



Trinity Tidings

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Worship
Sundays, 10 a.m.
Holy Communion on first & third Sundays

Sunday School
Sept. 29th—May 4th
9-9:50 a.m.

Bible Study
Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.

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"Thus says the Lord of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the Lord of hosts?" --Zechariah 8:6

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (March 5). The pastors from Faith, Our Saviors, and Trinity will again rotate among the congregations (including the Kathryn/Nome/Fingal Parish). Mid-week services at Trinity will be at 6:30 p.m. See schedule on page 2 of this newsletter.

The theme for our mid-week Lenten services is "Majoring in the Minor Prophets." The phrase "majoring in the minors" can mean to get caught up in trivial matters, but the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament have big and important messages for us. The Minor Prophets are Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. They are called "minor" because the length of these 12 books is shorter than the Major Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel). These books also tend to reflect a more specific time and situation.

When we remember that a prophet is someone chosen to speak on God's behalf, then we know that what is in these Books is anything but trivial. Sometimes, God told the prophets to speak words of judgement or warning, calling people to return to God and God's ways. (What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8) Sometimes, God told the prophets to speak words of comfort and hope. (For you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. Malachi 4:2) Sometimes, God sent prophets to people and places they did not want to go (Jonah was sent to Ninevah). Sometimes, God commanded them to do unusual things to embody God's message (Hosea married a prostitute). Whatever the type of message or the way it was shared, God has spoken through these prophets.

As we listen and learn from these Minor Prophets, may God so work in us that our lives will major in His love, mercy, and justice.

In Christ,
Pastor Diane



In Our Thoughts/Prayers:

Fam/Friends of Colton John Vall (Glen & Judy Torgerson's great grandbaby); Peyton & Madison Zaun (3/15 marriage @ TLC); Marleen Pytlik, Frances Yokom, Gerry Schaefer (cancer), Larry Compson, Tony Kobbervig, Carol (Hoff) Crandall (cancer), Nicole Wieser, Chad Henningsgard, 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; those affected by the CA wildfires; our missionaries; military men/women; **Peace**

Jan. & Feb. 2025 Memorials

General Fund/Boiler

In memory of **Delmer Rohrbeck**
Given by Bernard & Edna Elsner

January 2025 Financial:

Beginning Balance (as of 1/01/25):	\$19,220.08
Income:	\$25,714.37
Expenses:	\$12,282.75
Ending Balance (as of 1/31/25):	\$32,651.70
Outstanding checks:	\$13,327.35
Adjusted Balance:	\$19,324.35

Sunday Worship Attendance, Feb. '25

2nd: 46	16th: 41
9th: 42	23rd: 42



For anyone who has experienced the death of someone important to them, whether recently or in years past, you are invited to participate in a grief support group in Jamestown. It is free of charge, but registration is required. For more info or to register, call Diane (701-320-4915) or Eileen (701-269-4521). The group meets **Wednesdays at 10 a.m., beginning March 12th, and will run for 6 weeks.** Location is at United Presbyterian Church: 302 2nd Ave. SE in Jamestown, ND.



Thanks to your generosity, \$136,599 was raised on Giving Hearts Day! Your generosity further connects the people of God and helps this vital church flourish into the future. Thank you for joining us in our Mission, "United in Christ, we dare to invite, connect, and act." -- Eastern North Dakota Synod



Mid-Week Lenten Service Schedule

This year we will be 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." (See Pastor Diane's article.) 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 (subbing for Pr. Nicholas/OSLC)

***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 Communion (Pr. Diane)

April 18: Good Friday (Pr. Diane)

(*Meal served from 5:15-6:15pm; no meal on Ash Wed.)



Easter Sunday, April 20

9:30 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

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

Easter Breakfast/Coffee fellowship to be determined.

If there are any families/couples/groups that are willing to host, please let the church office know.



Mission Breakfast for

Casa de Fe

Sunday, March 9th, 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!

Thank you to all who attended the Klub Dinner on Feb. 15, and to all those working in the kitchen! Over \$2,100 was raised which will help to pay for the new boiler and repair of the heating pump @ TLC.



TLC Christian Education



First Communion Sunday will be March 2nd. Receiving his First Holy Communion this year is Tristan O'Brien, son of Tyler & Cassandra O'Brien. Everyone is invited to sign Tristan's Communion book before the service.

April 13: Palm Sunday — Sunday School Students and youth are invited to help with the palm procession



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

April 28: High School Graduates, please email your plans for after graduation and a baby & graduate picture. **College graduates, please email** the church what college you graduated from and your degree. TLC email is: trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com by April 28.

May 4: Graduate Recognition Sunday: Recognizing high school & college graduates



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

All are welcome to join in-person Bible study to read about God's Word through an online Bible Study provided by ELCA called *Daily Discipleship* (www.elca.org/dailydiscipleship). We meet 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. And the coffee is always on!



