

March 2024

TRINITY TIDINGS

A Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church, Huntley, IL

Dear Saints,

As we move forward together, we are a **vibrant Christian community gathering around Jesus, growing in Jesus, and going with Jesus**. This month, I'd like to unpack what that means for our life together.

First, we are **Gathering around Jesus**. Jesus first gathered us as his people in Baptism, and we continue to gather around Him in worship, receiving His gifts in the Scriptures and the Lord's Supper and responding in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Congregational worship is the beating heart of every congregation.

Why? Because in the church, Jesus forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, and sets us apart for a life of love for God and service to our neighbor. We can be tempted to put the cart before the horse—to jump ahead to programs and mercy and fellowship and all the other business of what we do—but this comes first. It is the "main thing." As Jesus says in John 15, only when we abide in Him can we bear fruit. Apart from Him, we can do nothing! (John 15:5).

Second, we are **Growing in Jesus**. God renews us by the Spirit in our baptisms, and we continue to grow up "into Him who is our Lord" (Ephesians 4:15). We continue to put on the new life given to us (Ephesians 4:23-24).

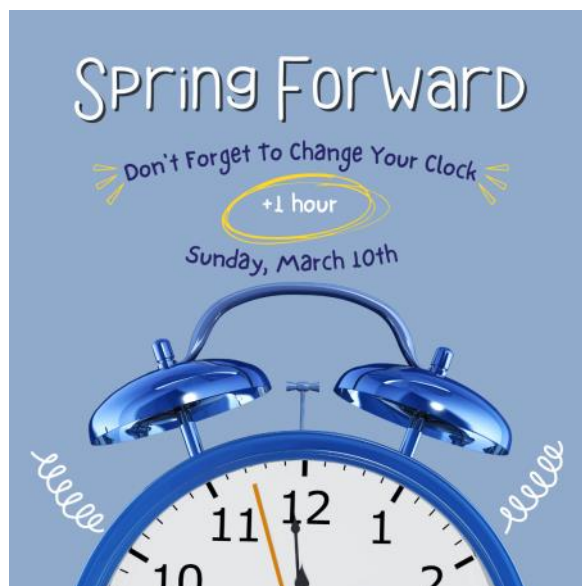
What does that mean concretely? We together grow in the knowledge of the Scriptures (devotions and Bible Study), in personal prayer, in generosity (tithing and alms), and in Christian care and forgiveness for each other.

Third, we are **Going with Jesus**. Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12), but His light has so enlightened us that He can say "you are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). (That's why during baptisms we give a candle to the newly baptized!)

Empowered by the Spirit and Jesus' promise that He is always with us (Matthew 28:20), we are sent by God into the various callings He has given us. In these callings, we spread the light of Jesus, showing mercy to those in need and giving a witness to Him through our words and lives to all those around us. We are serious about caring for the needy in our community and about sharing our faith and our church family with others.

The Lord bless and keep you,

+ Pr Hatesohl



BOARD OF MINISTRY DIRECTORS *by Ken Ladage, Chairman*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Reverend Paul Linnemann, President of the Northwest District said the following: "Each year, the arrival of Holy Week offers us the opportunity to consider the deep love our heavenly Father has for us as we remember our Lord Jesus' suffering and death. There is no greater expression of His love and commitment to us. As we prepare to gather in worship and praise for His great gift, we also are confronted with the ultimate goal our Lord has for us and for all people – the blessing of eternal life. Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter is the foundation for this blessing, and our confession of this truth directs our attention to the eternal hope we have in Him."

Lenten Services are underway at 7:00 pm with a supper from 5:45-6:45 pm. The Board of Ministry Directors will be serving dinner on March 13th. We look forward to Easter Week.

Trinity's financial position continues to be strong. The budget is currently \$17,000 in the black although donations have been down due to weather issues in the past months. The large snows we received will also result in an increased snow removal bill. Church attendance has remained relatively stable although the snow and cold temperatures have affected attendance.

The Budget Committee has started work on the 24-25 budgets for Trinity and TLC. The trustees are reviewing future building maintenance projects. There will be an increase in our commercial insurance policy premiums and an increase in the deductibles. An important aspect of budget planning involves addressing necessary infrastructure issues while also planning for our strategic objective: "Gathering – Growing – Going". The Board will review and present a budget to the congregation for approval in June.

A plan was received from our architect for the remodeling project. The Village Team is meeting in April to begin their review. After that process it will be delivered to the Board for review and presentation to the Congregation for discussion and potential approval.

The Board welcomes your input. A segment of each Board meeting, (second Thursday of the month at 6:00pm) is reserved for Steward comments, suggestions, or questions. Our next meeting is April 11th. A suggestion box is located in the Narthex.

