

THE MARCH 2026

TRINITY TRIBUNE



The monthly newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church & Preschool of Fergus Falls, MN

Dear friends in Christ,

Lent is a great time to remember your baptism. It begins with Ash Wednesday, where you receive the sign of the holy cross on your forehead in ash, just as that same sign was made upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified in your baptism. The reminder that we will return to dust must be held in tandem with the great hope we are given in Christ that, just as He is risen, we will rise. “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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 untied with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be untied with Him in a resurrection like His” (Romans 6:3-5). In other words, dust you will not remain! Moreover, as you departed from the Lord’s house that date, at some point later that evening, you had the opportunity to wash the smudge of ash off your head, a reminder of the cleansing power of baptism, which does not wash away burnt palm ash but sin itself.

Our focus in the season of Lent is penitential reflection on our own sin. There is no escaping that we have fallen short. Yet this realization ought to rightly drive us right back to the wonderful claim that we can make: “God’s own child I gladly say it, I am baptized into Christ.” In baptismal water, Christ has cleansed us of our sins and washed us clean in His own blood. He has made us His own and given us hope and a future.

Contemplation of our own guilt before God during Lent might leave us to find our identity in the name “sinner.” It is certainly true that we have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). We are “poor, miserable sinners.” Yet, in Holy Baptism, God gives us a different identity: “Child of God.” He makes us part of His own family and places the name of the Triune God upon us. In baptismal water, we become heirs of God and inherit all the treasures of heaven.

While Lenten reflection makes clear to us that one day, we will die, God’s intention for us is that we will live. In Christ, baptism is life. Christ’s story becomes our story, and ours his. That means that His Easter also is our Easter, His victory our victory, and His resurrection means our resurrection will come. Historically, a common practice was for new converts to be catechized through Lent, culminating in receiving the blessing of baptism at the Easter Vigil.

So, throughout this Lenten season, and as we approach Easter, certainly be aware of your sins, but let that awareness drive you toward remembering the great truth that each of us can cling to: “I am baptized into Christ.”

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lieske



Pastor Lieske is holding a monthly, short communion service intended for those who have a hard time attending Sunday services. These spoken-word services will be held at 1:30 pm on the second Monday of each month. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Lieske.



Lent and Easter Service Schedule:

Wednesday March 4 11:00 and 6:00

Wednesday March 11 11:00 and 6:00

Wednesday March 18 11:00 and 6:00

Wednesday March 25 11:00 and 6:00

Maundy Thursday April 2 11:00 and 6:00

Good Friday April 3 11:00 and 6:00

Easter Vigil Saturday April 4 8:00 pm

Easter! Sunday, April 5 6:30 am and 9:00 am

Lunch will be served after the 11:00 services and supper before the 6:00 services. Sign up sheets are in the kiosk to bring food for Lenten lunches and suppers. Thank you!

Congregational Catechism Review



Each week, a portion of Luther’s Small Catechism has been appointed for congregational focus. You are encouraged, as you are able, to meditate on this section of the catechism throughout the week and to commit it to memory.

March 1 Holy Baptism - Second

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)

March 8 The Sacrament of the Altar

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

March 15 The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor’s inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

March 22 The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

March 29 The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Financial and Budget Information

GENERAL FUND	January 2026	Fiscal Year-to-date Total	% of Annual Budget	Current Fiscal Year Budget
Offering receipts	\$ 18,359	\$ 182,956	50%	\$365,070
School Gifts	\$ 25	\$ 194	10%	\$2,000
School Tuition	\$ 2,553	\$ 15,151	61%	\$25,000
School other		\$ 2,230	5%	\$43,726
Total budget receipts	\$ 20,937	\$ 200,532	46.0%	\$435,796
Budget Expenses	\$ 26,514	\$ 202,258	46.4%	\$435,796
Budget Long/(short)	\$ (5,577)	\$ (1,726)	30 Sundays	
	Current month	Year-to-date		Annual budget
Average contributions	\$ 5,234.18	\$ 6,684.40	weekly	\$8,380.69
Average expenses	\$ 6,628.48	\$ 6,741.93	weekly	\$8,380.69

