



April 2026

Trinity Tidings



So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! II Corinthians 5:17

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Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.
Holy Communion every
Sunday during Easter
season

Sunday School

9-9:45 a.m.
(through 4/26/26)

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.
@ TLC library;
Meets @ Bridgeview Est. on
second Tuesdays of month.

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Closed on Fridays

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Kaneaia Kinney

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Diane Kracht

Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

What can two and a half inches of rain in a three month period do? In Death Valley National Park (in California), it is enough to cause a superbloom. Normally, the park gets about two inches of rain in a whole year. But from November 2025 to January 2026, the park received more than its annual average rain. This "abundance" of rain in a "short" period was enough for seeds to sprout. Seeds that had been lying dormant for years became gold flowers which covered the arid landscape. It will be short-lived, though. The flowers grow, bloom, and produce seeds that will lie dormant until there is enough rain for them to sprout again (which is roughly every ten years).

It is a breathtaking site – flowers stretching across the hottest and driest place in North America. It is a testament to the beauty of God's creation and how life can be found in unexpected places. For some, it is also an image of the resurrection. Jesus died on Good Friday and was laid in a tomb. On Easter morning, Jesus was raised from the dead. Like seeds dormant in dry ground, Jesus lay in the grave. Then came the bloom when our living Lord appeared to his disciples.

Unlike the flowers of Death Valley, Jesus was not just dormant. He had died on the cross. This was not a cycle of nature – this was the Son of God being obedient to the point of death. And it took more than two inches of rain. It took the power of the almighty God to raise him from the dead. With his death and resurrection, Jesus defeated the powers of sin and death so that we might be forgiven and given new life.

Until the Kingdom of God comes in all its fullness, we struggle through periods of drought – where we don't seem to have enough of what we need to feel alive and thriving. When Martin Luther explained the Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer (lead us not into temptation), he said that we are asking God to keep us from being deceived. In times of trial, we may be led into false belief or despair. We ask God to help us hang in there, and when we falter, to raise us up.

As we watch our land enter into springtime, may the beauty of new life remind us of the resurrected life we have in Christ. May we be filled with the faith that assures us that, even on the driest day, God is working to fill us with abundant and everlasting life.

Blessings this Easter Season,
Pastor Diane



In Our Thoughts/Prayers:

Fam/Friends: of *Linda Bucher* (Linda Westby's sis), of *Jack Lieffort* (Jeanne Wobbema's bro), of *Jeanne Ott* (Carol Olson's sis), of *Ralph Metcalf* (Vicki Metcalf's father-in-law); *DonnaMae Weis* (Fgo hosp./infection), *Annitha Plecity*, *Marleen Pytlik*, *Gayle Hoff*, *Chad Henningsgard*, *Karen Magnuson*, *Randy Hoefs* (Kathy's bro-in-law), *Beth Busche* (Kathy Hoef's sis-in-law), *Don Clark* (Kathy Brobst-Clark's husband), *Nicole Wieser*; Military men/women; Missionaries; Casa de Fe orphanage; Eastern ND Synod Bishop *Tessa Moon-Leiseth*/ELCA Bishop Rev. *Yehiel Curry*; Peace.

March 2026 Memorials

GENERAL FUND

In memory of **Margaret Heise**
Given by Dennis & Sharon Anundson

In memory of **Frank Weis**
Given by DonnaMae Weis & Doug Weis

In memory of **Ethel Heckman, Joie Heckman, Frances Yokom, Jeannie Anderson, & Margaret Heise**
Given by Anonymous Donor

In memory of **Ralph Metcalf**
Given by Bruce & Diane Kracht, Bernie & Edna Elsner

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In memory of **Lynn Marie Weis**
Given by DonnaMae Weis & Doug Weis

QUILTERS

In memory of **Margaret Heise**
Given by Susan Smith



Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 29:

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship with Procession of Palms

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd:

6:30 p.m. Worship, Holy Communion/First Communion for Landon Carlblom, stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 3rd:

12 p.m. Community Good Friday service @ OSLC

6:30 p.m. Tenebrae (darkening) service @ TLC

Easter Sunday, April 5th:

8:30-9:20 a.m. Easter Breakfast in Gathering Area (*Thanks for hosting, Bruce & Diane Kracht!*)

No Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Easter Monday, April 6th:

TLC Offices closed



On the Sunday after Easter (4/12), 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Debbie Miller

SVFA FUNDRAISER

Sheyenne Valley Friends of Animals

Saturday, April 4th, 2026

VC Eagles Club, 5-7 p.m.

