

Trinity Tidings

**March
2026**

Trinity Lutheran Church
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"Love God. Love Others."

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Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.

Holy Communion on first &
third Sundays

Sunday School

9-9:45 a.m.

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.

@ TLC library;

Meets @ Bridgeview Est. on
second Tuesdays of month.

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Jerry & Michelle Dahl



"Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Genesis 50:17b

On most Sundays during Lent this year, our focus will be on the story of Joseph from Genesis 37-50. It was a long, painful journey for Joseph to go from showing off his coat of many colors to being a slave in Egypt to graciously welcoming his brothers back into his life. Through it all, God was working to heal and to save.

In the Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer, we ask, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Martin Luther wrote that we all have sinned. None of us is able to earn God's forgiveness or love. Yet God is gracious and abounding in mercy. We ask for God's forgiveness, trusting in God's steadfast love. And then, we forgive as we have been forgiven. (Small Catechism)

I think of the long journey that Jesus made to the cross – from birth in Bethlehem to preaching and healing throughout the countryside to death at Calvary. We now are assured of God's forgiveness, without delay. But first came the journey to the cross.

I think of Joseph. He spent years as a slave and as a prisoner. By the time he saw his brothers again, Joseph had had time to reflect on what they had done and what he had done and how God was working to save them all. He reassured his brothers in Genesis 50:19-21 that he would take care of the family. Although Joseph didn't say the words, many believe he forgave his brothers for selling him into slavery and the hardship that followed. It wasn't instant. It was a long journey for Joseph.

Through Jesus, we are now assured that our God seeks to forgive us and empower us with God's love so we can forgive others. Forgiveness is never something to take for granted or assume is no big deal. It took Jesus on the cross. When we hurt one another, we all need to walk the way of the cross and discover that along the way God is working to make us new.

Throughout this Lent, may we ponder the forgiveness of God, and may we freely give what we have freely received.

In Christ, Pastor Diane



In Our Thoughts/Prayers:

Fam/Friends of Margaret Heise (2/07 funeral @ TLC), Marleen Pytlik, Gayle Hoff, Chad Henningsgard, Karen Magnuson, Carol Boucher (Linda Westby's sis), Don Clark (Kathy Brobst'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.



Thank you to all the organizers who planned and worked the Klub Meal fundraiser on Feb. 14, and to all those who came to enjoy a delicious Klub meal!

February 2026 Memorials

GENERAL FUND

In memory of **Margaret Heise**
Given by Bruce & Amy Anderson, Bruce & Diane Kracht, Roger & Rochelle Triebold

QUILTERS

In memory of **Margaret Heise**
Given by Tom & Karen Overn, Russ & Pat Larson, Roger & Cindy Weisenburger, Bernie & Edna Elsner, Sue Martin, Jerry & Julie Yokom

In memory of **Frances Yokom**
Given by Tom & Karen Overn



Jamestown Area Grief Support Team to host Widower' Day

JAGST is hosting **Just For Men: A Day for Widowers** on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Gladstone Inn Anton Klaus Room.

This is a day for any man who has experienced the death of his wife. The day will include a special guest speaker, Tommy Jones. Lunch will be included. The event is free of charge, but pre-registration is required. To register call Justin at 701-368-2699.



2026 Midweek/Wednesday Lent Schedule

6:30 p.m. @ Trinity Lutheran Church

Lenten Meals: 5:15—6:15 p.m.; Mar. 4, 11, 18, & 25

What if the opposite of being bound is being whole? Our world is filled with things that hold us captive. These things that bind us prevent us from living the whole, abundant life that God has promised us. Through the stories of regular people encountering Jesus, and being drawn to the wholeness that Jesus provides, we can learn about our own longings and be drawn into wholeness. (© Church Anew Resources. Used with permission.)

Below is the schedule for Trinity Lutheran's Wednesday services with a simple prayer that highlights the main point of each service. You are invited to read the Bible passages and use the prayers each week.