Update from The Stewardship Board: After reviewing January 2026 financials, contributions did not cover budgeted expenses, and a small shortfall of

\$1,726 has returned despite several large, one-time contributions in December. This was expected looking at historical trends. We ask for your prayerful consideration to ensure our contributions meet our budgeted expenses going forward. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE HISTORY

	Church Attendance	Sunday School
January 4th	106	14
January 6th Epiphany	14/28	-
January 11th	101	14
January 18th	69	12
January 25th	115	12



MISSION OUTREACH ENDOWMENT FUND – We have \$3,211.01 available from the Endowment Fund for Mission Outreach in 2026. All boards, committees and/or congregation members are invited to apply for grants by **March 31**. The Endowment Fund board will review the applications submitted and the approved grants will be available for distribution by the end of May. This is an opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with others through local or global Mission Outreach efforts, special activities and/or mission outreach projects. All ideas to spread the Gospel message will be considered. The simple application form is available at the kiosk in the Narthex. Please address any questions to the Endowment Fund board officers – Dave Schneeberger, Tina Eberle or David Hauser. Please drop off the completed application in the church office or the Global Outreach church mailbox.

COMING IN MARCH

TRINITY CEMETERY SILENT AUCTION LAWN EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED



John Deere Z465 zero turn lawn mower/ gas powered / Purchased new in 2013 / 323.5 hours / Includes extra set of sharpened blades.



John Deere Z335E zero turn lawn mower/ gas powered / Purchased new in 2017 / 192.6 hours / Includes extra set of sharpened blades.



2 Gas Powered Trimmers



2 Five Gallon Gas Cans



2 Lawn Sprayers

This silent auction will be open to members only. Details for bidding will be listed in the bulletin. Contact Calvin Johansen at 218-671-0383 with any questions.

Mission Trip to Panama

We left Minnesota to serve and bless the missionaries and congregation in Panama but in the end we were also served and blessed in so many ways. The group of nine volunteers included Pastor Bill Aufdenkamp, Jay & Betty Johnson, Kerry & Julie Zimmerman and Jon & Tammy Nelson from Elbow Lake along with Shawn & Dave Schneeberger from Trinity Lutheran. Erin Mckenzie, our main volunteer missionary contact worked hard with the missionary team to put together a work project list for Mision de Los Andes, the church we went to serve.



The list of work projects provided when we started the week was comprised of a variety of tasks including installing a drop ceiling in the sanctuary, moving some books and bookshelves from the sacristy, painting two outside walls of the church and laying tile in the sanctuary. After moving the church pews, part of our group set up the two sets of scaffolding needed for the sanctuary ceiling project while the remaining members migrated to the painting project. The ceiling project included working with a church member contractor, Jose, installing the supporting grid work for the drop ceiling that ended up taking the majority of the week. Meanwhile the painting group moved quickly through their task and before long the books and bookshelves were moved, the sacristy cleaned up and additional projects were added including cleaning out and organizing several other storage rooms & craft closets, cleaning and oiling the church pews, power washing the interior and exterior cement walls around two sides of the outside perimeter of the church property, painting the sacristy, storage room, interior and exterior fence, gates and walls, sanding and staining the hanging cross from the sanctuary, attempting to strip a baptismal font, putting up chicken wire around the base of the fence and gates, cleaning up the rocks and concrete chunks from along the exterior & interior walls and starting to level the walkway around the side and back of the church building. By the end of the week the project list had grown significantly with the vast majority successfully completed. The visible change in the property and grounds was amazing and was greatly appreciated by Pastor Voigt and the congregation members.



We had inspirational group devotions each morning and evening provided by LCMS Short Term Mission with songs and lively group discussions. The hospitality and appreciation shown by individuals from the congregation as well as a neighbor who showed up on a daily basis to see the progress and make food for us was overwhelming and truly a blessing.