Free-will offering all you can eat taco bar!
Silent Auction, Norwegian raffle, cake walk!
Proceeds benefit local animals in need.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



First Communion: Congratulations and God's Blessings to Landon Carlblom, who will receive the bread and wine of communion for the first time on April 2nd during the Maundy Thursday Service. May God continue to nourish his faith.

Sunday School: As we are coming to the close of the school year, the Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone for their participation and support of Sunday School. Special thank you to parents, students, and adult leaders. This year we have focused on stories from the New Testament and memorizing the Apostles' Creed. Our last day of classes for this school year will be April 26.

Youth-Lead Sunday: During worship on April 26, the Sunday School students will share a brief program with us, and we will be using the prayers that the students wrote. Sunday School and Confirmation students will be leading the service that day.

Mark your calendars:

May 3: Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 26-28: Vacation Bible School *(more info to come!)*



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 15.**



Confirmation Corner April 2026 @ TLC, Grades 7-9

Confirmation Classes resume on Wednesdays 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Trinity. A light meal will be served at 6 p.m. There will be classes on April 8, 15, 22, & 29. Students will participate in the CROP WALK on May 6th, with more info to come.

Those anticipating being confirmed in the fall of 2026 are to complete four conversations with their mentor by April 15. Contact Pastor Diane if you have questions.

Thank you to the Confirmation students for helping in the kitchen these Wednesdays of Lent... we appreciate you!

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 months) which has been verified by a supervisor through phone call or email/letter.



Completed applications should be dropped off in TLC office by May 20, 2026.



**RED WILLOW
MINISTRIES**



This summer Red Willow Ministries welcomes campers back to a place filled with joy, adventure, friendship, and faith! This year's theme, "Wear Love", is inspired by Colossians 3:12-14. Campers will explore how to "put on" compassion, kindness, humility, calmness, steadfastness, and forgiveness in their daily lives. Come ready to grow, play, laugh, and Wear Love!

Find details about each week at: redwillowministries.com/camps

To register online: rwm.campbrainregistration.com

Through the generosity of TLC Endowment Fund, camp scholarships are available! Contact TLC office to get the scholarship code and more details.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2026:

Council President: Diane Kracht **Vice Pres.:** Kim Wittenberg **Secretary:** Linda Westby
Other members: Brenda Laub, Robert Nelson, Gary Botner, Glenn Torgerson

Trinity Lutheran Church Council March Highlights (from 3/13/26 meeting):

Members Present: Gary Botner, Diane Kracht, Brenda Laub, Robert Nelson, Glen Torgerson, Linda Westby, Kim Wittenberg, Kaneia Kinney (Treas), and Pastor Diane Krumm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education/Youth – Diane: Youth-led Sunday will be Apr 26th and Graduate Recognition on May 3. Vacation Bible School (Faith, OSLC, & Trinity) will be May 26-28, at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. Confirmation students are attending mid-week Lenten services and helping with meals. Regular classes resume on April 8th at Trinity. Wendi Wilmes is planning a trip in July to Camp Metigoshe for confirmation age students (more info to come). Next Meeting: TBA.

Endowment – Glen: Council requests Endowment to consider helping to pay for Trinity’s part of VBS and for Trinity youth attending the Camp Metigoshe trip. Next Meeting: March 22, 2026, after worship.

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Brenda: The Klub Dinner raised over \$1,200 for Trinity. Suggested “\$5 on the 5th Sunday” offerings be designated to Central African Republic (March); Hi-Liner Summer Grocery Store (May); Lutheran Disaster Response (August); and the Community Thanksgiving Baskets (October/November). Trinity members will make Easter Treat Bags for Open Door clients and have a Easter Craft time with them (using a Thrivent Action Team card). Next Meeting: April 30th at 5 p.m.

Worship – Linda: We began having a “Hymn of the Month” in March to learn more hymns. We continue our Lenten theme of “Unbound: Longing for Wholeness’ with area pastors rotating for the Wednesday services. The committee reviewed details for Holy Week, Easter Sunday (Apr 5), Holy Humor Sunday (Apr 12), and Christmas in July (July 26). Easter Sunday is April 5th with coffee hour at 8:30 a.m. in the Gathering Area and worship with Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. Next Meeting: April 30th at 1 p.m.

Women (WELCA) – Kim: WELCA will serve Lenten suppers on Feb 25 and March 4, 11, & 18. The men will serve supper on March 25. Next meeting: March 17th at Noon.

