



Dear Friends in Christ,

The center of the entire Christian faith is found in these three words: “He is Risen!” In those words, we learn that the punishment that brought us peace is overcome by the life eternal that cannot be contained by any tomb. Our Lord Jesus Christ, crucified for our sins on Good Friday, rose from the dead on Easter Sunday morning. His resurrection means resurrection for all the faithful as well. St. Paul writes “we were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His” (Romans 6:4-5). In Holy Baptism, we were baptized into Christ’s death. Our sinful self is put to death, as well. By itself, this would not necessarily mean anything good for us. Dead joined to dead is still dead. But, just as we are baptized into Christ’s death, we are also baptized into His resurrection. This means that Easter is not simply a celebration that Jesus lives. It is also a celebration that we will live forever.

These words “He is Risen” capture another aspect of Christ’s resurrection. He did not rise from the dead, simply to die again some other time. Elsewhere in the Scriptures, we learn of other individuals who were raised from death – Lazarus, the son of the widow from Nain, Eutychus (you may want to look this one up in Acts 20:7-12), and others. We do not learn anything about these others, though, that would lead us to believe that they did not die again later. We can say “Lazarus was raised.” But we do not cry out “Christ was raised” on Easter. We declare “He is Risen!” He who was dead rose to life Easter Sunday, and He lives now and forever. His life is eternal life, and that is the life that He gives to us.

On Easter Sunday (April 20 this year!), we celebrate Christ’s resurrection. But in reality, every Sunday in the year is a mini-Easter. Every Sunday, we gather together to celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection. Every Sunday, the central message of our worship is just this: “He is Risen!” Each Sunday is a festival celebrating the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, in His Son. While this celebration is toned down for Lent, this is still the message of our worship. This is still the content of our confession. This is still the center of our faith. To quote from one of our hymns, “This Joyful Eastertide:”

Had Christ who once was slain
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen,
But now has Christ arisen. (LSB 482)

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lieske



An online store is opening soon through Rambow Inc. where you can order Trinity apparel! You will be able to go online to access the store and check out the many options. Help will be available if you need it. More details will be available in the next week or so!



LWML Spring Event will be held on Saturday, April 26th from 9 am-12:30 pm. Fellowship and Bible Study will be followed by servant events to help those in need in the Barnesville area. All are welcome.



Enrollment is open now for the Trinity Preschool 2025-26 school year!

Mission Statement: Trinity Lutheran School seeks to nurture children in their relationship with Jesus Christ while providing a strong academic foundation.

There are half-day and full-day options for 3-4 year-olds and 5 year-old Pre-Kindergarteners.

Please help to spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors about our amazing Preschool! For more information, stop by the office for a packet, check out the Preschool website: www.preschoolattrinity.org, or email Stacy Larsen at info@preschoolattrinity.org There is also a Preschool at Trinity page on Facebook. Here is a link to a promotional video that you can watch and share with prospective parents as well. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jN4SMqw-lx0&t=3s>

“MSL North” Programs for April 2025:

April 6th: Rev. Matthew Tooman, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wahpeton, ND, presents the message: **“Jesus Brings You Through”** based on Isaiah 43:16-21. *This Is The Life Program: “Mr. Big” – A man from the big city learns humility and forgiveness in the county jail after an accident.*

April 13th: Rev. William Traphagan, Mission of the Cross Lutheran Church, Crosslake, MN, presents the message: **“Behold, Your King is Coming to You”** based on Matthew 21:1-9. *This Is The Life program: “A Child’s Easter Sermon” - A child shares the joy of Easter with an old shoemaker.*

April 20th: Rev. Scott Sailer, President – SD District, Sioux Falls, SD, presents the message: **“Heart’s Celebration”** based on John 20:1-18. *This Is The Life program: “Three Days” - The disciples' reactions and interaction in the days between Jesus' death and resurrection.*

April 27th: Rev. Daniel Larson, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Henning, MN, presents the message: **“Fake”** based on John 20:19-31. *This Is The Life program: “Gates of Glory” - Thomas recounts his experience with doubt and belief as he meets the risen Jesus.*

“MAIN STREET LIVING” is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program (normally *“This Is the Life,”* along with occasional church-season specials).