Your Brother in Christ,

Ken Ladage, Chairman
Board of Ministry Directors

Sign up for weekly emails from Trinity!

<https://www.trinityhuntley.org/email-sign-up>



Emergency Line



Pastor is always available to you in the case of a pastoral emergency, even after hours. Simply call the main Trinity phone number, 847-669-5780, and follow the instructions.

Your call will then be forwarded to the pastor.

(Note: Pastor's cell phone number has changed. To reach him for non-emergencies, call the office or send him an email.)



Trinity has an ongoing collection for the **Grafton Food Pantry**. Cash donations are the best and most efficient way to offer help... every \$1 buys \$8 worth of food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. **Please make checks out to the Grafton Food Pantry.** However, they cannot purchase household supplies and personal care products, so they are the next most needed items. All donations are appreciated, needed and used. Food items must be non-perishable. Items are always picked up and delivered weekly from the food cart in the narthex. *Contact Judy Melman with any questions.*

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS *Psalm 100:2*

March 2024 Elder / Usher Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Elder	Assistant Elder	Usher
3/3/2024	Sunday	8:00 AM	Tim Mahnke	NA	Hoppy Kahl
		10:30 AM	Caleb Kittel	N/A	Reuben Velez
3/6/2024	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Keith Bereolos	N/A	Niko Bereolos
3/10/2024	Sunday	8:00 am*	Donovan Johnson	Solomon Post	Hoppy Kahl
		10:30 am*	Steven Drescher	Rick Castel	Matt Castel
3/13/2024	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Roger Orkfritz	N/A	Bella Westberg
3/17/2024	Sunday	8:00 AM	Tim Mahnke	N/A	Georgina Ozga-Dortch
		10:30 AM	Caleb Kittel	N/A	Reuben Velez
3/20/2024	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Donovan Johnson	N/A	Bella Westberg
3/24/2024	Sunday	8:00 am*	Steven Drescher	Rick Castel	Matt Castel
		10:30 am*	Roger Orkfritz	Keith Bereolos	Niko Bereolos
3/28/2024	Thursday	7:00 pm*	Solomon Post	Tim Mahnke	Georgina Ozga-Dortch
3/29/2024	Friday	12:00 PM	Steven Drescher	N/A	Noah Drescher
		7:00 PM	Caleb Kittel	N/A	Reuben Velez
3/31/2024	Sunday	6:00 am*	Tim Mahnke	Solomon Post	Georgina Ozga-Dortch
		8:00 am*	Roger Orkfritz	Keith Bereolos	Niko Bereolos
		10:30 am*	Donovan Johnson	Rick Castel	Matt Castel

* Communion

ELGIN PREGNANCY CENTER COLLECTION

Thank you for your giving hearts and for all the items donated. **The Trinity Quilters** made 60 baby quilts along with several adult sized quilts, which were on display in the sanctuary earlier in February.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:16



Kid's Worship Bags



Kid's Worship Bags (lovingly sewn by The Trinity Quilters) are available each Sunday at the back of the Sanctuary. These bags are appropriate for kids 3 - 10 years old.

The bags are filled with crayons, coloring pages that go along with the day's scripture readings, books and other surprises which can help keep the squirms and wiggles at bay.

Kids are invited to take a worship bag into the worship service with them and are asked to place the worship bag to the return basket after service.

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR *by Lana Gibbons*



**Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Alleluia!
He lives again who once was dead! Alleluia!**

**Our life was purchased by His loss; Alleluia!
He died our death upon the cross. Alleluia!**

**O death, where is your deadly sting? Alleluia!
Assumed by our triumphant King! Alleluia!**

**And where your victory, O grave, Alleluia!
When one like Christ has come to save? Alleluia!**

**Behold, the tyrants, one and all, Alleluia!
Before our mighty Savior fall! Alleluia!**

**For this be praised the Son who rose, Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost! Alleluia!**

"Make Songs of Joy" (LSB 484)



SONGS OF JOY! Make **songs of joy!** Alleluia! Not just on Easter, but every day in every way! On this side of heaven and forever! Christ lives! And, because He lives we live also! We can rejoice with **songs of joy!** even in the midst of troubles in our sin-laden world. Christ, our triumphant King, has won the victory for us over sin, death, and the power of the devil! For this be praised the Son who rose! Make **songs of joy!** Alleluia!

