

Trinity Tidings

April 2025



"The sun's light failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two." Luke 23:45

If the walls of your home could speak, what stories would they tell? Newborn babies crying through the night? Family gathering around the table for holidays? Who broke mother's favorite bowl and how?

What about the walls of the temple in Jerusalem? What stories would they tell us?

There are many stories of Jesus being at the Temple in Jerusalem during his earthly life. As a baby, he was brought to the Temple to be presented to the Lord. When Jesus was 12 years old, he visited with the teachers at his "Father's house" (Luke 2). The devil took Jesus to the top of the temple and dared him to jump (Luke 4). Jesus taught and healed in the courtyards of the Temple and drove out the money changers (Luke 18-21).

It is hard to overstate how important the Temple was to the Jews of Jesus' day. God was said to dwell in the Holy of Holies room – in the darkness, behind a massive curtain. The courtyards were arranged to speak of the degrees of holiness that were assigned to people. The more holy were allowed closer access to God. The High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies once a year – after that the priests could get the closest, then Jewish men, next Jewish women, and finally Gentiles (non-Jews).

On Palm Sunday, the Sunday School students will display a Lego model they have built of the Temple of Jesus' day. The Lego brick walls speak to us of how radical Jesus' message is to the world. Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us" – not "God separated from us." They speak of how radical our calling is to reach beyond human-made walls that divide us. Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus crossed religious and social barriers to reach out to all people. At the time of his death on the cross, the curtain behind which God was believed to dwell was torn in two. God was on the loose. Out of the building and on the move.

As we approach Good Friday and Easter Sunday, we remember that Christ has torn down every barrier – not even death can separate us from God's love. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection has taken down the walls between us and God and between us and other people. So, let's do the speaking of this Good News – and not leave it just up to the walls to tell.

In Christ,
Pastor Diane

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Worship

See calendar page for day/
time during this Lenten
season.

Sunday School

Sept. 29th—May 4th
9-9:50 a.m.

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.

Pastor:

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Closed on Fridays

Treasurer/Expenses:

Kaneia Kinney

Offerings Secretary

Diane Kracht

Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl



In Our Thoughts/Prayers:

Marleen Pytlik, Frances Yokom, Tony Kobbervig, Carol (Hoff) Crandall (cancer), Nicole Wieser, Chad Henningsgard, Sheila Miller (Jennifer Bacher's friend), Jeff Erickson (Jerry & Julie Yokom's neighbor), Gabriella Morical (Kathy Hoefs granddaughter), Jenny Morical (Kathy Hoefs daughter), Nicole Gordon (cancer/Julie Yokom's niece); Casa de Fe orphanage; ELCA EaND Synod/*Bishop Tessa Moon-Leseth*; ELCA/*Presiding Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton*; our missionaries; military men/women;
Peace

February 2025 Financial:

Beginning Balance (as of 2/01/25): \$32,651.70
Income: \$13,723.45
Expenses: \$20,105.27
Ending Balance (as of 2/28/25): \$26,269.88
Outstanding checks: \$10,317.09
Adjusted Balance: \$15,952.79

March 2025 Worship Attendance

<i>Sundays</i>		<i>Wednesdays</i>	
2nd: 57	23rd: 48	5th: 45	19th: 43
9th: 38	30th:	12th: 44	26th: 46
16th: 42			



**Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe:
Pancakes & Sausage
Sunday, April 13th, 2025
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

All free-will offering proceeds will benefit an orphanage, Casa de Fe ("house of faith"), in Shell, Ecuador. All are welcome!



Mid-Week Lenten Service Schedule

This Lenten season, we continue having guest preachers from several area churches share in our services.

The pastors will do a little traveling, but individual congregations' schedules remain the same. This year's theme is "Majoring in the Minor Prophets." This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other area pastors and share the journey to Christ's cross together.

Trinity Lutheran Schedule for Mid-Week Lenten Services @ 6:30 p.m.

- March 5:** Ash Wednesday/Holy Comm. (Pr. Diane)
- ***March 12:** Pr. Randy Schlecht; *Malachi*
- ***March 19:** Interim Pr. Rich Krammer (OSLC); *Habakkuk*
- ***March 26:** Pr. Diane; *Joel*
- ***April 2:** Pr. Jamie Desai (Faith); *Amos*
- ***April 9:** Pr. Diane; *Obadiah*
- April 17:** Maundy Thursday/Holy Comm. (Pr. Diane)
- April 18:** Good Friday (Pr. Diane)

(*Meal served from 5:15-6:15pm)



Easter Sunday, April 20

8 a.m. Easter Breakfast

(Thank you, Linda Anderson & Kim Wittenberg, for hosting!)

9:27 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

(Please note the time change for Worship this year; there is one service only.)

March 2025 Memorials

Casa de Fe
In memory of
**Ron Braseth, Lori Omdahl,
& George Gaukler**
Given by Pat Beil & Bernie Walter

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4



On the Sunday after Easter (4/27), we will join in the tradition of celebrating God's gift of life with humor. Come prepared for a bit of silliness and a whole lot of gratitude and joy. You are invited to wear mismatched clothing or an unusual hat. Also on that morning, TLC youth (Sunday School through Confirmation age) will be participating in Worship.