Confirmation Corner March 2025 @ TLC Grades 7-9

Instead of class during Lent, Confirmation students are expected to attend mid-week Lent services (at 6:30 p.m., March 5 thru April 18) and complete a Lenten version of worship notes (purple). Students will also take turns helping serve, bus tables, and cleanup for the Lenten meals. Students who are helping should arrive by 5:30 p.m. The meals are served from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. -- watch for an email with the schedule. And remember, Lent is a great time to acolyte, greet, 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 sanctuary, next to the sound system.



**Kids Club for
4th-6th graders
Wednesdays, 3:15-5 p.m. @
Faith Lutheran Church**

Youth in grades 4-6 from Trinity, Faith, and Our Saviors are invited to this after school program. If you would like your child/children to take part in this fun club, please contact Wendi Wilmes (840-3911). Rides from school to Faith Lutheran are available, but leaders do need to know a couple weeks prior.

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 February 18, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order. Pastor Diane led devotions from I Corinthians 12.

The agenda and January meeting minutes were approved. Elections were held for council officers, and council reps for committees were agreed upon (see below).

The treasurer's report was received.

Welcome to Brenda & Glen as they join the council this year. Council Installation is scheduled for March 2.

Council Officers for 2025 – President: Diane Kracht; Vice-president: Kim Wittenberg; and Secretary: Brenda Laub.

Council Reps for Committee for 2025 – Diane (Christian Ed); Glen (Endowment); Brenda (Global Mission/Outreach/Stewardship); Kathy (Worship); Kim (WELCA); and Robert and Gary (Property).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education/Youth: Youth-led Sunday will be Apr 27, and Graduate Recognition on May 4. Confirmation Classes are at Trinity in February and April. No Confirmation classes during Lent – students are expected to attend Lenten services. First Communion Sunday is March 2.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 18th at 4:45pm.

Endowment: Next Meeting to be announced.

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship: The Klub Dinner on February 15th raised \$2,138 for the Boiler Fund. Thank you to everyone who helped! Next Meeting: TBA

Worship: Lent is March 5th through April 18th with services at 6:30pm. Pastors will rotate some of the Lenten Services. Theme: Majoring in the Minor Prophets. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 25th at 3 p.m.

Woman (WELCA): WELCA and/or Casa de Fe Team will serve Lenten Suppers – volunteers to bring dessert are needed. Plans are in the works for a Spring Tea with Our Saviors, Faith Lutheran and Trinity. Next meeting: March 18th at noon.

Property: Still waiting for warm weather to install the church's "big" boiler. Gary will pursue fixing the sidewalk on the north side of church.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Special Offering (Jan 26th & Feb 2nd) designated to Lutheran Disaster Response California Wildfires raised over \$1,600. For the Sundays that WELCA serves, the coffee hour offering goes to WELCA. On other Sundays in March, the coffee hour offering is designated for snow removal costs.

NEW BUISNESS:

Easter Sunday service will be at 9:27 a.m.

Schindler Elevator Cooperation informed us that the church's elevator call button system is obsolete, and parts are no longer available for future repairs. The council voted to replace the call button system at a discounted price of approximately \$4,800 (vs. a standard cost of \$6,500). If we wait for the system to fail, it will take 3 or more weeks for parts to come and get replacements installed.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting is Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m.

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 would be appreciated.)

Name of person(s) giving: _____

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

Puzzle!

Find and circle these words associated with the Lenten journey to the cross.

colt	denial	kiss	repent
confess	donkey	lots	silver
cross	forsaken	palms	sins
crown	Gethsemane	penance	suffer
crucifixion	Golgotha	Pilate	thorns
death	hosanna	prayer	vigil

E N A M E S H T E G R L W Y
 C L E U X B M T H B U C W B
 N R I K Y P A T E T I Y X Y
 A V J G A L B R E Y A R P B
 N G N L I S N L A I N E D X
 E W M P R V R D H B N R D F
 P S O G O L G O T H A B S C
 D L N R O C O N F E S S I K
 O T H T C P E K W U O U N D
 M N S H N P W E D R H F S K
 U N F O E T K Y C S G F O E
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 H V H N C X S O C C J R L O
 F Q E S U D S H C A A Y M C
 C R U C I F I X I O N S R V

Puzzle!

The 12 Old Testament books known as the Minor Prophets aren't unimportant — just short! Unscramble the names of these books. Then unscramble the circled letters to find a fruit of the Spirit.



Fruit: _____

LEJO _____
 IHCAM _____
 ABKUKKAH _____
 DHAIABO _____
 MUNAH _____
 OAESH _____
 AZAEHINPH _____
 NJHAO _____
 AGIAGH _____
 OASM _____
 AHRIZAHCE _____
 IHCMALA _____