SONGS OF JOY! There will be plenty of **songs of joy!** in worship this Easter season and beyond. And, plenty of music played by the *Celebration Ringers* (Bells), *Voices in Praise* (Adult Choir), *HIS Band* (instrumentalists) and the *Joyful Chorus* (Children's Choir). You and your children are always welcome to join us at any time! Bells and Choir meet on Tuesday evenings - Bells at 6:00 pm in the loft; Choir at 7:00 pm under the loft. The children meet on Sundays during the Sunday School hour at 9:15 am. Instrumentalists meet before worship for the services they play at. After Easter, there's still weeks left before these musical groups break for the summer months. Maybe you'd like to try ringing, singing, and/or playing on a short-term basis? Think about it. Pray about it. Give it a try. Come join us! Let me know what you can do and God will do the rest as He orchestrates and directs His Easter people to share His **songs of joy!** Alleluia!

VOICES IN PRAISE

Handbells & Choir
Tuesdays
Bells at 6 pm, Choir at 7 pm

CELEBRATION RINGERS

See worship folder for more information

TLC PRESCHOOL NEWS *by Kathy Kaszuba, Acting TLC Preschool Director*



The sun has finally decided to show itself and the children are loving every minute of it! We have had so much fun outside and are noticing all the new sprouts peeking out from the mulch. We can feel that the Spring season is so close we can touch it!

The children have been discussing Lent and what it means to all of us. Pastor also taught the children that the word "Amen" means to be trusted; a for sure thing. That we can always trust in God and he will always be here for us!


Tom's flower orders are coming in and everyone is getting ready for the Spring months to arrive. If you are in need of some beautiful flowers, orders need to be in to TLC Preschool by March 8th.

As we help prepare our little ones for Easter, let us all remember the quote from John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Happy Easter to the whole Trinity family!

Brightest Blessings,
Kathy Kaszuba



 Want to keep track of all things preschool? Follow us on our Facebook page: [TLCHuntley](#)

LWML *by Reta Stohs*



LWML is an organization of Lutheran Women in Mission! As such, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. If that sounds like something you'd love to do too, please join us!

The Trinity ladies are part of the LWML No. IL District. [Click link to learn more.](#)



Being a Christian is a blessing and the Joy of Jesus in our lives should be evident. The LWML website is full of information and contains all the news and events going on. You can visit them at www.LWML.org

You can check out their latest eNews newsletter by clicking [HERE](#). 

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES


BIRTHDAYS

Dana McNamara	3/1	TJ Fossmeyer	3/12	Katrina Bredlau	3/25
Wayne Goers	3/1	Grace Arrigoni	3/12	Arabella Sindelar	3/26
Clare Bahn	3/1	Amelia Lesniewski	3/13	Mike Steinbach	3/28
Pamela Cumpata	3/2	Annamarie Sansom	3/13	Kelly Sindelar	3/28
Bonnie Calame	3/3	Elias Lesniewski	3/13	Diane Schoenrock	3/29
Braeden Kittel	3/4	Ace Warren	3/15	Caleb Kittel	3/31
Ellie Andros	3/5	Marty Loughlin	3/17	Andrew Brening	3/31
Marlene Pump	3/7	Kathleen Mayerhofer	3/18		
Scott Ravagnie	3/8	Andre Michel	3/19		
Terry Wilkins	3/9	Hoppy Kahl	3/19		
Kristy Schultze	3/12	Carol Nolan	3/22		
Randy Bahn	3/12	John Lesniewski	3/23		
Samuel Sneed	3/12	Jim Bollinger	3/24		

ANNIVERSARIES


Rich & Mary Mueller *60 years on 3/14*
Curt & Annette Kittel *18 years on 3/29*

BIBLE STUDIES, GROUPS AND EVENTS


Sunday Bible Study

Sundays at 9:15 am
See the Worship Folder for more information.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 - 10:15 am
In the Sanctuary
Age 3 - Grade 6




**Train up a child in the way he should go:
and when he is old,
he will not depart from it.**


Proverbs 22:6



Thursday Bible Study

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month

Join the study for a brown bag lunch at 11:45 am. Bible study begins at 12:30 pm.
Meets under the balcony.




BOOK REVIEW GROUP

All women are welcome!

2nd Tuesdays
1:30 pm @ Trinity

Join us on March 12th!
We will be discussing:
"The Great Alone" by
Kristen Hannah



BOOK REVIEW GROUP

Any questions you may have may be directed to Judy Ladage, 224-858-7282.



Men's Breakfast

2nd Saturday of the Month at 8:00 am
All men are welcome to meet for breakfast and fellowship
Meets at the Village Inn Huntley



For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.
Matthew 18:20

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Psalm 100:2



The Trinity Quilters



Meets on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Church Basement

Contact Marilee Payne for more info



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR FOR 2024

Volunteer sign-up spots are available for hosting/providing goodies for the Fellowship Hour between Sunday services (coffee and juice is provided by the church). You can host on your own, with a friend or with a group.

