

# Trinity News

**March 2024**

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Office Hours:  
M-Th. 8:00-4:00  
Fridays 8:00-Noon

Sunday Worship:  
8:30 and 10:45

March 3 Traditional and  
Contemporary Worship  
with Communion

March 10 Traditional and  
Contemporary Worship

March 17 Traditional and  
Contemporary Worship with  
Communion

March 24 Palm Sunday  
Traditional and  
Contemporary Worship with  
Communion

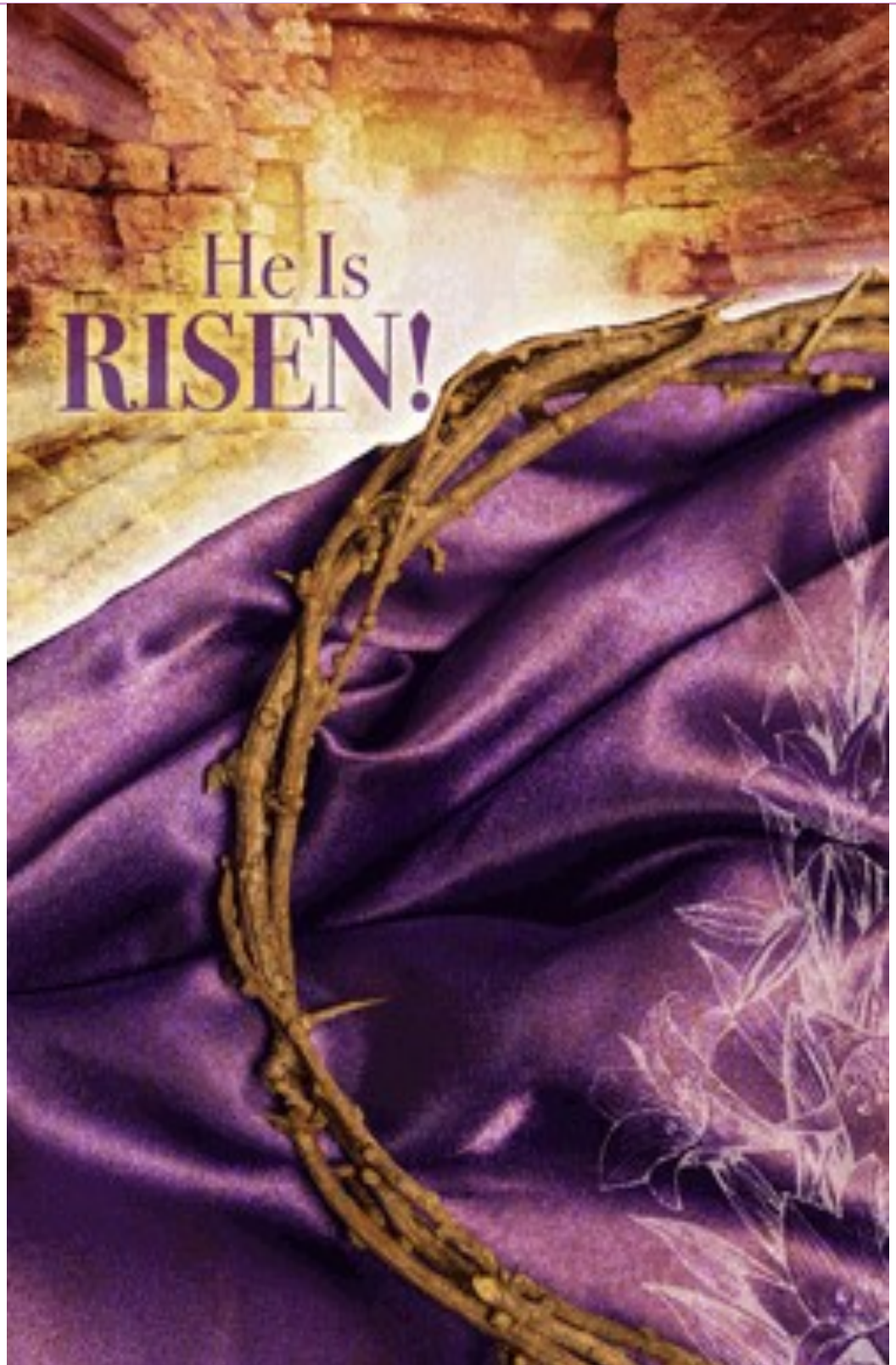
March 28 Maundy Thursday  
7:00 p.m. with communion

March 29 Good Friday  
Worship 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.

March 31 Easter Sunday  
Sunrise, Traditional, and  
Contemporary Worship with  
Communion

Wednesday Lenten Service  
March 6, 13, 20.  
11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Tune in to KOTA radio 1380  
AM or FM 100.7 on your dial  
to listen to the 8:30 am  
worship service.



Dear Fellow Ministers,

Have you ever visited one of those places, say a church, or maybe some historical building, some famous site that is truly impressive. Was there some sort of guide or interpreter or host who could tell you many fascinating things about the building in which you found yourself? At the very least they made you feel very welcome. It was as though they were delighted that you were there and they had been waiting just for you? Then there are those other times when you stop at some site and even though there are those whose job it is to extend hospitality they did not do so. At best your presence was ignored and at worst they acted as though you were an inconvenience, a bother. As a result your experience was much the less because of it. So often in so many places the experience you might have depends upon a lot more than the physical space, than the impressive architecture.

A few months ago the issue of revamping the narthex was raised. The narthex is the area just inside the front door before you get to the nave, which is where all the pews are. The thought was how can we make better use of this space and make it more welcoming. There have been some good suggestions made and work will be proceeding in the near future to make the narthex more attractive and more welcoming.

Part of the thought behind doing something is obviously that desire to provide a warm welcome to those who visit Trinity for whatever reason. It is an answer to one of those very Important questions which congregations need to ask themselves. "Do we expect visitors?" The follow up question is "How will we welcome them?" One of the ways is to make the initial space as welcoming as possible.

