. Fundraiser Dinner @ Community Center
7 9am – Worship with Communion 10:15am – Bible Study & Sunday School 6:30-7:30pm – Senior High Hangout	8 8pm – Men’s Fellowship Event	9 6pm – Elder’s Meeting 6:30pm – BOE Meeting 7:30pm – Council	10 10am – Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm – 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study	11 5-8pm – Food Pantry Open	12	13 5pm – Trivia Night
14 9am – Worship 10:15am – Bible Study & Sunday School 8 th Grade First Communion Class 6:30-7:30pm – Senior High Hangout	15	16 6:30pm – Women’s Service Project	17 10am – Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm – 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study	18	19 6:30am – Men’s Bible Study	20
21 9am – Worship with Communion 10:15am – Bible Study & Sunday School 8th Grade First Communion Class Emmalee’s Farewell Celebration 1pm – Emmalee’s Bridal Shower 6:30-7:30pm – Senior High Hangout	22	23	24 10am – Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm – 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study	25 5-8pm – Food Pantry Open	26	27 12-7pm – Grace’s Pasta with a Purpose Dinner @ Grace Lutheran School
28 Youth Sunday 9am –Worship 10:15am – Bible Study & Sunday School 8th Grade First Communion Class 6:30-7:30pm – Senior High Hangout	29	30				

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