From re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/03/laughter-sunday.html:
The idea of setting aside one Sunday each year to celebrate God's gift of laughter & joy may be new to some of us, but it has a long and rich history in many congregations around the world. Laughter Sunday (also known as Holy Humor Sunday or Bright Sunday) has its roots in a number of different Christian traditions as a way of celebrating the resurrection of Christ – the supreme joke God played on Satan by raising Jesus from the dead. In recent years, some of these Christian traditions have been resurrected – to celebrate the grace and mercy of God through the gift of laughter & joy.

TLC Christian Education



First Communion Sunday: Congratulations and God's Blessings to Tristan O'Brien, son of Tyler and Cassandra, who received the bread and wine of communion for the first time on March 2. May God continue to nourish his faith.

Parents of Sunday School students, please reply to the email regarding April 13th and 27th. We will be practicing for a few minutes each class on March 30, April 6, 13, and 27 in preparation for those days.



April 13: Palm Sunday – Sunday School students and youth are invited to help with the palm procession. A model of the Temple of Jerusalem that the students made of Legos will also be on display.

April 20: Easter Sunday – No Sunday School

April 27: Youth-led Sunday – Sunday School students and Confirmation students will participate in the service.

May 4: Graduate Recognition Sunday for high school and college students – Graduates, please email the church office your pictures and plans for after graduation by April 13.



May 4: Last day of Sunday School class for the school year – there will be games and Bumpa's Ice Cream Truck.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

All are welcome to join TLC Bible study to read about God's Word. We meet most Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the TLC library; on second Tuesdays of the month we meet at 10 a.m. at Bridgeview Estates. Each study focuses on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. Consider joining us! The discussions are incredibly open and bring a lot of thoughtful moments.



Confirmation Corner April 2025 @ TLC Grades 7-9

Students are expected to attend mid-week Lenten Service (April 2, 9, 17, and 18) at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity and complete the Lent worship notes (purple). Also, students will take turns helping serve, bus tables, and cleanup for the Lenten meals. Students who help with the meals should arrive by 5:30 p.m. (5:15 p.m., if possible). The meals are served from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Lent is a great time to acolyte, greet, read, and/or usher as part of the worship leadership expectations. Lent worship notes and the sign-up sheet for worship leadership opportunities are on the table in the sanctuary, next to sound system.

Confirmation classes will be held following Easter Sunday (April 23 & 30) and a Community Action Event is tentatively scheduled for May 7.

Kids Fun Day @ Faith on Wed., April 2:

Children (Kndg—6th gr.) are invited to a fun afternoon on Wed., April 2. This is the last Early Dismissal Day at VCPS. If your child attends Washington School, Wendi Wilmes will pick the kids up in Faith's church van. If your child attends Jefferson, please drop your child off at Faith Lutheran Church after school is over.

We will be **playing games at Faith or at the playgrounds** (weather permitting), and then we will be heading over to **Valley Twin Cinema for a movie and concessions starting at 3 p.m.** Please pick your child up at Valley Twin Cinema at 5 p.m. The cost for this will be \$10. *(An email was sent out to Sunday School parents on 3/24 with the registration link.)* For more info, call Wendi or Faith Lutheran. Pre-registration is required.

W.E. Erickson Scholarship applications may now be picked up in the church office for college students. Eligibility requirements are:

- Active member of Trinity Lutheran Church (student and/or parents).
- Good academic standing (GPA minimum of 2.5).
- Enrolled in University or Technical College.
- Preference given to enrolled Christian Ministry students.
- Students must have completed one academic year to be eligible.
- Undergraduates may renew the scholarship one time, with preference given to first time applicants.
- 10 hours of church/community service (within 12 mos) which has been verified by a supervisor through phone call or email/letter.



Completed applications should be dropped off in TLC office by May 15, 2025.

TRINITY COUNCIL MEETING – Highlights from March 11, 2025

Members present: Gary Botner, Kathy Hoefs, Diane Kracht, Robert Nelson, Glen Torgerson, Kim Wittenberg, Kaneia Kinney (Treas.), and Pastor Diane. Absent: Brenda Laub.

The meeting was called to order. Pastor Diane led devotions from Genesis 15. The council received thank you cards from APOC and from Rochelle. The council also received and approved a request from Kellen Westman regarding an Eagle Scout Project. The agenda and February meeting minutes were approved. The treasurer's report was received. It was suggested and approved that, in the newsletter, the beginning and ending balance of the bank statement for the previous month, the month's expenses and income, and the amount of outstanding checks will be given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education/Youth – Diane: Youth-led Sunday will be Apr 27. The last day of Sunday School is May 4, and it is also Senior Recognition Sunday. Bumpa's Ice Cream Truck will be here before and after church for free treats. Confirmation Classes are at Trinity in February and April. No Confirmation classes during Lent – students are expected to attend Lenten services. Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 4:45 p.m.

Endowment – Glen: Next meeting March 23, 2025, after worship.