One of my professors in seminary wrote of how walking into a church can be one of the most intimidating experiences we have. Maybe the visitor has not been in church for a long season. Maybe there has been some event in their lives which has caused them to seek out an opportunity to worship. Maybe they have previously had a very bad experience with a congregation and this is an enormous risk on their part to see if all congregations are of a like nature.

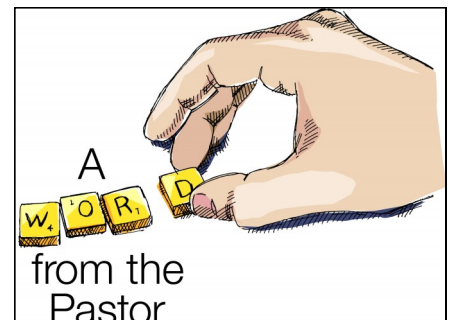
Maybe the Spirit has been working on them because of those faithful prayers of a family member or friend and they are thinking about living in a faith relationship once again. A warm and friendly welcome just might be what it takes to help them reenter a relationship with Jesus.

Doing work on the narthex is a good thing to do. To make the space as welcoming as possible is a very good thing to do. That is one reason I appreciate so very much the work which is done on our bulletin boards to keep them looking good and also current. I know I have visited some congregations over the years and there has been no change in their bulletin boards during that time. They have become so static you might even say they have become petrified and that is not very welcoming. Ours change regularly which is a marvelous thing.

Welcoming space, bulletin boards that are attractive and current, those things are important. However they go hand in hand with the welcome with which a person is greeted. Again, I'm sure you can remember experiences both negative and positive which have depended upon people, upon hospitality, upon a relationship. How do we care for and care about the person we just met? That I think is what is central to hospitality.

The reason for all of the hospitality we show is because Jesus likes it when we welcome the stranger, the visitor, when we let them know there would be a place for them here. That is what hospitality is and does. Moreover, when we welcome them we welcome him. Maybe that welcome which we extend, which you extend becomes a lifeline for someone who is desperately seeking. A warm welcome, a showing of love is an awesome thing to give and to receive. It becomes a marvelous compliment to a beautiful place to worship, welcoming space. It lets visitors know the people here are as beautiful as the place they have entered.

Blessings,  
Pastor Wilbur



### Lent Worship Schedule

#### March 3rd—Sunday

8:30 Worship with Communion

10:45 Worship with Communion

#### March 6th—Wednesday

11:30 Worship, Luncheon

5:30 Worship, Soup Dinner

#### March 10th—Sunday

8:30 Worship

10:45 Worship

#### March 13th—Wednesday

11:30 Worship, Luncheon

5:30 Worship, Soup Dinner

#### March 17th—Sunday

8:30 Worship with Communion

10:45 Worship with Communion

#### March 20th—Wednesday

11:30 Worship, Luncheon

5:30 Worship, Soup Dinner

#### March 24th—Palm Sunday

8:30 Worship with Communion

9:30 - 10:30 Palm Sunday Breakfast

10:45 Worship with Communion

#### March 28th—Maundy Thursday

7:00 Worship with Communion

#### March 29th—Good Friday

1:30 Worship

5:30 Worship

#### March 31—Easter Sunday

6:00 Sunrise Service at Trinity Prayer Park

8:30 Worship with Communion

10:45 Worship with Communion



<u>March 5:</u>	Jean Bouska
	Dustin Schmitt
	Elizabeth Schmitt
<u>March 6:</u>	Mary Keyser
<u>March 7:</u>	Melody Hieb
<u>March 8:</u>	Kelsey Johnson
	Greg Riley
<u>March 9:</u>	Tim Pavek
<u>March 12:</u>	Jessica Pedersen
<u>March 13:</u>	Loleen Anderson
<u>March 15:</u>	Lisa Westlake
<u>March 16:</u>	Eric Henriksen
<u>March 17:</u>	Desiree Klapperich
<u>March 18:</u>	Kenneth Fauss
<u>March 19:</u>	Jakob DeSmet
<u>March 20:</u>	Matt Hackett
<u>March 27:</u>	Ruby Braun
	Jan Kappelman
<u>March 28:</u>	Jace Jandreau
<u>March 30:</u>	George Powers

### Lenten Challenge

During Lent the Evangelism Committee would like to challenge each one of you to read and meditate daily on one Psalm per week. You can pick a favorite Psalm or these are the ones chosen in the Christ in Our Home Devotionals available at our church.

Week 1 -- Psalm 25

Week 2 -- Psalm 22

Week 3 -- Psalm 19

Week 4 -- Psalm 107

Week 5 -- Psalm 51

Palm Sunday -- Psalm 31

Easter Sunday -- Psalm 118

Let us know if this was meaningful for you. Happy reading!  
Evangelism Committee







## Group Meetings and Other Important Information



### **KOTA Broadcast** Each Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Our Sunday morning broadcasts began in 1938 and have continued ever since! Memorials and gifts sustain this ongoing and appreciated ministry. We have a large Sunday morning congregation. Tune into KOTA radio 1380 AM or FM 100.7 on your dial! Or, stream the service on your computer or phone at [tunein.com](http://tunein.com) or [kotaradio.com](http://kotaradio.com)

### **Marie's Bible Study (Marie Sailer, 381-4290)**

Marie's Bible Study will be March 19 at 7:00 location to be announced.

**"Wednesday Fellowship Luncheon"** meets at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a fried chicken and mashed potato or taco bar meal. Cost will be \$5. Pastor Wilbur will lead a short Bible Study on the coming Sunday's texts. **Fellowship lunch will not happen during Holy Week.**

**Church Council** will meet Tuesday March 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library/Lounge.

**Missions meeting** will be March 4, at 4:00 p.m. in the Library/Lounge.

**TLC Women's Bible Study** will meet Thurs., March 14 and March 21, at 9:00 a.m. in the Library/Lounge. Alice Bentley leads this Bible Study on "Kingdom of God".