Sign-up on the board in the Narthex



Altar Flowers

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2024 IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX. TO PLACE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR FOR A SPECIAL DATE, SIGN YOUR NAME AND OCCASION (IF APPLICABLE) NEXT TO THAT DATE. ALTAR FLOWERS MAY BE TAKEN HOME AFTER THE LAST SERVICE (IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON HAS SIGNED UP, PLEASE JUST TAKE ONE VASE). THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GLORIFY GOD AS YOU REMEMBER SOMEONE YOU LOVE OR CELEBRATE A MILESTONE! THE COST IS \$35. FLOWER ENVELOPES ARE IN THE RACK IN THE NARTHEX.

SNAPSHOTS OF TRINITY



Ash Wednesday



TLC Pregnancy Center Drive



Baptism

Hayden Russell Dennis was baptized on February 18, 2024.

CHURCH CONTACT AND OTHER INFO

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Elders

Keith Bereolos
 Enrique Castel
 Steve Drescher
 Donovan Johnson
 Caleb Kittel
 Tim Mahnke
 Roger Orkfritz
 Solomon Post

Board of Ministry Directors

Ed Dennis
 Nancy Dvorak
 Ken Ladage
 Tim Mahnke
 Georgina Ozga-Dortch
 Sandy Phelps
 Janet Westberg

Trinity Worship Times

Sundays @ 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Holy Communion

2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays

Worship Service Broadcast

Every service is broadcast live on the internet. You can find it at TrinityHuntley.org/live or on the Trinity home page.



@TrinityLutheranHuntley

Church Office Hours The church office is open Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. Pastor Hatesohl is available in the office both Tuesday and Friday mornings and by appointment.

Help Keep Church Records Up To Date If your contact information has changed or you are not receiving emails, please let the church office know. Call the church office at 847-669-5780 or email at office@trinityhuntley.org.

Prayer Chain Trinity's prayer chain is always available to pray for you and those you love. Jesus hears our petitions and He will answer according to His good and perfect will. With thanksgiving, we make our requests to Him. Call or email the church office.

Hospital Visits Please contact the church office if you or a family member are, or are planning to be, in the hospital. You can be added to the prayer chain and/or a visit can be scheduled.

Flower Chart The flower chart for 2024 is on the bulletin board above the tract rack in the Narthex. To place flowers at the altar for a special date, sign your name and occasion (if applicable) next to that date. The cost is \$35. Altar flowers may be taken home after the last service (If more than one person has signed up, please just take one vase). This is a great way to glorify God as you remember someone you love or celebrate a milestone!

Electronic Giving Trinity offers two options, Give+Online and the Vanco Mobile App. Visit TrinityHuntley.org and click on the "Giving" tab for more information.

Head over to Culver's Restaurant of Huntley, Rt. 47, on ANY Saturday evening, ANY Sunday or ANY Wednesday and present your weekend bulletin when ordering and Culvers will donate 10% of your total order to Trinity.

WORSHIP ANEW - A Program for Shut-Ins A 30-minute Lutheran worship service is televised weekly on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on Chicago's CW station WPWR channel 50 (Comcast 184) and at 10:30 a.m. on TCT (DirecTV channel 377). A complete list of viewing options is available at WorshipAnew.org.

MCRide is a great way to get around McHenry County. It is an "on-demand" travel service available to citizens of Huntley. Riders schedule their trips in advance and the vehicle provides curb-to-curb service from the rider's desired pick-up and dropoff destinations. Call 1-800-451-4599 to schedule a ride.

Grafton Food Pantry Please place donations in the "shopping cart" located in the narthex. Please also consider a monetary gift. If you would like to make a monetary donation you may place a separate envelope from your Trinity donation in the offering plate labeled FOOD PANTRY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Questions: Contact Judy Melman at 847-669-6563 or lmelman02@comcast.net.

Lent & Holy Week 2024

Midweek Lenten Supper & Service

February 21 & 28; March 6, 13 & 20

Supper 5:45 - 6:45 pm, Service 7:00 pm

Palm Sunday Service - March 24

8:00 & 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday Service - March 28

7:00 pm

Good Friday Service - March 29

12:00 & 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Services - March 31

6:00, 8:00 & 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 am



*Trinity Lutheran Church
Huntley, IL*

EASTER LILY REQUEST

Members and friends of Trinity, who wish to place an Easter lily at the altar for the Easter Season, please fill out the request form by Sunday, March 17. Return to the church office or place in the Easter lily box in the narthex. *The cost of the Easter lily plant this year will be \$15.00 each.* Names of the donors will be printed in the Easter bulletin. You may pick up the plants after the Easter services. Those plants remaining will grace the chancel area at the next week's service.



I wish to place _____ Easter lily(ies) at the church altar for the Easter Season.

\$ _____ enclosed. (Make check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church)

In Memory/Honor of (please circle one):



Donor's Name:

