

THE APRIL 2026

## TRINITY TRIBUNE



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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I was struck during a recent Lenten service by the text of hymn 439, “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken.” This hymn has 15 verses, and while it perhaps could (or should) be different, we rarely sing all of them. However, this hymn is just a solid gold treasure, repeatedly putting forth law and gospel with such clarity that there can be no room for misunderstanding just how deep my need and how great God’s mercy.

Specifically, I’ll direct you to verses four and five. First, verse four: “What punishment so strange is suffered yonder! The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander; The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him, Who would not know Him.” The verse expresses the incredible “upside down” nature of Christ’s saving work. Sheep are to serve the shepherd, yet in this case, the Shepherd not just serves but **dies** for the sheep. The debtor should pay his debts, but here, the one who is owed the debt pays it instead.

Then, verse five: “The sinless Son of God must die in sadness; the sinful child of man may live in gladness; Man forfeited his life and is acquitted; God is committed.” Again, the verse hits at the great exchange, where sinful man is given what rightfully belongs to Jesus, while Jesus takes on what rightfully belongs to us. That final statement hits hardest. Dear friends, as we journey toward cross and tomb and resurrection this Holy week, never lose sight of this: God is committed!

Let me encourage you – during Holy Week, read through the rest of the verses of this hymn (and some others as well). Let them guide your heart and mind devotionally as we remember and rejoice in all that our Savior does for us during these sacred days. Join us at Trinity for Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday at 11 Am and 6 PM, Good Friday 11 AM and 6 PM, Easter Vigil Saturday at 8 PM, and Easter Sunday morning at 6:30 AM and 9 AM.

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. **For the month of April, this service will be moved to the third Monday - April 20th.** If you have any questions please contact Pastor Lieske.

Holy Week Service Schedule:



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



March 18, 2026

God's peace in Christ this Lenten season (Ephesians 5:8).

The MN North District Board of Directors, at their March 2 meeting, appointed the Rev. Christopher Lieske, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, as Vice President of the Lakeland Conference. He will serve as the 3rd Vice President in accordance with District By-law 3.24.

Pastor Lieske has served in the Minnesota North District since his ordination in 2008. He is a graduate of Concordia University, St. Paul, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He has served as an adjunct professor at Concordia University, St. Paul, and most recently as circuit visitor for the Fergus Falls Circuit. He and his wife, Michele, are blessed with five children.

Pastor Lieske fills the vacancy created by the Rev. Jeffrey Ross, who recently accepted a divine call to Zion Lutheran Church in Brainerd, Minnesota. As Pastor Ross's new call places him in the Park Region Conference, this appointment complies with By-law 3.21.b.

We give thanks to God for Pastor Ross's faithful service as Vice President over the past year. We also look forward to working with Pastor Lieske as we continue to walk together in doctrine and practice, holding fast to the hope we have in Christ our Lord. In Christ (I Timothy 4:16)

Rev. Brady Finnern  
MN North District-LCMS

## 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.

### April 5 **The Second Article**

*What does this mean?*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, **that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

### April 12 **The Office of Keys**

*Where is this written?*

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22-23)

### April 19 **Holy Baptism - Third**

*How can water do such great things?*

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, **as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."** (Titus 3:5-8)

### April 26 **The Conclusion**

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*What does this mean?*

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

## Financial and Budget Information

*Update from The Stewardship Board: After reviewing February 2026*

GENERAL FUND	February 2026	Fiscal Year-to-date Total	% of Annual Budget	Current Fiscal Year Budget
Offering receipts	\$ 19,986	\$ 202,942	56%	\$365,070
School Gifts	\$ 105	\$ 299	15%	\$2,000
School Tuition	\$ 2,812	\$ 17,963	72%	\$25,000
School other	\$ 1,458	\$ 3,688	8%	\$43,726
Total budget receipts	\$ 24,360	\$ 224,892	51.6%	\$435,796
Budget Expenses	\$ 29,439	\$ 231,697	53.2%	\$435,796
Budget Long/(short)	\$ (5,079)	\$ (6,805)	34 Sundays	
	Current month	Year-to-date		Annual budget
Average contributions	\$ 6,090.09	\$ 6,614.48	weekly	\$8,380.69
Average expenses	\$ 7,359.79	\$ 6,814.62	weekly	\$8,380.69

*financials, contributions did not cover budgeted expenses, and a shortfall of \$6,805 has returned following 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	Sunday
	Attendance	School
February 1st	97	19
February 8th	109	15
February 15th	114	22
February 18th	34/80	
February 22nd	100	15
February 25th	26/47	

### **BENEFITS OF ELECTRONIC GIVING... FOR YOU & TRINITY CHURCH**



**FIRST FRUITS** In Proverbs 3:9 we are taught to honor the Lord with the "first fruits" of our labor. By scheduling a recurring contribution for the day you specify you can ensure that your first fruits are given back to God.

**SIMPLICITY** You will eliminate the confusion of remembering whether you gave as you intended and the hassle of sending in your offering when you are out of town.

**SECURITY** Online giving is more secure than giving cash or a check since electronic gifts can't be lost or stolen.

**HELPING TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH** Online contributions require less processing from our volunteer financial secretary and treasurer since the information is logged and deposited automatically.

**HOW TO GET STARTED** Visit the church website at

<https://trinityff.org/online-giving/>

Update from Puerto Rico – Ashley Lehr

The churches in Ponce, Mayaguez and San Juan continue to be very active with a variety of events and activities. In Mayaguez they hosted a pasteles making workshop. Pasteles are a traditional Puerto Rican Christmas food made with yucca, green banana blend dough with stewed pork inside. It is then wrapped in a banana leaf and boiled. They realized as much as everyone loves pasteles and it is the heart of Christmas culture in Puerto Rico, many people haven't made them. This created an opportunity for a workshop that led to the true mechanics of the pastel and ended with wonderful fellowship and the meeting/reuniting of friends in the community. One of the ladies that attended the pasteles workshop owns a bakery and offered to lead a workshop on cookie baking and decorating. Over 75 people came to the Valentines Day workshop creating a true blessing to welcome new visitors to the church and to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ with them. The Puerto Rico Lutherans 4 Life group hosted a life weekend in Bayamon with presentations from the Student for Life president and the importance of family by Pastor Sergio Maita. The event culminated with a March for Life in front of the Capital in Old San Juan and was a great week of learning and advocating for life in Puerto Rico.

Update from Panama – Pastor Arthur and Eva Rickman

Pastor Rickman's church is Redeemer Lutheran Church in Balboa, the former canal zone in Panama City. They welcomed members of their sister congregation, Castillo Fuerte, the church our volunteer missionary team was helping during their trip in January, while the church was undergoing renovations. Sharing worship and fellowship together during this time strengthened the bond between the congregations and reminded them of the unity they have in Christ. They also had the opportunity to celebrate with them in the re-dedication of their sanctuary once the work was completed. Eva is a deaconess at the church and has been teaching English classes before worship, providing a wonderful opportunity for learning as well as building relationships and inviting new people into the life of the church. They concluded the summer school program for at-risk youth in partnership with the school across the street from the church and one young man who went through the program began attending church activities, Sunday worship and English classes along with his mother and younger brother and sister.

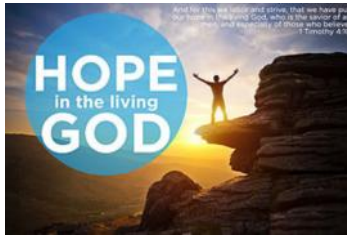


It is truly a blessing to see the positive results being experienced in Puerto Rico and Panama through the efforts of all of the missionaries in those areas.

To God be the glory!

## LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

Lakeland 1 Zone Rally  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
April 18, 2026 9:00~2:00



Theme – “Bearing Hope in Ukraine”

Verse – *For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.* (1 Timothy 4:10)

Speaker – Kirk Rosin will share about the impact that the Orphan Grain Train has had and the ongoing humanitarian and ministry efforts during this time of need in Ukraine.