**Weekday Bible study** facilitated by Penny Steinken is on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

**Finance Committee** will meet at 1:30 p.m. on March 11 in the Library/Lounge

**"Souper" Chilli Cookoff** will be on March 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets can still be purchased in the Church Use the QR code to register your Chili!

## Tuesday "Lunch and Learn" March 12, 2024 @ 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Join us for lunch and learn something new at the March 12 "Lunch and Learn". We begin with devotions at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a delicious lunch. Our guest speaker, Pastor Wilbur Holz, will talk about his sabbatical at Koinonia Farm in Georgia.

Koinonia Farm was founded in 1942 as a "demonstration plot for the Kingdom of God." The founders meant for the farm to be an intentional community of believers sharing their lives and resources, following the example of the first Christian communities as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

All members of the congregation are welcome to attend. Invite a friend to join us! Please bring a salad, hot dish, bread or dessert to share or you may leave \$5.00 by your plate.



*Lutheran Campus Ministry Presents*

## Souper Chili Cookoff!



**March 17 at 5pm**  
**Trinity Lutheran**  
**Church**  
402 Kansas City St

Sign up to  
compete!





## News and Announcements



### Shopping Cart Sunday is March 3



Trinity is in need of soup (not tomato, please!), pork and beans, Vienna sausages, Cup of Noodles, Spaghetti's, or other canned pastas. Pop-top lids are preferable, but not mandatory.

We also need snack items (crackers, granola bars, cookies, fruit or pudding cups, chips, etc.) for our shelves.

### Count Your Blessings One by One

For a year we have talked about blessings and asked you to write a little about a blessing you have received to be printed in the newsletter. Maybe you've had something happen to you that you felt was a blessing but it was too personal or too every day to write up. Well, now you can still count your blessings! Just write a word or two on a sticky note to remind you of what happened. Then stick it to the bulletin board in the narthex. Let's fill the board from top to bottom and side to side with all the many blessings in our lives!

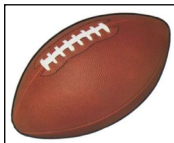


### NFL "Pick Um"

A very big thank you to **Doug and Julie Jensen** for donating \$10.00 Dairy Queen Cards for NFL pick prizes.

We raised \$536 towards the Tijuana House during the NFL season. Thanks to all who played and donated.

Congrats to **Don Hackett** for winning the Super Bowl Pick!



There will be a Palm Sunday Breakfast on **March 24th** from **9:30-10:30** in the Fellowship Hall.



### Thrivent Choice Dollars

March is the last month Thrivent Choice Dollars can be allocated. If you haven't already done so, please do so soon. Any amount blesses our church or any other non-profit. Thank you! The deadline to direct is March 31st.

See **page 11** for information on how to direct Thrivent Choice dollars.



January's Pancheros night raised \$342.27 for the Tijuana House Build!



### Putting a name with a face...

One of the suggestions from the survey of likes/changes at Trinity was to wear name tags again. So name tags are hanging on the ark board for members to wear while at church. If yours is lost, please let the church office or Cindy Elder know and we will get a new one made up for you! Thank you!



Orders are open for Easter Lilies, you can find the order form and additional information on page 12 and 13.

**We are still collecting the General Mills Box tops.  
Box is located in the Breezeway.**



## February 13, 2024 Church Council Highlights

- Pastor will meet with other downtown pastors to coordinate a Parade of Palms on Palm Sunday and to decide if an Easter sunrise service should be held at Main Street Square.
- There will be a Palm Sunday breakfast between worship services this year. Monies raised will go toward the Congregational Mission Trip house build in Mexico in 2025.
- Income for January was \$30,269.68 (this includes the \$7,500 quarterly gift from the Foundation). Expenses for January totaled \$34,227.57.
- Cindy Gruba has been hired to assist in the office on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.
- Several of the suggestions generated at the Leadership Café will be implemented right away, to include reintroducing name tags, involving Penny as liturgist on the second Sundays when Pastor is leading worship, and creating more of a social media presence for the church. Other suggestions made will continue to be discussed and implemented over time.
- The Properties Committee is working to get accurate information on the 68 sprinkler heads in the basement. It is yet to be determined whether they will all need to be replaced or if they can be "tested" and still prove viable.



## Annual Congregational Meeting Highlights January 28, 2024

- Attendees at the Congregational Annual Meeting divided into small groups to discuss Sunday morning worship at Trinity. Through the "Leadership Café" format, individuals responded to two questions: "What do you love about worship at Trinity?" and "If you could change anything, adding or deleting or making new, what would that be?" Responses will be compiled and made available to the congregation.
- The church ended the year in the black and presently has four months cash on hand for operating expenses.
- The Properties Committee is exploring options for the possible replacement of sprinkler heads in the basement. The committee is also continuing to maintain the current boiler for as long as possible, but it will need to be replaced in the future.
- Several interpretive signs have been installed in the Eco Prayer Park to help educate the public about the park's goals and appearance. Security cameras have been installed and a nightly patrol by Mountain States Security was initiated to help keep the park a safe space.
- The newly created Park Vision Board hopes to hire a part-time groundskeeper and seek a replacement for the park director in 2024.
- The church served 13,151 single serving meals to our downtown neighbors in 2023.
- The congregation voted for the following individuals to serve three-year terms on the Council: Anna DeSmet, Finance Committee; Eric Braun, Youth Committee; and Jean Bouska, Council Secretary. The position of Stewardship Chairman remains vacant.
- The congregation approved the 2024 church budget of \$355,169.80. This includes a 3% salary increase for staff.



## Leadership Café

Following the Leadership Café at our Annual Meeting January 28, the results were collated and made available in a hand out. They are still available in the office. We are still welcoming additional comments and leadership will continue to process what changes will come out of what has been shared.