Programs are broadcast starting at 9:00am Central time on Fargo-Moorhead: KVRN Channel 15.1

Meet the Trinity Family

Eric and Karma Schneeberger Family



Eric became a member around his senior year of high school, while Karma has been a lifelong member of the church. About four years later they got to know each other better by playing together on the church softball team. With both being members of Trinity it was an easy decision to make on which church to get married at. They were married on April 23rd of 2011, which happened to be Easter weekend that year.

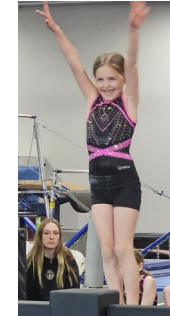
Eric graduated from NDSU with a bachelor's degree in Accounting. He is currently working as an accountant at Premier Specialty Vehicles and also has a few companies he does accounting work for as a side job. Karma is a graduate from Jamestown College and Minnesota School of Business with degrees in Physical Education and Massage Therapy with a minor in Coaching. Currently Karma is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom raising their five children.



The oldest child is Tucker, he is 13 and in seventh grade. Tucker enjoys playing football, basketball and baseball. He also enjoys golfing, farming and just being outside. Tucker currently wants to farm after he finishes school. Jackson is next in line at the age of 11 and is in sixth grade. He enjoys soccer, football, wrestling and baseball; he pretty much would try any sport he can. Jackson also loves to figure out how things work, if he could he would take apart most things and try and put them back together. He also enjoys being outside and golfing, really just being able to move and not sit still.



Now the girls in the family; Jaelynn is the oldest daughter at the age of 8 and in third grade. She loves school and would go year round if she could. Gymnastics is her other love which keeps her busy all year round. This last winter was her first time competing in competitions. Alexis is the middle daughter and she is 7 and in first grade. She is also in gymnastics and enjoys doing things with both sisters. Then there is Grace, who is 3 and loving being home with mom by herself during the day. She keeps us on our toes by being busy and getting into whatever she can. She loves being the 'baby' of the family and does not like being referred to as a 'big' girl.



Being together as a family doing things is a big part of what we enjoy, whether that is playing outside, games, doing crafts or just hanging out together. Music is also a big interest in the house with everyone either singing, playing music and making songs up.

Eric is an Elder, Sunday School teacher, in the choir and on the Stewardship board. Karma is on the School board, helps out with Sunday School and is involved with the Crafters.



Lent and Easter

April 2, 9 - 11am and 6pm

April 17 - Maundy Thursday - 11am and 6pm

April 18 - Good Friday - 11am and 6pm

April 19 - Easter Vigil - 8pm

April 20 - Easter! - 6:30am and 9am

Easter Breakfast will be served by the confirmands and their parents between the two services.

All children should remain after the 9 a.m. Easter Sunday service for an Easter Egg Hunt.



Trinity will be hosting the next night of dartball on Monday, April 7 at 7:00 pm and will need to be prepared with food, fun and fellowship for 30+ men. Please talk with Wayne Schoening if you are able to join in and help out by bringing some food, or if you have questions.



The Trinity Preschool will be holding a garage sale May 9-10th! Start gathering your donations (NO ELECTRONICS) and watch for more details in the May newsletter and future bulletins.



Branda Mouritsen is our Blanket Coordinator. If you know of a Trinity member who is under the weather and might appreciate this type of outreach, please contact her at 218-205-4832.



It's time to register for camp! Trinity members who are registering their kids for Lutheran Island Camp and are in need of a discount in the cost of tuition may contact the church office or Esther Schlicker to get a sponsor code to use during online registration. Camp brochures are available in the kiosk.

4⁴ 4 Families-4 Months-4 Fellowship-4 God!

Here is how it works. A family might be a single person, a couple, a couple with children, or two or more singles who work together as a family. Those interested in participating sign up and are put together in groups of four. During a four month period, they meet once a month in alternating homes and share a meal and fellowship. Nothing more is expected. The host family sets a date and verifies that it is acceptable to all; then contacts the others in the group and prepares the main dish. The other participants prepare and bring bread and salad, a side dish, and dessert. The next month another family acts as host and this continues over four months until all have hosted an event.

If the host prefers not to entertain in their home, they can meet at another venue like a restaurant, a park, or at church.

A sign-up sheet is in the kiosk until April 20 and the gatherings will take place in May, June, July, and August.

GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY

Ongoing Concern: Janet Maack, Brian Fitzner, Jeremy Elshaug, Elaine Culp, Ned Stueve, Gene True, Loretta Derke, Jennifer Wood (Jerald & Tami Gerhardson's daughter), Jim Anderson (Cal & Helen Johansen's friend), Jon Jastram (Phyllis Jastram's son), Dylan Maack (Bob & Janet Maack's grandson), Robin Roberts (Austin & Elaine Culp's daughter), Stephen Hauser (David Hauser's brother), Brenda Keilen (Lois Fitzner's daughter), Tara Reynolds (Sarah Goerdts's friend), Micah Sebek (Bobbie Adam's grandson), James Hohenstein (Karl Hohenstein's brother) Kate Matter (prior pre-school parent), Bridget Jackson (June Knopp's granddaughter), Jasmin Torvinen (great-granddaughter of Pastor & Ginny Lange), Brett Pixton (friend of Calvin & Helen Johansen), Eldon Anhorn (brother of Shirley Pribbernow), Robert Schmidt (brother of Gary Schmidt), Nicole Reseburg (granddaughter of Barb Peloquin), Dora O'Brien (friend of Calvin & Helen Johansen)

Homebound: Gary Froehlich, Dick Anderson, Lois Helm, Wally Lubben, Marlys Lueders, Ron Schulz, Lorraine Drews, Lois Fitzner, Beverly Hess, Norma Bradow, Marilyn A. Boese

Military: Callen Mouritsen, MN National Guard; Lt. Col. Dennis Gerold, U.S.A.F. Reserves (Lori & Leon Dawkins' son-in-law), Tech Sargent Isaac Christopher, U.S.A.F., Andrews Air Force Base, Washington D.C. (Donna Christopher's grandson); Lt. Col. George Hauser, DDS U.S. Army, Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX; (David & Mary Hauser's son); Gabe Johnson, MN National Guard, (Ken & Toni Erlandson's son); Major Dinsmore, MD MN National Guard (Al & Marcie Koennicke's grandson)

Missionaries: Rev. Dan & Joan Jastram, Japan; Deaconess Kim Buelmann, Germany (TIM Missionary); Delano & Linda Meyer, Africa; Jacque Breman, Africa; Ashley Lehr, Puerto Rico

Call the church office or the Pastor with prayer requests.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Fergus Falls, MN</p>		<p>1</p> <p>9:10 am Chapel 12:30 School Board Mtg. 2:00 Women's Bible Study 7 pm Trustees Mtg.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11 am Lent Service/lunch 1 pm Lydia Circle 4 pm Confirmation 6pm Lent Service 6:45 pm Choir practice Church office closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00 pm Crafters 12:30 pm Quilters 6:15 Bell Choir practice 6:30 Evening Circle</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 am Hebrew Study Group</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9 am Divine Service 10:30 Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 Elders Mites collection</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:10 am Chapel 7:00 pm Dartball @ Trinity</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:10 am Chapel 2:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11 am Lent Service Lenten lunch 4 pm Confirmation 6 pm Lent Service 6:45 Choir practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:00 pm Crafters 12:30 pm Quilters 6:15 Bell choir practice</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9 am Hebrew Study Group</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9 am Divine Service 10:30 Bible Study & Sunday School</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:10 am Chapel</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:10 am Chapel 2:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00 pm Choir practice</p>	 <p>17</p> <p>11:00 and 6 pm Maundy Thursday services 12 pm Crafters 12:30 Quilters</p>	 <p>18</p> <p>11 am and 6 pm Good Friday services</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8 pm Easter Vigil</p>  <p>EASTER VIGIL <i>John 1:1</i></p>
 <p>20</p> <p>6:30 am Sunrise Divine Service Easter Breakfast 9:00 Divine Service Egg hunt</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Newsletter items due</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8 am Men's Bible Study 9:10 am Chapel 2:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1 pm Knitting & crocheting 4:00 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12:00 Crafters 12:30 pm Quilters</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9 am Hebrew Study Group</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9-12:30 LWML Spring Event - Barnesville</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9 am Divine Service 10:30 Bible Study & Sunday School Food Shelf Sunday</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:10 am Chapel</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8 am Men's Bible Study 9:10 am Chapel 2:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p> <p>4 pm Confirmation</p>		<p>A live up-to-date calendar is available online on the church website: www.trinityff.org</p>	<p>On-Call Pastor Phone Number (218) 321-0993</p>

CELEBRATIONS!