- Mar. 4: Longing for Authenticity - Jn 11:1-45
(Pr. Jamie Desai) Jesus, thank you for crying with me and calling me into new life.
- Mar. 11: Longing for Relationship - Jn 4:5-42
(Pr. Jared Carson) Jesus, fill my heart so your love can overflow to others.
- Mar. 18: Longing for Mystery - Jn 3:1-17
(Pr. Bryce Blank) Jesus, help me see you, even when it's hard to understand.
- Mar. 25: Longing for Wholeness - Matt 4:1-11
(Pr. Nicholas Rohde) Jesus, help me choose your way, not just the easy way.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 29th: 10 a.m. Worship & Procession of Palms (Sunday School youth)

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd: 6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion & First Communion

Good Friday, April 3rd: 12 p.m. Community service @ OSLC; 6:30 p.m. Tenebrae service @ Trinity

Easter Sunday, April 5th: 9:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion (Please note the time change for this service; there is one service only.)

**"Create in me a clean heart, O God,
& renew a right spirit within me."
Psalm 51:10**

TLC Sunday School

In February, Sunday School students decorated and filled Valentine's Day Treat boxes for Trinity's care center and assisted living residents. These were a hit with the residents and a great way to remind them of God's love for them.

There will be Sunday School classes on March 1, 15, and 29. On March 29, we will be making Easter cards and doing prep work for the Youth-led Sunday. During worship on March 29, students will help with the palm procession for Palm Sunday.

First Communion Classes



First Communion classes for 5th grade students will be from 3:30-4:45 p.m. on March 11, 18, & 25. Those participating in class will receive the bread and wine during the Maundy Thursday Service on April 2. If you or someone you know is interested in these classes, please contact Pastor Diane.

Mark your calendars:

March 29: Palm Sunday: Students help with procession during worship.

April 26: Youth-led Sunday

May 4: 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 March 2026 @ TLC, Grades 7-9

During Lent, Confirmation students are required to attend Wednesday Lenten services during March and Holy Week Services on April 2 & 3. All services begin at 6:30 p.m. Also, students will take turns helping serve and clean-up for Lenten suppers.

Students who anticipate to being confirmed in Fall of 2026 are to choose and meet with a mentor during March-April.

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; Pr. Diane Krumm

TRINITY COUNCIL MEETING – Highlights from February 10th, 2026

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education/Youth – Diane: On Feb. 8, Sunday School made Valentine Treat Boxes for Trinity members residing at Bridgeview and the Care Center. Youth-led Sunday will be Apr 26th and Graduate Recognition on May 3. Confirmation classes do not have regular classes during Lent (Feb 18-Apr 3) – instead students are expected to attend mid-week Lenten services. They will also help serve and clean up for Lenten meals. Vacation Bible School (Faith, OSLC, and Trinity) will be May 26-28, at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. VBS materials will be from Group Publishing – “Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God.” More info will be available later. Next Meeting: March 5th at 4:45 p.m.

Endowment – Glen: Next Meeting: March 22, 2026, after worship.

Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship – Brenda: Klub Dinner is Saturday, Feb. 14th from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Pastor Diane is arranging an Easter craft time with Open Door clients & Trinity members – probably the end of March. Also, we are making Easter treat bags for the clients of ODC. Next Meeting: TBA

Worship: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (Feb 18). Pastor Diane will be rotating with other pastors as we have done starting with Lent in 2023. Next Meeting: March 5th 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. New work groups are finished. Next meeting: February 17th at Noon.

Property – Gary/Robert: The Fire Marshall noted two light bulbs need replacing on the exit signs – which Robert will replace. We are waiting to hear from the company whether the church’s small boiler will be repaired or replaced. It is under warranty.

OLD BUSINESS

The Annual Meeting and potluck went well. Council voted to invest \$55,000 from Jeanne Anderson Bequest in a money market account with the interest used for Trinity’s share of the Community Thanksgiving Baskets.