Pastor Wilbur, Deacon Penny, President Karen Bulman and Worship and Music chair Melanie Paulson met to decide next moves. Changes proposed were presented at the February Council meeting and expanded upon. Here is what is in the works:

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| ♦ More social media presence  | Eric Braun came with great suggestions he will look into  |
| ♦ Do we need offering envelopes?                                    | This is one of a few things listed that if you like them, they are staying; if you don't let Dalaina know. We have offered other ways |
| ♦ Ushers offer info packet and be more welcoming                    | This is one of the social media possibilities adding QR codes to access info  |
| ♦ Go back to using name tags (lots of support)                      | Started week one; working on updating   |
| ♦ Not wearing robes for Communion                                   | Another compromise; not in Lent or summer   |
| ♦ "Special things" always at both services.                         | Some things, like Christmas Program we can do. Baptism, confirmation we may post on social media                                      |
| ♦ Penny as liturgist on second Sundays when Pastor is leading music | Will start in March or April  |
| ♦ Reach out to Lutheran Campus Ministry/ Mines/ greater community   | Looking into placing posters on campus  |

Other suggestions listed we will continue to look into:

- ◇ If we combine into one service time, have both styles of worship included (try it in the same service) and have the first or only service time be 9am
- ◇ Move second service to twice a month rather than quit it
- ◇ Find ways to get youth to attend
- ◇ Skits during sermon/interactions/ involve youth group
- ◇ Target young families. See the youth/kids more often, children's sermons when we have kids
- ◇ More singing by the choir
- ◇ Use Bible verses as parts of liturgy
- ◇ Sing Holy, Holy, Holy two times a year
- ◇ Have Communion first and third Sundays and choir sing third and fourth



## Youth group happenings for March

### Proverbs 3:5-6. ESV.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

### Youth Sunday school

9:40 Middle school and high school

Mar. 3 Sunday school

10 Sunday school

17 Sunday school

**24 No Sunday school Palm Sunday**

**Breakfast**

**31 No Sunday school Happy Easter**

Wednesday nights in March will be various Lent activities

- \* Mar. 6 Lent Service, soup dinner, middle school with mentor, high school with Russ
- \* 13 Youth and Mentor and high school youth fun activity to be announced
- \* 20 Youth ,mentors and high school Stations of the cross, time and place to be announced.
- \* 27 Holy Week, no youth group

### **Season of Lent**

During Lent our middle school youth ask an adult in our congregation to be a mentor during the season. They can sit in the service together if they choose, they can have soup dinner together and after dinner they will answer and discuss some guided questions. This is a great opportunity for our youth to get to know another adult in our congregation and to share some faith insights. Our high school youth will be digging deep into scripture with Russ in the youth room, asking some tough questions that they may not get all the answers to but they get to see that we all have questions and it's ok to not always have the answers. The whole group will go to a stations of the cross and have a fun evening out.



## Waymaker Youth Trip- July- 26-28

This summer we will offer a youth get a way. We will be learning about service and how that connects with Jesus. We will also be looking at how do I find something in the Bible. We be doing something on July 26 to be determined during the day and we will be at Black Hills retreat center the rest of the time. We will once again be offering youth an opportunity to bring a friend for free. We will need a \$50 deposit by April 1 for those that want to go. This retreat is for youth entering 6th grade in the fall and up.



12145 Paha Sapa Rd,  
Deadwood, SD 57732

Recreation: Lake fun, Rock Climbing, Zip line, Archery and Team Building, Carpet ball, Foosball, Billiards, Air Hockey, 4 way Volleyball, Gaga Ball, Disc Golf, Basketball, Hiking and Campfire each night

All meals at camp are included in the price. Youth may bring money for the coffee and snack bar. Lodges for accommodations.





**Cost: \$250 Per youth (Youth may take 1 friend for free)**

**\$50 deposit for youth by: April 1**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent permission:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Friend Coming With :**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent permission:** \_\_\_\_\_

## SD Mines Environmental Club visits snow-covered Park

Students from the Environmental Change and Sustainability Club at South Dakota School of Mines recently toured Trinity Eco Prayer Park. Club president Emily Emond suggested the tour to the club after attending a meeting arranged by Park Vision Board member Erica Haugtvedt, who is an English professor at Mines. Others at the meeting included Mines engineering professor Heidi Sieverding and Park Director Ken Steinken.

Haugtvedt organized the meeting as the result of a Park Vision Board discussion about the Park forming partnerships and collaborations with businesses and organizations that have interests in environmental and sustainability issues. One of the purposes of the club members' visit was to see if there might be ways for the students to get involved with the Park as volunteers or to possibly use the Park as a site for research projects. The Park has hosted several Mines research projects in the past.

Since the Park plant life is dormant this time of year and the grounds were mostly covered with snow, it was difficult for students to get an appreciation for the diversity of native plants in the Park. But as the sun was out and the temperature was just above freezing, they were able to observe a strong stream of snowmelt from the alley and nearby parking lots cascading into the stormwater inlet that feeds the Park's drainage channels and ponds. And the bright sunshine also meant the Park's solar panels were generating more electricity than the Park could use and putting any excess current into Black Hills Energy's power lines.

The Mines students who took the tour come from hometowns in Minnesota, Colorado and North Dakota. President Emily hails from Rapid City. The students represented a variety of majors including Physics, Mechanical Engineering, Biology and Business.

The Park Board is also exploring partnerships with Black Hills Works and the Conservation Planning and Park Management program at South Dakota State University.



Park Director Ken Steinken talks with Mines Environmental Club students about how the Park functions as a giant rain garden.



Park Vision Board Member Lisa Westlake (left) snaps a selfie during a wintry tour of the Park with Director Ken Steinken and Mines Environmental Club students (from back center to right) Tyler Kolhoff, Racine, Minnesota; Emily Emond, Rapid City, South Dakota (in stocking cap); Madison Janzen, Jamestown, North Dakota; and Toby Roberts, Longmont, Colorado.





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Time to  
Spring Ahead

## Fun Facts according to USA Today about "springing ahead"

### Why does Daylight Saving Time change at 2 a.m.?

In an interview with [Time Magazine](#), author Michael Downing cited his book, "[Spring Forward: The Annual Madness of Daylight Saving Time](#)," to explain how Amtrak and the railroads were the main reason clocks change at 2 a.m. for DST. There were no trains leaving the station at 2 a.m. on Sundays in New York City when Daylight Saving Time was established. "Sunday morning at 2 a.m. was when they would interrupt the least amount of train travel around the country," Downing said.

### Which U.S. states don't change clocks for Daylight Saving Time?

As of July 25, 2022, the [U.S. Department of Transportation](#) noted that only Hawaii and parts of Arizona do not participate in daylight saving time. The Navajo Nation is the lone exception in Arizona.

### When do we spring forward for DST 2024?

In the U.S., clocks will officially spring forward at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 10, 2024.

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## The History and Floral Meaning of the Easter Lily

(The following article is by Jill Brooke. Jill Brooke is a former CNN correspondent, Post columnist and editor-in-chief of Avenue and Travel Savvy magazine. She is an author and the editorial director of FPD.)

### SPIRITUAL HISTORY OF THE LILY

Known as the “white-robed apostles of hope,” fragrant white lilies were believed to symbolize the purity of Christ.

Turns out that in art dating back to the 14th century, the Archangel Gabriel is often depicted giving the Virgin Mary a lily when telling her that she would conceive a son by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thus the flower became associated with rebirth as well as a symbol of loss which is why the lily is used in funerals to connect the departed to God.

So we have ancient artists like Leonardo da Vinci to thank for this becoming part of our current traditions.



Furthermore, according to Marian T. Horvat, Ph.D., as early as the 7th century, the Venerable Bede likened the Virgin Mary to a white lily. He noted that the white petals symbolized her pure virginal body and the golden anthers, the radiance of her soul. Lovely thought, isn't it? The trumpet shape of the Easter lily also fit into the image of a trumpet sounding the message that Jesus had risen and thus loss becomes a form of rebirth too.

Others noted that since lilies start as ugly bulbs that live underground for at least three years and then bloom into these fragrant flowers, this is a metaphor for transformation. Jesus died a brutal death but then had a holy resurrection which has been the root of Christian faith.

Adding another layer to the lily's significance was how the scholars of St. Bernard's time also pointed out how the name Nazareth in Hebrew signifies a flower.

“Beautiful legends emerged to explain the origin of the flower,” says Horvat. “It was told that the lily sprang from the tears of Eve, when she was expelled from the Garden of Eden. But it was yellow until the day that the Virgin Mary stooped to pick it, thus symbolizing the role of the New Eve in restoring to the world the innocence lost by Eve.”

We particularly appreciate how this flower represents women as well as Christ. And speaking of Christ, even in the Bible, it is said that he had a particular fondness for this flower. In Matthew 6:25-29, Jesus says, “Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than the food, and the body than the raiment? Behold the birds of the heaven, that they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; and your heavenly Father feedeth them.

“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” Isn't that cool?

So today is a time to reflect on rebirths, loss and especially the beauty of the white lily.

### FLOWER HISTORY IN UNITED STATES

Another interesting fact is that the Easter lily came to the United States from Japan. Just like our cherry blossoms.

Following World War I, a soldier named Louis Houghton brought a suitcase of lily bulbs from Japan back to the U.S., specifically to his home state of Oregon. Houghton gave the lily bulbs to his horticultural friends, and soon enough, the area along the California-Oregon border, which happened to have prime growing conditions for the flowers, became known as the Easter Lily Capital of the World.

After Pearl Harbor, Japanese shipments were no longer welcome which created more demand for Easter lilies from Oregon and especially California growers. And just like Detroit became known for cars, soon Smith River, California, home to less than 900 residents, produced 95% of the world's Easter lily bulbs.

Also, the Greek Orthodox use these flowers but celebrate Easter a week later or sometimes a few weeks later. For 2020, it will be April 19th. And once you buy a beautiful lily, here are ways to take care of it.



## HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR EASTER LILY

- ◇ If your Easter lily comes wrapped in foil, remove it since the plant can become waterlogged on the bottom.
- ◇ Easter lilies require a medium moisture level and should never stand in water for a long time.
- ◇ Remove the yellow anthers from the center to prolong the life of the white flowers.
- ◇ They like bright areas indoors with natural light but not too much exposure to sun.
- ◇ Don't let your cats near them. Easter lilies are toxic to cats.
- ◇ Lilies are perennials. So yes, you can plant them outdoors once the blossoms wither.
- ◇ Plant them in a sunny spot with well-drained soil at the same depth as they were in their vase or container. Many say to spread several inches of mulch then around the base of the flowers.
- ◇ Keep the soil moist during winter so the bulbs are happy.
- ◇ Do not plant them around other types of lilies. Because a virus could occur.
- ◇ Easter lilies are in a class of their own.



### Easter Lily Order Form



Trinity is taking orders for Easter Lilies to be given in memory/honor of loved ones. Please fill out the form below and give it to the person in the church entryway collecting orders on Sunday morning, drop it off at the church office during the week, or mail to 402 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD 57701 along with your payment.

**Checks can made out to "Trinity Lutheran Church".**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Easter Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ X \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL (Ck.# \_\_\_\_\_)

Given in Memory/Honor of please be specific and write clearly:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Orders due to office by March 19th, 2024**





### Things happening in missions

- The First Friday of every month Dirk Courchaine cooks and serves a meal at Cornerstone Mission – March 1
- Mission committee will meet on March 4th at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to be involved with the mission committee please contact Michelle Mechaley.

### Tijuana house and trip 2025 All Congregation mission trip to Tijuana, Mexico

Palm Sunday breakfast for the 2025 Tijuana house. This will probably be our last big fundraiser for the house.

Yes, it is still over a year away. There is a lot of planning that goes into a mission trip and even more fundraising. This upcoming trip we do plan to build a house for a new family. Building this house will cost \$ 11,000, at this time we need another \$4000 to build that house . We will do other ministry while we are in Tijuana and we will connect with our previous 2 families that we built for. We will also do some ministry in a men's home, an orphanage and most likely we will go to the dump which is hard to describe but a ministry for sure. We will also most likely do some kind of VBS.

The next step for us is, we will start raising funds for those who would like to go on this trip. We have taken those as young as 6 years and as old as 79 years. This trip is for anyone who feels God is leading them to take that leap and try a new ministry.

IF you think you are leaning towards going I would encourage you to help with the fundraiser. If you know this isn't something you want to do you can still help. Helping with, and participating in the fundraisers is being a part of the ministry, encouraging those who are going that you are supporting them, financially, all ways to be a part of the 2025 Tijuana mission trip.



**Breakfast  
Sunday, March 24  
9:30 am - 10:30 am**

**Pancakes,  
Scrambled Eggs,  
Bacon, Sausage,  
And Fruit**

**Free-will offering for  
2025 Tijuana House**



# Easter Story

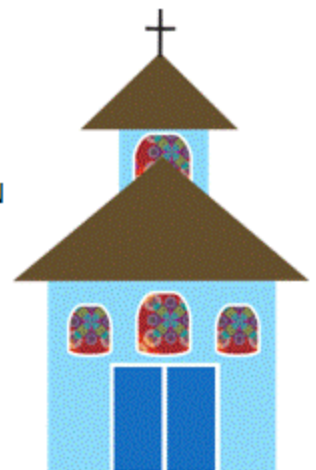
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## Missions Trip with Answer the Call

In February, I was blessed to be able to travel to India and Nepal with Answer the Call International, a non-profit ministry started by my friend and coworker, Lea Haisch. ATC (Answer the Call) has been working with pastors and their churches in India and Nepal for over 17 years. With the help and support of people throughout the US, and beyond, they have been raising money through fundraisers at local churches, radio shows, blogs and word of mouth. Until COVID they even had a store in the Creamery Mall (The Open Suitcase) where they sold goods made by people living in the communities they support, with all the profits going directly back to them.

Our team faced some obstacles along the way. Our plane was grounded in Rapid City due to fog, we rented a car and drove six hours to Billings in order to catch our flight out of Minneapolis which delayed our trip by one day. Four planes and two days later we made it to Rajahmundry, India where the pastors and children from the orphanage met us with open arms! For the next week we would share messages of hope and encouragement to the Pastors and their wives at a Pastors conference, to widows and lepers that gathered together to worship and receive food and provisions and to the members of the sewing centers built to teach women a skill to help them make money for their families. My favorite memory was renting a bus to take the orphans and other members of Pastor Babu Rajesh's church to the Indian Ocean. The children (and us!) had so much fun playing in the warm waters. The most powerful moment was witnessing 8 people get baptized into God's kingdom right there in the ocean! Among those baptized was a young couple that were recently married by Babu and his family. They were running for their lives as the girl's family was trying to have them killed because the young man she married was in a lower caste than her family...an honor killing they called it. We were able to bless them and her mother-in-law, who took them in, with money to help them in their struggles. We will be remembering them in our prayers.

Our last week we spent in Kathmandu, Nepal, supporting and encouraging Pastor Mltra and his family as they minister to the people living in the slums of the city where the poorest of the poor live. His church is a shining light right in the middle of the slums. Over 60 children from all over the slums come to his Friday night children's service. There was so much joy coming from that tiny church! We were then invited to one of the home churches where we took turns sharing God's word and encouraging each other. They were singing in Nepalese but we quickly figured out the song from the melody..."How Great Thou Art". We all sang together, them in Nepalese and our team in English, as we worshiped together our God who is so faithful and shows up mightily for those he loves!

There are many other stories I would like to share! Please join me and the Answer the Call team for the Ladies Salad luncheon in May where we will give a presentation with pictures and share more of our trip. We can't wait to tell of all the wonders God is up to on the other side of the world!

In God's Peace,

Michelle Mechaley  
and the ATC team









### **What I learned in February while lunching by Kayla Richters**

(The following article talks about child sexual abuse)

Last month's Lunch "N" Learn featured Brandon Ferguson as the guest speaker. Brandon is the founder of an organization called Ending the Silence which was founded two years ago. The focus of this organization is ending Native on Native crime and bringing awareness to one of the large issues in our local native community by acknowledging and talking about past traumas of sexual abuse.

Brandon opened with a some shocking statistics. He told us that to date (2-13-2024) in our community that there were 51 Native American kids ages 13 to 17 listed as missing over the last 50 days. He also stated that 4 out of 5 Native American kids are sexually assaulted by the age of 12. He said that in the Native community when these kids are trying to outcry to a trusted family member they are silenced with the threats that "You can't be talking like that" or "You'll never see us again, they will take you and give you to a white family, no one can hear you say these things." Brandon attributes this instillation of fear and burying secrets as the top contributing factors to increased suicide attempts and running away. But how did they get there? How did this familial sexual abuse make its way into the Native American Community.

Let's go back. Brandon explained it to us in terms of his family by talking about his great grandmother, Dora. He explained that when she was a child and sent to a boarding school is when the start of the institutionalized sexual abuse began. He stated that the sexual abuse and rape done to these kids by nuns and priests was then learned and often they would abuse the other kids they were roommates with as well. So then, these kids age out and back to the reservation they go. Now they are young adults with no ability or help to deal with these things that happened to them so most of them turn to alcohol to numb, cover, make the pain bearable. In turn they have kids, and then those kids are sent off to the schools and the cycle perpetuates and grows.