Property – Gary/Robert: New batteries were installed in all of the church EXIT signs. The church’s small boiler was replaced (per warranty), and we are waiting to hear about cost for labor. As directed by the state boiler inspector, a line above the boilers was replaced and a CO2 detector was installed in the church boiler room. We will be contracting with Southview Lawn Care Service of Jamestown for lawn spraying for the church and parsonage.

BUSINESS

Jamestown Conference meeting for the Synod Bishop Nomination Process will be March 28th at 10 a.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church, Jamestown.

Council brainstormed on items for a “Wish List” which included a pictorial directory and a spring cleanup for the parsonage yard.

Trinity will apply for a credit card with Dakotah Bank – to use for office supplies and annual subscriptions.

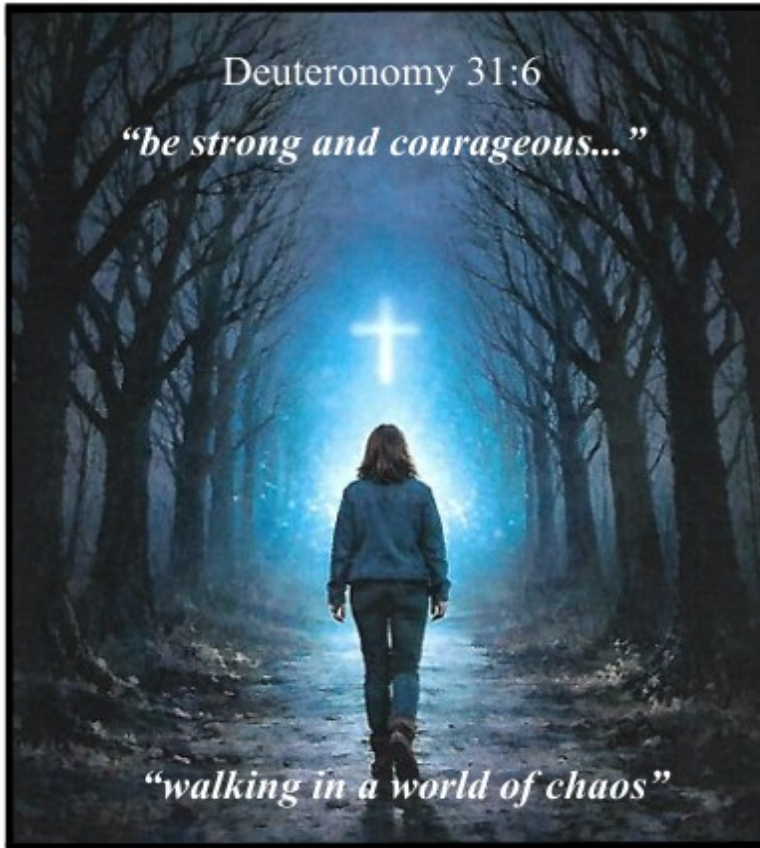
NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: April 14th @ 6:30 p.m.

Worship Attendance for March 2026

Wednesdays	Sundays
4th: 47	1st: 61
11th: 46	8th: 38
18th: 39	15th: 49
25th: 52	22nd: 50
	29th: 77

Feb. 2026 Financial:

Beg. Balance (as of 2/01/26):	\$107,433.83
Income:	\$ 10,956.55
Expenses:	\$(20,619.66)
J. Anderson bequest invested	<u>\$(55,000.00)</u>
End Balance (as of 2/28/26):	\$ 42,770.72
Outstanding checks:	\$(10,455.03)
Outstanding deposits	<u>\$ 554.00</u>
Adjusted Balance:	\$ 32,869.69



WELCA 3rd Annual Spring Round-Up
“Walking in the Midst of Chaos”
Saturday, April 18, 2026

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bagg Bonanza Historical Farm
 8025 169th Ave SE, Mooreton, ND

Featuring speakers, music, vendors & friendship.

Lunch: \$20

Pre-registration is required by March 28th by calling or emailing Jeanne Wobbema:

mrs wob@gmail.com or
 (701)230-8745



2026 Women of the ELCA
Triennial Gathering
July 16-19, 2026
Des Moines, IA

Trinity Lutheran Women of the ELCA will be fundraising for the upcoming Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa (July 2026). These funds will help defray the cost of TLC women attending. If you'd like info, there are brochures on the back table in the sanctuary, or see Jeanne Wobbema.



Mission Breakfast for
Casa de Fe

Sun., April 12, 2026
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Serving pancakes, sausage, & applesauce

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



Come early for a 15 minute panel time with the 3 featured guest entertainers, based on Hebrews 12:1-2 called “Running the Race”.