NEW BUSINESS

Officers for 2026 were elected – President: Diane, Vice-president: Kim, and Secretary: Linda. The following will represent the council on TLC’s committees – Christian Ed: Diane, Endowment: Glen, Global Mission/Outreach/Stewardship: Brenda, Property: Robert & Glen, Women (WELCA): Kim, and Worship: Linda. Council Installation will be on February 22nd during worship.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING (Tuesday) March 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 2026 Financial:

Beg. Balance (as of 1/01/26):	\$111,444.78
Income:	\$ 12,994.85
Expenses:	<u>\$(17,005.80)</u>
End Balance (as of 1/30/26):	\$107,433.83
Outstanding checks:	\$(14,785.28)
Minus J. Anderson	<u>\$(57,185.36)</u>
Adjusted Balance:	\$ 35,463.19

Sunday Worship Attendance for February 2026

Feb. 1st: 56	15th: 48
8th: 36	22nd: 47

Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Highlights for Year 2025:

The annual meeting was held on February 1, 2026. President Diane Kracht led the meeting. She began by thanking Pastor Diane, Rochelle, Jerry & Michelle, Kaneia, Amy, Naomi, the Audit Committee (Karen, Sue, & Rose), the Westman's, Council Members, Sunday School leaders, and all our members for their service.

It was noted that several repairs were completed during 2025 – including the roof area near the church bell tower. A leak has developed in the small boiler which was installed in 2023. It is under warranty, and we will work with the supplier to have the part replaced or the boiler replaced. The labor costs will be our responsibility.

The following people were elected:

Church Council: Linda Westby and Brenda Laub (3-year terms)

Endowment: Sue Martin (5-year term)

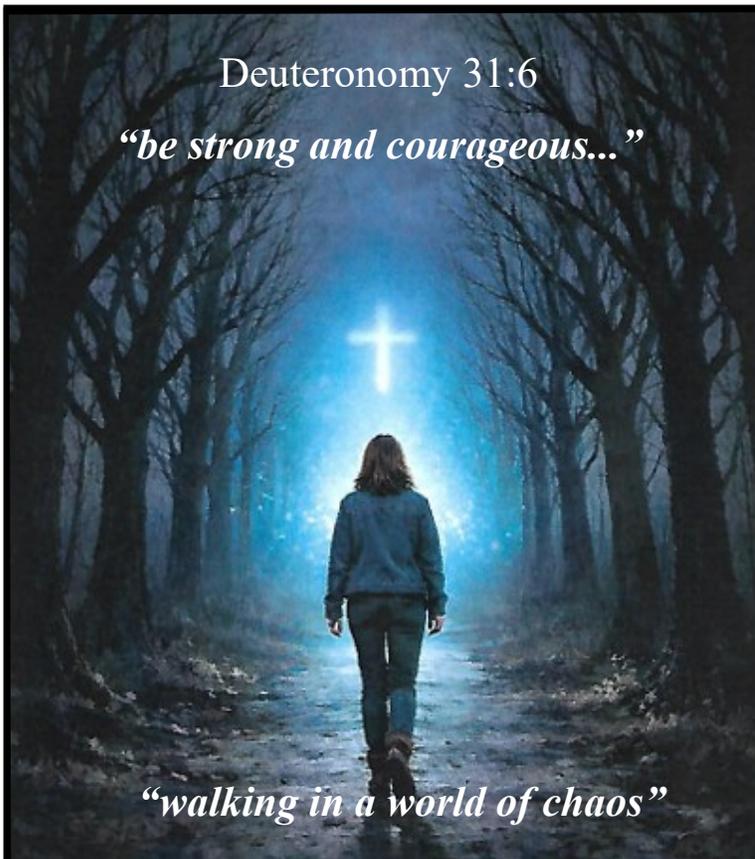
Endowment: Randy Ladbury (1-year completing a term)

Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly Voting Members: Linda Anderson and Patty Beil

The 2026 Proposed Budget was approved with an overall 2% increase from the 2025 budget. Our benevolence support to the Eastern North Dakota Synod ministries continues at \$5,000.