Bible Study Leader – Pastor Brett Hartwig

Servant event – Tying Quilts

Cost - \$10 (includes lunch)

### ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Supplies needed:

School supplies *	Large Safety Pins
Bath towels *	Baby sleepers (NB-12 mo.)
Washcloths *	Travel sized tissues
Cloth diapers *	Toothbrushes
Nail clippers *	Combs
Rubber or swim pants *	Bar soap boxes *

\*= Items in greatest need at this time.

All are welcome!

### **A baby shower was held for Pastor & Michele Lieske**

on March 24th in the fellowship hall. An estimated 75 people celebrated the upcoming arrival of their 5th child with a delicious meal and fellowship with Trinity Homeschool students & parents and congregation friends. May God continue to bless the Lieske family!



*Thank you*

We want to thank everyone for the amazing baby shower. It was truly touching to have so many of you stop by with well wishes and prayers. The generosity of everyone was overwhelming. This truly is an amazing church community. A special thanks to Abby Gerold, Tessa Sundby, Stacy Larsen, Lydia Loll, Ginny Lange, Lori & Leon Dawkins, and Mary & David Hauser for organizing, cooking, decorating, and serving. The gym was transformed into something truly special and the meal was amazing. It was a beautiful time and Michele may have felt a bit emotional about all the love you all poured out on us. Thank you for joining us in our joy.



### Mites Goal for April

**Arch Books for Immigrant Children in the USA**  
**CPH - Concordia Gospel Outreach, U.S. \$125,000**

Concordia Publishing House (CPH) aims to share the Gospel with thousands of immigrant and refugee children in the U.S. by providing Arch Books in their heart languages. This grant will fund the translation and distribution of five Bible stories in five languages, equipping LCMS ministries to serve these communities more effectively.



**Enrollment is open now for the Trinity Preschool 2026-27 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](http://www.preschoolattrinity.org), or email Stacy Larsen at [info@preschoolattrinity.org](mailto:info@preschoolattrinity.org) There is also a Preschool at Trinity page on Facebook.



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!

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Events or date changes for your calendars:

Monday, April 6 - Dartball at Zion in DL - Carpool at 5:45

Wednesday, April 8 - 1:00 - Lydia Circle

Thursday, April 9 - 6:30 - Evening Circle

Sunday, April 12 - 11:30 - Elders Meeting

Saturday, April 18 - 9:00 - LWML Zone Rally

Sunday, May 17 - 11:30 - Voters Assembly Meeting

## GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY

**Ongoing Concern:** Marilyn E. Boese, 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), T.K. Flynn (Adrienne Bolland's great-nephew)



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

**Expectant Mothers:** Michele Lieske and Rachael Larson

**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 Koennicke's grandson)

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

# April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>On-Call Pastor Phone Number (218) 321-0993</p>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 11:00 & 6:00 Maundy Thursday Services	 <b>3</b> 11:00 & 6:00 Good Friday Services	<b>4</b> 8 pm - Easter Vigil
 <b>5</b> 6:30 Sunrise Service 7:30 Breakfast 9 am Divine Service Egg hunt after church Mites Sunday	<b>6</b> 9:10 Chapel 7:00 Dartball - DL - Zion Lutheran	<b>7</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 9:10 Chapel 12:00-1:30 Walking Club 2:00 Women's Bible Study 7 pm Trustees Meeting	<b>8</b> 1 pm Lydia Circle 2 pm - Knitting & crocheting 4 pm - Confirmation	<b>9</b> 12:00 Crafters 12-1:30 Walking Club 12:30 Quilters 6 pm - Outreach Board 6:30 Eve. Circle-Pioneer	<b>10</b> 9:00 Hebrew Study	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9 am Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 am Elders Mtg.	<b>13</b> 9:10 am Chapel	<b>14</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 9:10 Chapel 12-1:30 Walking Club 12:30 School Board 2:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>15</b> 4 pm Confirmation	<b>16</b> 12:00 Crafters 12-1:30 Walking Club 12:30 Quilters 3:00 Divine Service at Broen Home	<b>17</b> 9:00 Hebrew Study Group	<b>18</b> 8 am Men's Network 9:00LWML Zone Rally
<b>19</b> 9:00 Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study & Sunday School	<b>20</b> 9:10 Chapel 1:30 Communion Service Newsletter items due	<b>21</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 9:10 Chapel 12-1:30 Walking Club 2:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Church Council	<b>22</b> 2 pm Knitting & crocheting 4 pm Confirmation	<b>23</b> 12:00 Crafters 12-1:30 Walking Club 12:30 Quilters	<b>24</b> 9:00 Hebrew Study Group	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00 Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study & Sunday School Food Shelf Sunday	<b>27</b> 9:10 Chapel	<b>28</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 9:10 Chapel 12-1:30 Walking Club 2:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>29</b> 4 pm Confirmation	<b>30</b> 12:00 Crafters 12-1:30 Walking Club 12:30 Quilters		<p>A live, up-to-date calendar is available on our church website: <a href="http://www.trinityff.org">www.trinityff.org</a> <a href="#">Trinity Website</a></p>