So what can be done? Brandon told us he doesn't have the answers but he does seem to

have some wonderful ideas. He works with the youth in our community to try and give them back some of that hope that's been taken from them. He tries to let them know that they are loved, valued, and that they matter. They spend time in the Black Hills riding ATV's, they go to concerts, movies, he put on the community wide Halloween Trunk or Treat at the church last October, and these are just a tidbit of the things they do. He also organized things for the elders such as Thanksgiving dinner or February Pancake feed. He said hope was one of the big things taken away and that's what he is trying to give back.

He acknowledged the learned bias that we experience as a whole from the things we have seen over the years, for example people passed out on the street, at town festivals, etc. He asked us to imagine now how those peoples kids are also out seeing this but instead of it being just "another drunk" that it is mom or dad, and how that effects their self worth and self esteem. He stated that he personally believes that ownership needs to be taken and facts need to be accepted for change and healing to happen.

One of the last things I want to touch on that he told us was bridging the issues for transitional housing that is needed. He stated that a lot of the time when someone is ready to go to treatment or gets a date where a bed is going to be open for them in a treatment facility that the amount of time between they have nowhere to go sends them back to the alcohol and substances, or back to relationships. He mentioned Native Healing which is to be a 34 bed transitional housing for those waiting to get into treatment facilities so they aren't back on the streets with the drugs and alcohol and in a safe place with people to support and encourage them while waiting for their place in a treatment facility. You can find more on Ending the Silence on their Facebook Page.

Next month's lunch "n" learn will be on March 11th at 11:45 with Pastor Wilbur speaking about his time at Koinonia Farm during his sabbatical. Hope to see you all there!

## BLESSINGS BOX AND GOD MOMENTS

Sharing coffee with colleagues and discussing Sunday readings is a blessing.

Seeing someone in worship who hasn't been with us for a while.

We may have less numbers coming for food but more people are coming for prayer and needing to talk. ~ Alice

Because of old family strife, I had a niece, whom I love dearly, that I'd just lost touch with and it broke my heart. In the last year God has opened the doors of communication. Last weekend we were able to spend the weekend together. Old wounds were healed and all were blessed. Praise the Lord!!

Many years ago on Feb. 22nd which was Ash Wednesday, I gave up cigarettes and have not picked them up again. God is Great! ~Brenda Cross

God blessed me by putting Dustin in my path so that I was able to share with him my similar experiences and offer him a ride home. Also, a blessing of a friend who shared this ride and time with Dustin and me.

I share a birthday with Kriste Steinken and on the day of our birthday I was blessed seeing her and was able to wish her a happy birthday!

Last summer I took up the tile floor in the hallway of a rental house I own. There were approximately 30 asbestos tiles, and I put them into two bags and took them to the landfill with other junk I had in my truck. When I drove onto the scaled, the woman at the window explained that the tile had to be double bagged and hauled to a special place. While she was talking, a man stuck his head out the window and said that he would help me and that I should pull off to the side.

When he came outside he told me to pull into the parking lot around the fence and stop. He walked to where I was, and he told me he would double bag the asbestos tile and get rid of it. Then he volunteered to take the rest of the boards and junk over to the dumpsters on the other side of the parking lot. I told him I could drive over there and do it myself, but he insisted on carrying each piece over to the proper dumpster.

I asked him why he wanted to do this because it was over 90 degrees that day with bright sun. He explained that he had been in the scale building working on a computer and that it was cold in there because the air conditioning was turned up too high and he wanted to get out in the sunshine and warm up.

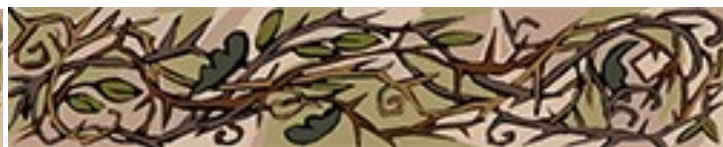
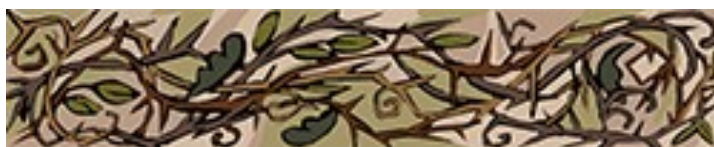
I believe God is always watching over me, and I thanked Him for sending this special man to help me that day. ~Jeanne Jacobson

**GO AND BE A BLESSING!**

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT/Month Ending January, 2024

	Jan 24	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Contributions and Offering		
Christmas and Advent	0.00	0.00
General Offering	22,424.59	29,799.00
Lent and Easter	0.00	0.00
TLC Foundation	7,500.00	0.00
Total Contributions and Offering	29,924.59	29,799.00
Interest & Dividend Income	240.09	0.00
Other Income	105.00	0.00
Total Income	30,269.68	29,799.00
Gross Profit	30,269.68	29,799.00
Expense		
10 Staff Expense	27,886.84	20,370.23
11 Operations Expense	1,414.20	1,858.37
12 Properties Expense	4,320.37	5,926.57
13 Missions Expense	318.34	275.00
14 Evangelism Expense	0.00	25.00
15 Parish Education Expense	0.00	56.14
16 Youth Expenses	41.80	141.74
17 Music and Worship Expense	156.17	141.63
18 Fellowship Expense	0.00	0.00
19 Stewardship Expense	89.85	33.37
Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	34,227.57	28,828.05
Net Ordinary Income	-3,957.89	970.95
Net Income	-3,957.89	970.95