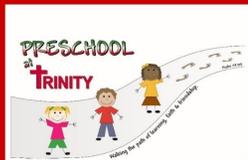
Overall, it was a positive, productive and amazingly rewarding experience for each of the team members as we were able to support the missionary team in Panama City allowing them to focus on their ministry efforts of establishing relationships and growing the congregations in their communities. It was clearly evident that God does not call the equipped, he equips the called as we experienced first hand. We were blessed to be a blessing by providing the hands and feet for God's mission in Panama and to be reflectors of Jesus love to those we came in contact with.

To God be the glory!



(More information and pictures can be found on the church website under News & Events - Recent News.) [Panama Mission Trip 2026](#)

Our wonderful Preschool teacher, Mrs. Stacy Larsen, will be leaving us after this school year. Her husband, Dan, has accepted a call to a church in Missouri. If you know of a qualified individual who might be interested in the Preschool position, please have them contact the church!



Preschool at Trinity in Fergus Falls, MN is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic preschool teacher starting in the 2026-27 school year.

As a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) school, our mission is to provide a Christ-centered education that nurtures the spiritual, academic, social and emotional growth of each student. We are looking for an individual who will integrate faith into all subjects and help students grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Preference will be given to LCMS synodically trained candidates. Please submit resume to Trinity Lutheran Church in person (1150 W. Cavour Ave.) or by email to secretary@trinityff.org



Our next evening of dartball will be on Monday, March 2 at Our Redeemer in Moorhead beginning at 7:00. We will carpool from the Trinity parking lot at 5:45 for the fun, food and fellowship. Please contact Wayne Schoening if you have any questions or if you are able to join us.



Schedule change - Lydia Circle will be meeting on March 3rd at 1:30 and April 8th at 1:00.



The MN North Lutheran Laymen's League Spring Rally will take place on 3/28 9:30 at Lutheran Island Camp.

Mites goal for March Building a Place of Care

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota \$60,000

Since 1952, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch has touched the lives of more than 43,000 at-risk children and their families. The Ranch has built Zurcher Cottage, a psychiatric residential treatment facility. Within Zurcher, they plan to create the Reflection Room, which will serve as a safe and calming environment to support the well-being of the children. This grant will help fund the construction and furnishing of this room.



GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY

Ongoing Concern: Norm & Donna Schoening, Linda Schmidt, Bev Hess, Jerry Pribbernow, Janet Maack, Brian Fitzner, Jeremy Elshaug, Elaine Culp, Ned Stueve, Gene True, Jennifer Wood (Jerald & Tami Gerhardson's daughter), 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), 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), Nicole Reseburg (granddaughter of Barb Peloquin), Dora O'Brien (friend of Calvin & Helen Johansen), Steve Langland (Gary Schmidt's friend), James Retzlaff (Tina Eberle's dad), Veronica Schnoor, Ione Geistfeld (Sue Heidorn's mom), Carol Frost (friend of Jeff & Brenda Johnson), Richard Schlicker (Dave Schlicker's brother, Alvin Heintz (Esther Schlicker's brother)

Homebound: Gary Froehlich, Dick Anderson, Lois Helm, Marlys Lueders, Ron Schulz, Lorraine Drews, Beverly Hess, Marilyn A. Boese, Norm & Donna Schoening, Marilyn E. Boese