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Brenda: The committee brainstormed on ideas for next year's Klub dinner and is looking into other activities: crafts with Open Door in the spring, mystery theater in the summer or fall, and a fish fry and wild game sampler. Next meeting: Thurs., May 8th at 5 p.m.

Worship – Kathy Hoefs: Accompanist schedule was shared. The season of Lent is March 5 – April 19. Area pastors will rotate for some of the Lenten services with the theme "Majoring in the Minor Prophets." Easter Sunday worship will be at 9:27a.m. Youth-led Sunday and Holy Humor Sunday are on April 27th with the theme: "Be the Light." Eggs will be handed out with stickers, candy, and jokes. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 20th at 2 p.m.

Women (WELCA) – Kim Wittenberg: The women will be serving Lenten meals on March 12, 19, Apr 2 & 9. Men will serve on Mar 26, headed by Jerry Dahl. The EaND Synodical Women's Organization 2025 Spring Roundup is at Stump Lake Village on April 26. A Spring Tea with care center residents is planning with Our Savior's and Faith. Next meeting: March 18th at Noon.

Property – Gary Botner/Robert Nelson: Church's "big" boiler is in the process of being installed. North side of the church sidewalk repair is being checked into. Trinity signed and submitted the contract to replace the church's elevator call button system. The Groundsmen will be hired for 3 applications of weed control for the church and parsonage.

OLD BUSINESS:

Coffee Hour offering for April is designated to the Elevator Call Button Update. The cost of purchasing new church computers will be checked into. The Bektel phone and internet contracts were redone for a savings of \$100/month.

NEW BUISNESS:

The downstairs nursery room will be cleaned and rearranged so it can serve both as a nursery room and a small group room for confirmation classes. We will have a "Musician Appreciation Sunday" this spring – date TBA.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.
The next council meeting is Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30 p.m.

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Trinity's Mission "Love God...Love Others"*

WELCA SPRING ROUNDUP



EaND Synodical Women's Organization

Saturday, April 26, 2025

9:00am-3:30pm

Come for the full day or part of the day
Stump Lake Village Main Street Building
Located 12 Miles South of Lakota, ND

ROOTED IN HOPE

No registration fee
Cost of meal and refreshments \$20
Register on our website
<https://eandwelca.net>
or call Jeanne Wobbema
701-230-8745
mrs wob@gmail.com

Join us for an exciting event featuring music, engaging speakers, delicious food, entertainment, and various vendors. Attendees can win door prizes and enjoy a self-guided tour of historical Stump Lake Village.

• Speakers • Presenters

Rebecca Kjelland Synod Authorized Minister, serving High Plains Ministry

Michelle Ihry will share her experience with undiagnosed Lyme Disease

Vicar Penny Millspaugh, Spiritual Director, serving Sundahl-Ottawa Lutheran Churches

Sonya Syverson, Certified Revelation Wellness Fitness Instructor and RevWild Outdoor Trainer

• Dance Performance

Sheyenne Dance Co. directed by Ashley Reinhart will present ballet and tap performances themed "Characters"

• Catered Meal

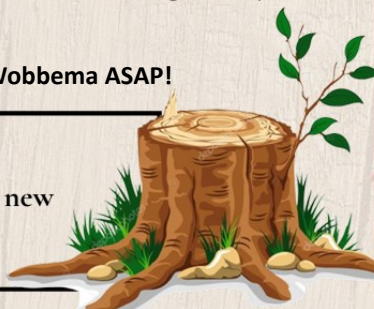
A delightful meal will be prepared and served by **Dee Lillehaugen**

• Music

Guest Musicians
Marcie Grohs, Lawton
Bonnie Deegan, Sheyenne

If interested in riding the bus, please notify Jeanne Wobbema ASAP!

At least there is hope for a tree:
if it is cut down it will sprout again, and its new
shoots will not fail. Job 14:7



Do you have gently-used/like new Hi-Liner gear/apparel that you no longer need or would like to re-home? The newly formed Hi-Liner Lighthouse is now accepting donations! In partnership with VC Public Schools, VC Christian Educators have created a new resource for new families to the VC school district, or those in need of a helping hand throughout the school year.

Please consider donating gently used Hi-Liner items (pants, shirts, jackets, caps, gloves, lanyards, etc) to this project. Items can be dropped off at the school administration building M-F during office hours.

Quilts for sale!

Looking for a quilt to gift to a special graduate? Need a Mother's Day gift for that special mom/grandma/wife? TLC Quilters have you "covered"! Check out the quilts for sale in the Gathering Area. (\$50 suggested donation)

Easter Plants

If you plan to give a donation towards an Easter plant for our Easter service (April 20), please fill out below info and return to the church **no later than April 10th**. You may either give money towards a plant OR order the plant yourself and bring it to the church by April 18th.

___ We plan to buy a plant and deliver to the church by April 18th.
(Please return this info sheet by April 10th)



___ We are enclosing \$___ to go towards the Easter plant fund.
Church office will order a predetermined amount of plants to adorn our sanctuary. (Recommended donation is \$20, but any amount is appreciated.)

Name of person(s) giving: _____

Name of person(s) it is given in memory/honor of (please circle memory/honor):