## APRIL CELEBRATIONS!

### 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 Marilyn E. Boese  
 April 30 Christopher Beighley

### Anniversaries

April 1 David & Mary Hauser  
 April 7 Dale & Sharlene Schmidt  
 April 23 Eric & Karma  
     Schneeberger  
 April 26 Wayne & Liz Schoening  
 April 30 Arnold & Adrienne  
     Bolland  
 April 30 Jeff & Brenda Johnson

### Baptismal Birthdays

April 1 Richard Anderson  
 April 1 Joel Auck  
 April 3 Marlys Lueders  
 April 4 Aaron Schultz  
 April 5 Darlene Reiter  
 April 6 Lily Flerchinger  
 April 11 Betty Jo Bellet  
 April 13 Dilan Kluver-Pasche  
 April 14 Ken Heidorn  
 April 14 Caleb Neubauer  
 April 17 Donna Samuelson  
 April 17 Julie Drews  
 April 19 Lorraine Langfeld  
 April 20 Stephen Mouritsen  
 April 23 Jon Schoening  
 April 24 Michael Boese



## SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

### Ushers for April

April 2 - 11:00  
 Gene Lindblom, Larry Stein,  
 Arnold Bolland  
April 2 - 6:00  
 Blaine & Margie Rasmussen  
 Bobbie Adam  
April 5 - 6:30 am  
 Jon Schoening, Jeff Johnson,  
 Tim King  
April 5 - 9 am  
 Gary Schmidt, Callen M.,  
 Dennis G., David S.  
April 12  
 Wayne Goerd, Jakob Ness,  
 Mark Samuelson  
April 19  
 Gary S., Callen M.  
 Dennis G., & David S.  
April 26  
 Wayne Schoening  
 Asher & Anna Mort

### Greeters for April

April 5 - 6:30 am  
 Donna U. & Tami G.  
April 5 - 9:00 am  
 Cal & Helen Johansen  
April 12  
 Dale & Sharlene Schmidt  
April 19  
 David & Esther Schlicker  
April 26  
 Ken & Sue Heidorn

### Elders for April

April 2 - 11:00 - Ken E.  
April 2 - 6:00 - Aaron S.  
April 3 - 11:00 - Wayne S.  
April 3 - 6:00 - Eric S.  
April 4 - 8:00 pm - Wayne G.  
April 5 - 6:30 am - Wayne S.  
April 5 - 9:00 - Gary S.  
April 12 - Ross E.  
April 19 - Wayne G.  
April 26 - David H.