2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b> Cornerstone Meal with Dirk Courchaine  6:30 Scouts in Library	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Shopping Cart Sunday  8:30 Worship, Broadcast, and Communion 9:35 Sunday School 9:35 Coffee in Breezeway 10:45 Contemporary Worship & Communion	<b>4</b>  4:00 Missions Meeting (Library)	<b>5</b>  6:30 Choir Practice	<b>6</b> 11:30 Lenten Worship 12:00 Fellowship Meal 5:30 Lenten Worship 6:00 Soup & Bread Meal 6:30 Youth Group	<b>7</b>  10:30 Staff Meeting (Breezeway)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:30 Worship 9:35 Coffee in Breezeway 9:35 Sunday School 10:45 Contemporary Worship	<b>11</b>  1:30 Finance Committee Meeting (Library)	<b>12</b> 11:45 Tuesday Luncheon 1:00 Penny's Bible Study 6:30 Church Council (Lounge)	<b>13</b> 11:30 Lenten Worship 12:00 Fellowship Meal 5:30 Lenten Worship 6:00 Soup & Bread Meal 6:30 Youth Group	<b>14</b> 9:00 TLC Women's Bible Study (Library/Lounge) 10:30 Staff Meeting (Breezeway)	<b>15</b>  6:30 Scouts in Library	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:30 Worship, Broadcast, and Communion 9:35 Sunday School 9:35 Coffee in Breezeway 10:45 Contemporary Worship & Communion 5:00 Souper Chili Cookoff	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  1:00 Penny's Bible Study 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Marie Sailer Bible Study	<b>20</b> 11:30 Lenten Worship 12:00 Fellowship Meal 5:30 Lenten Worship 6:00 Soup & Bread Meal 6:30 Youth Group	<b>21</b> 9:00 TLC Women's Bible Study (Library/Lounge) 10:30 Staff Meeting (Library)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Palm Sunday 8:30 Worship, Broadcast, and Communion 9:30 Palm Sunday Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 10:45 Worship & Communion	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  6:30 Choir Practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Maundy Thursday  7:00 Worship with communion	<b>29</b> Good Friday 1:30 Worship  7:00 Worship	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Easter Sunday 8:30 Worship, Broadcast, and Communion 10:45 Worship & Communion						

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH, 2024

GREETERS

USHERS

LECTOR

COUNTERS

COMMUNION

ALTAR  
GUILD

March 03 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Karl and Jill Jegeris	Robert Akerson Philip Rogers	Sandi Ohlen	Paul Fauss Wendy Hanken  8:30 Sound Board: John Goff	Dean Schmaltz Amber Jandreau Marie Sailer Michelle Wise Gina DelaBarre Glenn DelaBarre  Blessing: Alice Bentley	Bonnie Warejcka Stacey Schmaltz  8:30 Food Certificates and Lilies: Don Hackett
March 10 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Melanie and Chuck Paulson	Dirk Courchaine Beth Courchaine	Karen Bulman	Doug Krull Barry Elder  8:30 Sound Board: Jared Regelin		JoAnn Holcomb, Arletta Schuh, Charlotte Wilsey  8:30 Food Certificates and Lilies: Noreen Scholl
March 17 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Michael and Onita Stout	Greg Whitcher Nancy Whitcher	Ken Steinken	Jo Tracy Stacey Schmaltz  8:30 Sound Board: Tim Pavek	Bob Rose Sharon Rose Jan Kappelman David Doyle Lisa Doyle Lori Atkins  Blessings: Michelle Mechaley	JoAnn Holcomb, Arletta Schuh, Charlotte Wilsey  8:30 Food Certificates and Lilies: Cindy Elder
March 24 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Terry Payne and Bonnie Warejcka	Barry Elder Cindy Elder	Kristie Taylor	Faye Schroeder Brenda Cross  8:30 Sound Board: John Goff		Candace Burns Judy Mattson Tami Krull  8:30 Food Certificates: Jean Bouska
March 31 <u>Front door</u>  Jo Tracy and Wendy Hanken	Vic Tisher Doug Jensen	Brenda Cross	Bonnie Warejcka JoAnn Holcomb  8:30 Sound Board: Jared Regelin	Communion:  Volunteers Needed  Contact Kayla or Faye Ham	Candace Burns Judy Mattson Tami Krull  8:30 Food Certificates: Faye Schroeder

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR April, 2024

GREETERS

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April 7 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Sean and Karen Bialas	Doug and Tami Krull	Bonnie Warejcka	Gina DelaBarre Glen DelaBarre  8:30 Sound Board: Tim Pavék	Paul Elder Kristi Elder Taylor Elder Peyton Elder Jean Bouska Arlyce Naeve  Blessing: Julie Jensen	Marilyn Denison Michele Wise Marie Sailer  8:30 Food Certificates: Don Hackett
April 14 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Cindy and Barry Elder	Dean Schmaltz Victoria Karnes	David Doyle	Jo Tracy JoAnn Holcomb  8:30 Sound Board: John Goff		Marilyn Denison Michele Wise Marie Sailer  8:30 Food Certificates: Jean Bouska
April 21 8:30 <u>Front door</u> Paul and Kristi Elder	George Powers Jim Powers	Michelle Mechaley	Faye Schroeder Stacey Schmaltz  8:30 Sound Board: Jared Regelin	Kristi Taylor Julie Jensen Bonnie Warejcka Barb Powers Penny Steinken  Blessing: Alice Bentley	Bonnie Warejcka Stacey Schmaltz  8:30 Food Certificates: Noreen Scholl
April 28 8:30 <u>Front door</u> JoAnn Holcomb and Alice Bentley	Dave and Sandi Ohlen	Shelley Ahrlin	Bonnie Warejcka Paul Fauss  8:30 Sound Board: Tim Pavék		Bonnie Warejcka Stacey Schmaltz  8:30 Food Certificates: Faye Schroeder

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March 3 —Shopping Cart Sunday  
March 5,12,19,26 — Penny's Bible Study  
March 6,13,20 — Lenten Worship Services  
March 6,13,20 — Fellowship Lunch  
March 6,13,20 — Lenten Soup Dinner  
March 12 — Tuesday Luncheon  
March 14,21 — TLCW Bible Study  
March 19 — Marie's Bible Study



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### Trinity's Mission Statement

We are disciples of Jesus with open doors, open hands, and open hearts committed to making disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God.