April Birthdays

April 5 Helen Johansen
 April 6 Wayne Schoening
 April 7 Julia Larson
 April 9 Vern Floen
 April 12 June Knopp
 April 16 Lorraine Drews
 April 18 Adrienne Bolland
 April 19 Sarah Goerd
 April 19 Kristi Hedtke
 April 20 Ray Bode
 April 21 Benjamin Phillips
 April 27 Faith Bremmer
 April 30 Christopher Beighley
 April 30 Marilyn A. Boese

April Baptismal Birthdays

April 1 Richard Anderson
 April 1 Joel Auck
 April 3 Marlys Lueders
 April 4 Aaron Schultz
 April 5 Darlene Reiter
 April 13 Dilan Kløver-Pasche
 April 14 Ken Heidorn
 April 14 Caleb Neubauer
 April 17 Donna Samuelson
 April 17 Julie Drews
 April 20 Stephen Mouritsen
 April 23 Jon Schoening
 April 24 Michael Boese
 April 28 Aaron Wylie

April Anniversaries

April 7 Dale & Sharlene Schmidt
 April 23 Karma & Eric Schneeberger
 April 26 Wayne & Lizabeth Schoening
 April 30 Arnold & Adrienne Bolland
 April 30 Jeff & Brenda Johnson

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

Ushers for April

April 6

Gene Lindblom, Larry Stein & Arnold Bolland

April 13

Rodney, Dale & Jerry Schmidt

April 17 Maundy Thurs 11:00

Jon Schoening, Jeff Johnson, & Tim King

April 17 Maundy Thurs 6:00

Blaine & Margie Rasmussen, & Bobbie Adam

April 20 Easter - 6:30 am

Wayne Goerd, Jakob Ness, & Mark Samuelson

April 20 Easter - 9:00 am

Trevor & Rachael Larson, & Gary Schmidt

April 27

Jonathon & Annie Roehl & Eric & Karma Schneeberger

Greeters for April

April 6

Ken & Sue Heidorn

April 13

Donna U. & Tami G.

April 19 - 8 p.m.

Cal & Helen Johansen.

April 20 - 6:30 a.m.

Dale & Sharlene Schmidt

April 20 - 9:00 a.m.

Jerry & Shirley Pribbernow

April 27

Ken & Sue Heidorn

Eders for April

April 2 11:00 - Ross Eberle

April 2 6:00 - Aaron Schultz

April 6 9:00 - Eric S.

April 9 11:00 - Wayne S.

April 9 6:00 - Ken Erlandson

April 13 - 9:00 - Wayne G.

April 17 - 11:00 - Wayne S.

April 17 - 6:00 - Gary S.

April 18 - 11:00 - Ross E.

April 18 - 6:00 - Aaron S.

April 19 - 8:00 pm - Eric S.

April 20 - 6:30 am - Wayne S.

April 20 - 9:00 - Wayne G.

April 27 - 9:00 - David H.

Altar Guild for April

April 6

Sharlene S. & Tami G.

April 13

Cal & Helen Johansen

April 17 (Thursday) 11:00

Margie Rasmussen

April 17 (Thursday) 6:00

Ken & Sue Heidorn

April 20 Easter 6:30 am

Brenda J. & Nadine D.

April 20 Easter 9:00

David & Esther Schlicker

April 27

Char Dale

Acolytes for April

April 6

Kourtney & Ana

April 13

Samuel & Isabella

April 20 - 6:30 am

Jackson & Tucker

April 20 - 9:00 am

Ana & Noah

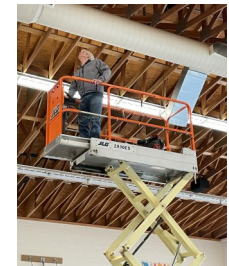
April 27

Ainsley & Jackson

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month!



Trinity Lutheran is blessed to have a long list of people who are willing to donate their time and talents to keep every aspect of the church running smoothly! Here is a partial list and the pictures of just a few: Preschool helper, finance secretary, handy-man, Sunday School teachers, Bible study leaders, musicians, ushers, greeters, altar guild, banner changers, elders, board members, board secretaries, food preparers, food servers, grounds keepers, plant waterers, crafters, quilters, crochet/knitters, counters, VBS staff, organizers, coordinators, Outreach teams, decorators, donators, deep cleaners, historians, presenters, etc. Everyone fits in there somewhere. Thank you for being a part of the Trinity



March Fun in the Preschool Class!