Trinity Lutheran voted to nominate Tessa Moon Leiseth (current bishop and eligible for a 2nd term) and Kristina Weber for Eastern North Dakota Bishop. These nominations will be sent to the Jamestown Conference as part of the nomination process for the Synod Bishop. The election will take place at the EaND Synod Assembly in June 2026. A synod bishop serves a 6-year term and may serve 2 consecutive terms.

After the meeting was adjourned, we joined in potluck and fellowship. Thank you to all who attended the meeting and provided a wonderful selection of food.



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



Easter Plants

If you plan to give a donation towards an Easter plant for our Easter service (April 5), please fill out below info and return to the church **no later than March 25th**. You may either give money towards a plant OR order the plant yourself and bring it to the church by Friday, April 3rd.

___ We plan to buy a plant and deliver to the church by Friday, April 3rd.
(Please return this info sheet by March 25th)



___ 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):



**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
 Sunday, March 8th, 2026
 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Denver Eggbake & Fried Klub**

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



The Community Closet will be open Monday, March 16th, from 5-7 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Sunday, March 15th, 6-8 p.m. and also on Monday, March 16th, at 7 p.m. to help with clean up. The Community Closet has free clothing for all sizes and some household goods available for those in need.



**Faith Lutheran Church
 Men's Group
 French Toast & Sausage
 Brunch**

Sunday, March 22
 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Free-will offering

To-go containers available.
 Proceeds will be given to Faith Lutheran
 General Fund.



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

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



Author &
 Bible Teacher
 Heather Dixon



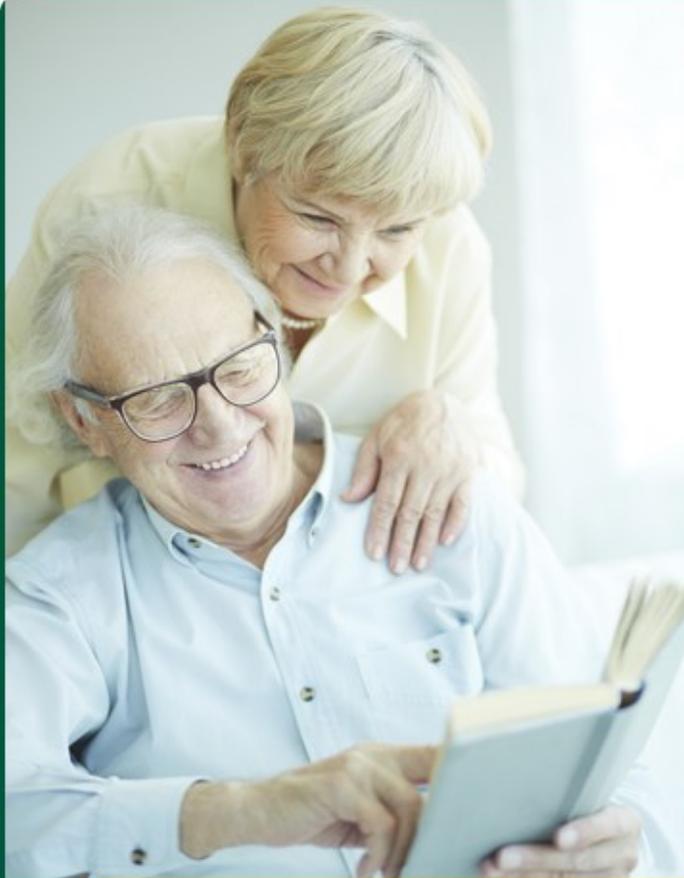
Comedy
 by
 Kay Dodd



Music by
 Jaime
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**When you take care of
yourself, everyone benefits.**

Monday Afternoons

March 16 - April 20, 2026

1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Online through Zoom

Contact Kyla Sanders to register and
receive your Zoom login information
kyla.sanders@ndsu.edu or

701-348-9907

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