### Altar Guild for April

April 2 - 11:00  
 David Hauser  
April 2 - 6:00  
 Sharlene S. & Tami G.  
April 4 - linens only  
 David Hauser  
April 5 - 6:30 am  
 Margie R. & Sue S.  
April 5 - 9:00  
 Cal & Helen Johansen  
April 12  
 Ken & Sue Heidorn  
April 19  
 Brenda J. & Bobbie A  
April 26  
 Esther S. & Nadine D.  
Acolytes for April  
April 5 - 6:30 am  
 Tucker & Jackson  
April 5 - 9:00 am  
 Analia & Ana  
April 12- Austin & Ainsley  
April 19- Isabella & Adrian  
April 26- Kourtney & Ella

## “MSL North” Programs for April 2026

HE IS RISEN – HE IS RISEN INDEED! Of all the truths taught and believed, this is the most important one, that Jesus rose physically from the dead! “The Jews said to Him (Jesus), ‘What sign do You show us for doing these things?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?’ But He was speaking about the temple of His body. When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.” (John 2:18-22) May we also continue to REMEMBER and BELIEVE this TRUTH!

\*April 5: Randy Sturzenbecker, South Dakota District Office, LCMS, Sioux Falls, S.D., presents the message: “Helpless, Fearful, and Hopeless No More. Christ Is Risen!” based on Matthew 28:1-10. This Is the Life program: “A Child’s Easter Sermon” - A child shares the joy of Easter with an old shoemaker.

\*April 12: Rev. Michael Suelzle, Grace Lutheran Church UAC, Fargo, ND, presents the message: “God as Man” based on Acts 5:29. This Is the Life program: “Finders Keepers” - A man finds a large sum of money and struggles with the consequences of keeping it.

\*April 19: Rev. Justin Whitmore, Saint John's Lutheran Church, Perham, MN, presents the message: “That I May Live Under Him” based on 1 Peter 1:17-25. This Is the Life program: “A Girl’s Best Friend” - Focusing on the here and now creates problems for a mother and her daughter and prompts spiritual questions for all.

\*April 26: Rev. Chris Brademeyer, St. John's Lutheran Church, Oakes, ND, presents the message: “Grief and Joy” based on John 16:16-22. This Is the Life program: “Song of the Night” - A son's accident causes his family to question everything.

“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: KVRR 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

## **Pastor Dan & Stacy Larsen**



Pastor Dan and Stacy Larsen live in Henning with their three kids: Timothy, Theodore, and Natalie.



Dan grew up in Fort Lauderdale, FL and was an active member of the Boy Scouts growing up. He eventually became an Eagle Scout. He earned his BS in Materials Engineering from the University of Florida. On a mission trip to Portugal, he felt that God was calling him to the ministry and went on to become a pastor.

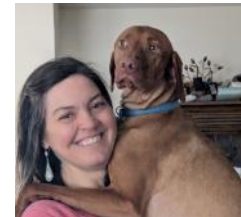
I (Stacy) grew up in Wood Lake, MN where I played with my cat, Carmel, and took him on many bike rides and walks. I went to Concordia University, St. Paul for Early Childhood Education. I earned my MA in E.C.E. in the fall of 2023. I am still in grad school because I love learning and am currently working towards a MA in Natural Science and Environmental Ed, which has been a lot of fun. While we lived in Wabasso, I ran a family child care out of a separate house. Some of my hobbies are gardening, knitting, crocheting, crafting, and hiking. I also care for our family cat, Socks. I have been the preschool teacher at Trinity since August of 2022.

After graduating from CSP, I got my first teaching call at St. Mark's Lutheran in Hollywood, FL which was Dan's home church. We were married in June of 2011. We moved to St. Louis for Dan's last year of seminary. In 2012, Dan graduated from the seminary and got his first pastoral call to Bethany Lutheran in Wabasso and Trinity Lutheran in Sanborn. He served that call for 9 years and added Zion Lutheran in Springfield at some point. During that time, we had our three kids.



Timothy is in 7th grade and loves football and basketball. He also enjoys making balloon animals and helping young children. He plays the baritone in band and piano. He also has four chickens to care for.

Theodore (Ted) is in 5th grade and enjoys playing video games and playing the piano. He took up the clarinet in band this year. He loves to play outside and loves to build tunnels and streams in the sand box. He cares for 5 chickens. He also recently taught himself to play "Hot Cross Buns" on his belly drum. 🥰



Natalie is in 2nd grade and enjoys playing piano and reading. She loves a good trip to the library, board games, and crafting. She loves our family dog, Diogi, and takes care of our 2 family rabbits as well.