Dear Trinity Family,

March has been a month full of joy, laughter, and learning in our preschool class! We are so blessed to have such wonderful spaces to explore, learn, and grow here at Trinity, and we thank God every day for the friendships that continue to blossom among our little learners.

One of the highlights of our month was our **“T” Party** as we celebrated the letter T! The children dressed up, sipped on tea (or chocolate milk!), and enjoyed tasty treats while practicing their best manners. It was a delightful way to learn and play together!



Another favorite is always **Show and Tell**, where each child and teacher gets to share something special from home. It is a joy to see them proudly tell their stories and listen to one another with excitement and curiosity.



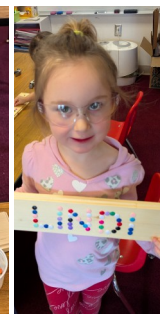
We also had a wonderful morning celebrating our dads at **Donuts with Dad**. The children were thrilled to spend time with their fathers, enjoying delicious donuts and making special memories together. It was a heartwarming time of love and appreciation!



Of course, no month would be complete without plenty of time **playing outside**. The children have been soaking up the fresh air, running, climbing trees, and exploring God’s creation with wonder and excitement. What a blessing it is to have such a beautiful space for them to enjoy!



We are incredibly grateful for the love and support of our church family. Thank you for your prayers and for providing a place where our children can learn about God’s love while making sweet childhood memories.



Trinity Homeschool Co-op in March

March has been amazing! Sylvia Ratcliffe has brought in all sorts of different instruments for the kids each week this month. We got to study percussion instruments one week, strings instruments another week, woodwinds the third week and brass the fourth week of the series. When we studied brass instruments, Leon Dawkins, JoAnn Orpen, and Samuel Lieske got to play for the class.



Our field trip for March was to Leighton Media's radio studios, here in Fergus Falls. We were shown around the studios, learned how they pick music, how they record interviews and saw all the behind the scenes that goes into radio. Michele Lieske was even interviewed about Trinity Lutheran Homeschool Co-op.



Our art project was a great this month. We got to make stamps by carving foam trays. We used rollers to paint them over and then stamp them on old magazines. The kids had a blast and came up with some really creative images.



Our speakers for the month were from Prairie's Edge Dental. A dentist (Dr. Eric Strand), dental hygienist, and dental assistant all came to talk with the kids. They learned about those three careers, what they get to do in their careers, and what schooling they had to do to get there. Dr. Strand even read the kids a book about "sugar bugs."



In April we look forward to a field trip to the Nature's World Nursery, more crafts, and a Trinity's own Steve Brutlag for our guest speaker.

Mark your calendars for May! Trinity Homeschool Co-op has our end of year program on Sunday, May 4th beginning at 3pm. Everyone is invited! You will get to hear some music, presentations about various field trips and speakers, and see examples of some of our art projects from the year.

Thank you all for your amazing support. This co-op is a blessing to many families and children who want to raise their families with a Biblical worldview all day long.

If you know anyone who would like to join the Homeschool Co-op in this, please contact Michele Lieske: MicheleLieske@gmail.com or direct them to our website, linked at the top of Trinity's website.

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Cemetery Sexton Cal Johansen	(218) 671-0383

APRIL SERVICE PLANS

April 2 — Morning Prayer Hymns 423, 752, 878	April 18 —Tenebrae Vespers <i>Good Friday</i> Hymns 440, 438, 451, 453, 448, 450, 439, 454, 455
April 6 — Divine Service 4 <i>Judica</i> Hymns 902, 430, 429, 428, 437, 798	April 19 —Easter Vigil Hymns 930, 547
April 9 — Morning Prayer Hymns 718, 607, 887	April 20 —Divine Service 1 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Hymns 457, 458, 467, 475, 490, 465
April 13 —Divine Service 4 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Hymns 442, 438, 443, 441, 343, 512	April 27 —Divine Service 1 <i>Quasimodo Geniti</i> Hymns 487, 470, 474, 603, 472, 480
April 17 —Divine Service 4 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Hymns 563, 617, 436, 445	

SERVING THE LORD AND YOU

Trinity Congregational Officers		Board Contact Persons	
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