Saturday, April 25, 2026: Martin Lutheran Church

502 Martin's Ave., Casselton, ND; **6:00 p.m. show**
1 night—3 hours Just for Women: an evening full of laughter, learning, stories & music.

Advance Tickets: \$30 (General Admission); \$40 (VIP/Reserved)
 Purchase online at aspirewomensevents.com or call (480)812-1100



Author & Bible Teacher
 Heather Dixon



Comedy
 by
 Kay Dodd



Music by
 Jaime
 Jamgocian



Wednesday, May 6, 2026: 7-8 p.m.

Gather near Jefferson Elem. School
 (1150 Central Ave. N., Valley City)
 More info to come!

April is National #ChildAbusePreventionMonth. There are actions we can take at all levels to address the root causes of maltreatment and provide meaningful support. Visit the campaign page to learn more. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/preventionmonth/>

APRIL IS
National Child Abuse Prevention Month
 #ThrivingFamilies

Risk Factors
 Parental stress Substance misuse Poverty

Protective Factors
 Parental resilience Nurturing and attachment
 Knowledge of parenting and child development
 Concrete support in times of need Social connections
 Social-emotional competence of children

Children's Bureau Child Welfare Information Gateway



Buffalo Bridges Human Services serves the Barnes County and Stutsman Country areas, providing assistance in areas of childcare, heating, SNAP, and other resources. For the month of April, they are accepting donations of diapers & wipes and non-perishable food products. Drop off locations are:

Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone
 230 4th St.. NW Rm 102
 Valley City, ND 58072

Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone
 116 1st St. East
 Jamestown, ND 58401



Every baby deserves a clean diaper yet not all families can afford this. Your diaper & wipe donation will help a family in need and help prevent neglect and abuse for children in our community.



Every child deserves a full stomach yet not all families can afford this. Your non-perishable food donation will help a family in need and help prevent neglect and abuse in our community.



In recognition of April as Prevent Child Abuse Month, you're invited to:

Family Bingo Night
Thursday, April 23rd, 5-7 p.m.
493 Central Ave. N., Valley City

An evening of fun & prizes with helpful resources for families. Visit informational booths and get tips from a children's therapist on handling challenging behaviors.

A **free meal** will be provided by the VC Kiwanis.

Thank you to those who gave a monetary donation or brought an Easter plant to adorn our sanctuary for Easter Sunday:

In memory of **Charles Olson, Shirla Cummings, Niell Ott, & Jeanne Ott**
Given by Carol Olson

In memory of **Courtney Nelson**
Given by Robert & Dee Nelson

In memory of **Byron & Berniece Botner, and Bernie & Lois Cruden**
Given by Gary & Bernadette Botner

In memory of **Brenda Anderson and Harold Anderson**
Given by Beverly Anderson

In memory of **Perry & Margaret Grotberg**
Given by Bruce & Amy Anderson

In memory of **Hubert & Arlene Larson, Wallace & Marlys Rohde, Kathy Ahonen, and Ray Larson**
Given by Russ & Pat Larson

In memory of **Richard E. & Kathleen A. Winter**
Given by Dianne & Brad Graff family

In memory of **Beverly Gould**
Given by Susan Smith

In memory of **Bill Martin, Vi & Cecil Martin, Delbert & Opal Tibke**
Given by Sue Martin & family

In memory of **Norman & Sharyl Erber, and Kristine Westman**
Given by Westman Family

In memory of **Carol Boucher**
Given by Linda Westby

In memory of **Our Parents, and grandson Matthew Murch**
Given by Woody & Rose Wendt

In memory of **Emily Kracht**
Given by Kris & Cadi Kracht, Eva & Noah

In memory of **Harold & Freda Whetzel, Bernie & Mavis Kracht**
Given by Bruce & Diane Kracht

In memory of **Ronald & Eloise Dahl, Julius & Mary Langer, Kathy Benson, and Christopher Mielke**
Given by Jerry & Michelle Dahl

In memory of **Lynn Marie Weis, Frank Weis, and Loved Ones**
Given by DonnaMae Weis & Douglas Weis

In memory of **LaVonne Zinck**
Given by Mike & Vicki Metcalf, Clay & JoAnne Adams

In memory of **LeRoy Magnuson and Marie Hoffmeyer**
Given by Karen Magnuson, Scott Magnuson family, Dewey & Darci Magnuson family

In memory of **Macy Triebold**
Given by Roger & Rochelle Triebold family

In honor of **Cade Ball**
Given by Glen & Judy Torgerson

In honor of **Maverick Heller** (grandson)
Given by Michael & Gayle Hoff

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57