Expectant Mother: Michele Lieske

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 Erlandson, MN National Guard, (Ken & Toni Erlandson's son); Major Dinsmore, MD MN National Guard (Al & Marcie Koennieke'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 or email the church office or the Pastor with prayer requests.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9 am Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 am Elders Mtg. Mites Sunday</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:10 Chapel 7:00 Dartball in Moorhead</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8 am Men's Bible Study 9:10 Chapel 12:00-1:30 Walking Club 12:30 School Board Mtg 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2 pm Women's Bible Study 7 pm Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00 am Lent Service 4 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Lent Service</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12:00 Crafters 12-1:30 Walking Club 12:30 Quilters 5 pm - Outreach Board 6:30 pm - Evening Circle</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 Hebrew Study Group</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9 am Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study & Sunday School</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:10 Chapel 1:30 Communion Service</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8 am Men's Bible Study 9:10 Chapel 12:00-1:30 Walking Club 2:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11 am Lent Service 2 pm - Knitting & crocheting 4 pm - Confirmation 6:00 pm Lent Service</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12:00 Crafters 12-1:30 Walking Club 12:30 Quilters</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 Hebrew Study</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9 am Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study & Sunday School</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Foot Care Clinic 9:10 Chapel 12-1:30 Walking Club 2:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Church Council</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:10 am Chapel 11 am Lent Service 4 pm Confirmation 6 pm Lent Service</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12:00 Crafters 12-1:30 Walking Club 12:30 Quilters 3:00 Divine Service at Broen Home</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 Hebrew Study Group Newsletter items due</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8 am Men's Network</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study & Sunday School</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8 am Men's Bible Study 9:10 Chapel 12-1:30 Walking Club 2:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 Lent Service 2 pm Knitting & crocheting 4 pm Confirmation 6 pm Lent service</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12:00 Crafters 12-1:30 Walking Club 12:30 Quilters</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 Hebrew Study Group</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:00 Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study & Sunday School Food Shelf Sunday</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:10 Chapel</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8 am Men's Bible Study 9:10 Chapel 12-1:30 Walking Club 2:00 Women's Bible Study</p>		<p>On-Call Pastor Phone Number (218) 321-0993</p>	<p>A live, up-to-date calendar is available on our church website: www.trinityff.org Trinity Website</p>	 <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH</p>

MARCH CELEBRATIONS!

Birthdays

March 7 Dilan Kløver-Pasche
 March 7 Chuck Kretschman
 March 7 Marni Neubauer
 March 8 Robert Goerd
 March 10 Callen Mouritsen
 March 11 Michael Boese
 March 11 Gail Kolle
 March 12 Bonnie Norman
 March 13 Aaron Schultz
 March 14 Gabe Erlandson
 March 14 Jon Schoening
 March 15 Isaac Longoria
 March 15 Owen Olson
 March 16 Donna Samuelson
 March 17 Shannon Phillips
 March 17 Don Stueve
 March 19 Kristi Auck
 March 21 Kourtney Olson

March 23 Marlys Lueders
 March 24 Ken Heidorn
 March 24 Patrick Krog
 March 26 Richard Anderson
 March 26 Analicia Longoria
 March 29 Donna Schoening
 March 31 Stephen Mouritsen

Anniversaries

March 9 Bonnie & Jay Johnson
 March 24 Dennis & Abby Gerold



Baptismal Birthdays

March 3 Jessica Krog
 March 4 Tucker Schneeberger
 March 5 Kristi Auck
 March 6 Toni Erlandson
 March 7 Taylor Ness
 March 12 Kay Meyer
 March 13 Robert Maack
 March 14 Erika Neubauer
 March 15 Wally Lubben
 March 16 Albert Boldt
 March 22 John Haugmo
 March 25 Robert Goerd
 March 25 Analicia Longoria
 March 25 Alexis Schneeberger
 March 31 Schan Sorkness

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

Ushers for March

March 1

Wayne Goerd, Jakob Ness,
 Mark Samuelson

March 8

Gary S., Callen M.
 Dennis G, & David S.

March 15

Wayne Schoening
 Asher & Anna Mort

March 22

Jonathon & Annie Roehl
 Eric & Karma Schneeberger

March 29

Rodney, Dale, & Jerry
 Schmidt

Greeters for March

March 1

Donna U. & Tami G.

March 8

Ken & Sue Heidorn

March 15

Dale & Sharlene Schmidt

March 22

Cal & Helen Johansen

March 29

David & Esther Schlicker

Altar Guild for March

March 1

Ken & Sue Heidorn

March 8

Cal & Helen Johansen

March 15

Margie R. & Sue S.

March 22

Brenda J. & Bobbie A

March 29

Esther S. & Nadine D.

Elders for March

March 1 - Ross E.

March 4 11:00 - Ken E.

March 4 6:00 - Eric S.

March 8 - Gary S.

March 11 11:00 - Ross E.

March 11 6:00 - Aaron S

March 15 - Eric S.

March 18 11:00 - Ken E.

March 18 6:00 - Wayne G

March 22 - Gary S.