As a family, we enjoy hikes and have been a part of the MN Hiking Club. We also love to play games together and watch movies. We have served St. Paul's Lutheran in Henning for 4 1/2 years and will be moving to Uniontown, MO at the end of the school year.



## Trinity Preschool

March has been a joyful and faith-filled month at Trinity Preschool! We are so thankful for your continued support and the opportunity to share how our preschoolers have been learning and serving the Lord.



One of the highlights of the month was serving a Lenten soup lunch for our congregation members. The children were excited to help and be part of this special time of fellowship. It was a wonderful way for them to practice kindness, serving others, and showing Christ's love in action. As it says in Scripture, *"Serve one another humbly in love."* – Galatians 5:13



We also had a delightful tea party as we celebrated the letter "T"! The children enjoyed dressing up, practicing their manners, and sharing a fun and memorable experience together. It was a great way to combine learning with creativity and joy



Another special event this month was our "Donuts with Dad" morning. It was a blessing to welcome so many dads and special guests to enjoy breakfast together. There were lots of smiles, laughter, and meaningful moments shared between children and their loved ones. *"Children are a heritage from the Lord."* – Psalm 127:3



It truly has been a wonderful month filled with learning, laughter, and growing in faith. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support of our preschool ministry. We are grateful to partner with you in nurturing these young hearts in Christ.



## Trinity Homeschool Co-op in March



At the end of February, we took Leon's advice and asked pastor about the stained-glass windows in the sanctuary. Pastor took us around and explained both the history and the significance of each piece.

It was amazing and many of the kids (and moms!) were enthralled. We highly recommend this to any group at church.



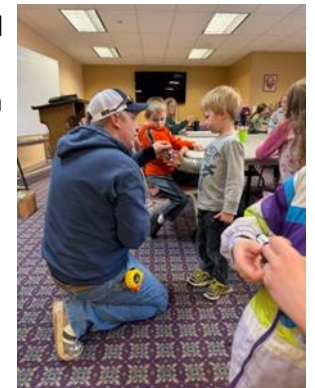
Our field trip for March was to the Public Library. The children got a tour and learned all about how to use the Library.

Art class this month was led by one of our co-op mothers. Sueann spent some time talking with the children about the real St. Patrick and then the children go to make pots of gold with the St. Patrick prayer segmented on the little pieces of gold.



Our speaker for February was Jay from John's Heating and Cooling. He came to talk to the kids about all things HVAC related.

They learned about the history of heating and cooling, starting from the fires outside the door to dwellings all the way through modern heating and cooling. He explained the different types of heating that are used today and showed some of the parts that are used. The kids also got to hear about the importance of HVAC jobs (AI centers can't exist without proper cooling!) and how a person could pursue that career. At the end of the session, Jay gifted each child with a flashlight and a small screwdriver kit.



In April we are looking forward to hearing from a birth center midwife, building bird houses with the Johansens, and to hear from Joseph Wilson, one of our co-op dads, about drywalling.

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

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### APRIL SERVICE PLANS

#### **April 2** - Divine Service 3

*Maundy Thursday*

Hymns 563, 617, 436, 445

#### **April 3** - Chief Service (11 AM)

*Good Friday*

Hymns 453, 440, 450, 438, 434, 454, 455

*Tenebrae Vespers (6 PM)*

Hymns 440, 438, 451, 453, 450, 439, 454, 455

#### **April 4** - Easter Vigil

Hymn 930

#### **April 5** - Divine Service 4

*Easter Sunday*

Hymns 457, 458, 467, 475, 490, 465

#### **April 12** - Divine Service 4

*Quasimodo Geniti—Easter 2*

Hymns 487, 470, 474, 603, 472, 480

#### **April 19** - Divine Service 4

*Misericordias Domini—Easter 3*

Hymns 482, 709, 711, 735, 710, 740

#### **April 26** - Divine Service 4

*Jubilate—Easter 4*

Hymns 699, 483, 629, 733, 461, 920

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