March 25 11:00 - Wayne S.

March 25 6:00 - Aaron S.

March 29 - Gary S.

Acolytes for March

March 1

Analicia & Kourtney

March 8

Ainsley & Tucker

March 15

Ana & Samuel

March 22

Jackson & Ella

March 29

Jordyn & Adrian

“MSL North” Programs for March 2026

March 1: Rev. Arie Bertsch, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Minot, ND, presents the message: **“Born Again”** based on John 3:1-17. *This Is the Life* program: **“Undertow”** - Harry (David Ogden Stiers) loses his daughter to drowning. In his grief, he blames the lifeguard, Jim (Gil Peterson).

March 8: Rev. Daniel Haugen, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Minot, ND, presents the message: **“Facing Temptation”** based on Luke 4:1-13. *This Is the Life* program: **“The Healer”** - Dave Forman (Gary Collins) is a dynamic **“faith healer”** who becomes angered by the drowning death of his daughter.

March 15: Rev. Bernie Worrall, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: **“Do You See What I See?”** based on John 9. *This Is the Life* program: **“Flames of Hate”** - Betty Blackwood (Angie Dickinson) is stuck between the man she loves, Art (Ed Kemmer), and her obsessive father Nate (Edgar Dearing) who disapproves of Art.

March 22: Rev. Brett Hartwig, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sabin, MN, presents the message: **“The Resurrection and the Life”** based on John 11:1-25. *This Is the Life* program: **“Money for Marriage”** - A woman’s decisions at work puts a strain on the new couple’s marriage.

March 29: Rev. Arie Bertsch, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Minot, ND, presents the message: **“My God, My God”** based on Matthew 27:38-66. *This Is the Life* program: **“The Twisting Road”** - A young man and his wife deal with life, future, and regrets of things left unspoken.

“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 the following **FOX stations**: Fargo-Moorhead: KVRN Channel 15.1 or 10:00 on WDAY XTRA Channel 6.3

MSLN programs are also **archived** for one year and can be viewed at any time on www.mainstreetliving.com then click on **“(Fargo)”**.

Meet the Trinity Family

Blaine & Margie Rasmussen



Blaine and Margie met in 4-H and high school. Margie (nee Roehl) went to Moorhead State Univ. receiving her Accounting degree and worked as a bank auditor for two years before their wedding at Trinity by Pastor Abrahams in 1983. Blaine bought a small farmstead in 1982 and his dad was glad to hand over the hard farming decisions for Blaine to use his Agribusiness management degree from NDSCS in Wahpeton ND. We traded farmsteads with Blaine's parents in 1999 and moved one mile to the main farm. Margie was in bank operations for 5 years and the finance director at Pioneer Home for 10 years before staying at home full-time raising kids and a garden, and helping with farm work. Blaine has maintained, welded, and built a lot of farm items including the heated shop building in 1997. We hired 14 international exchange farm workers from 1987-2004 that lived with



his parents for the 7-month assignment. We were lucky to have David from Scotland in 1997 with his engineering background to help Blaine with that all steel-built shop. Margie also appreciates Blaine's mechanical skills in her little house projects.

We are blessed with two daughters, a son and five grandkids. Both daughters attended the Univ. of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Go Gophers! Amanda is married to Brad Durow and they have three children, Grace age 9, Emily age 6 and Brett age 4. They live



near Brad's parents' dairy farm by Hastings MN. Amanda uses her MBA in finance in her job at Co-Bank financing large agri-businesses. Brad has dairy cows, delivers meat they raise, bales, harvests, and trucks crops besides watching over children as Amanda often travels out of state. Megan is married to Preston Anderson and they have one son, Ollen age 20 months. They live in Bloomington MN. Megan does accounting for Robert Half Agency and is referred to businesses needing financial or organizational help. Preston is a buyer for Gerten's overseeing the hardware inventory at several locations. Our son, Tim is married to Jessalyn and they have one son, Coy age 1. They live at the main farm as we moved back to our original small farmstead in 2021. Jessa works for Agcountry. They are both NDSU alum. Go Bison! Tim joined the farm operation in 2018 after working for Land of Lakes agronomy for two years. Tim has a forward-thinking approach to growing crops and has a little calculator in his head! He and Jessa were named the 2025 Outstanding Conservation Cooperator in Wilkin County. We are glad to have Tim take over the hard farming decisions and hope our grandson Coy will continue the Rasmussen farming tradition.

Faith, family, and farming are strongly rooted in our lives. God gave both of us faithful parents that took us to Sunday School, catechism, and worship when we were growing up and we did for our children too. At Trinity, we are both on the Board of Trustees, usher, Altar Guild, banners and occasionally serve treats and coffee for Sunday Fellowship.



Trinity Preschool

Preschool News – February Fun!

February has been a joyful, busy, and faith-filled month in our preschool classroom! As we learned about the letter **P**, the children enjoyed many hands-on activities, including making **popcorn** and **pancakes**, which were big hits with everyone. We also went on an exciting **letter hunt**, searching for letters we have been learning all around our classroom and school.



The students had a wonderful time learning about **penguins** and completed a special penguin project that they were very proud to share. Another sweet highlight was baking **brownies with Mrs. B**, which filled our room with delicious smells and lots of happy smiles.



In addition, we enjoyed time in music with **Mrs. Orpen**, where we learned about **notes and rests** and how they work together to make music. The children loved clapping rhythms and exploring how music sounds when we follow the beats and pauses.



We also celebrated **Valentine's Day**, focusing on the greatest love of all — the love that Christ has for us. We talked about how our ability to love and care for one another comes from Him,

and how God loved us so much that He sent His Son for us. It was a meaningful and special time of learning and reflection.



We truly have had such a fun and memorable month of learning and growing together. Thank you for your continued **support, generosity, and prayers** for our preschool and students — they are truly a blessing!



Trinity Homeschool Co-op in February



Music class is always a highlight in our co-op. In addition to continuing some of the music from January (I love watching the children working on “Rejoice in the Lord Always” with children’s handbells and percussions), Mrs. Ratcliffe has been teaching the children about the different

categories of instruments. They have learned how to tell the difference between Brass, Woodwind, String, and Percussion instruments. They have also been working on hearing the difference when they cannot see the instrument.



Our scheduled field trip for February had to cancel with short notice, so we didn’t end up with a field trip this month. However, the children got a bonus play day and they all seemed to love that. It’s fun to watch the friendships blossoming and relationships growing.

Art class this month was arranged for us by Jeremy Elshaug. We also had a Valentine’s exchange that day. While the children were making elaborate Valentine’s Cards for their families, they also got to take turns delivering Valentine’s to each of their classmates.



Some children brought in amazing and elaborate Valentine’s collection boxes! It was an amazing and fun morning to see all their creativity.



Our speaker for February was none other than Trinity’s own Leon Dawkins. He taught the children about glass cutting, the different make up of various types of glass, and even how stained glass is put together. He had plenty of samples to show and even demonstrated glass cutting. The children were enthralled and had lots

of questions. It was a very engaging session and I loved watching the children’s interest.



In March we are looking forward to a tour of the Library, an art project, and to hear from John’s Heating & Cooling.

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.

+ CHURCH & PRESCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION +

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Church Office /JoAnn Orpen	(218) 736-4869 secretary@trinityff.org
Preschool at Trinity, Stacy Larsen	(cell) (507) 430-9644 slarsen@preschoolattrinity.org
Church Office Hours	Tues-Thurs 8:30-4:00, Fri. 8:30-2:00
Church Office E-mail	info@trinityff.org
Preschool at Trinity E-mail	info@preschoolattrinity.org
Cemetery Sexton Cal Johansen	(218) 671-0383

MARCH SERVICE PLANS

March 1 - Divine Service 3 <i>Reminiscere—The Second Sunday in Lent</i> Hymns 713, 615, 770, 760, 708, 544	March 18 - Morning Prayer Hymns 437, 435, 427
March 4 - Morning Prayer Hymns 436, 431, 421	March 22 - Divine Service 3 <i>Judica—The Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> Hymns 902, 430, 429, 610, 547, 798
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