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

Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.

Sunday School

Oct. 19th—May 15th
 9-9:45 a.m.

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 am

Interim Pastor:

Rev. Robert Franek
 Email: ptlc@bektel.com

Office Staff:

Rochelle Triebold
 Hours: 9 am-3 pm, M-Th
 Closed on Fridays

Treasurer/Expenses:

Kaneia Kinney

Offerings Secretary:

Karen Magnuson

Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

Trinity "Tidings"

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 14th:

6:30 p.m. Worship/Holy Communion with Individual Absolution/Forgiveness; "First Communion", and traditional "Stripping of the Altar"

Good Friday, April 15th:

12 noon Community service @ OSLC
 6:30 p.m. TLC Good Friday service

Easter Sunday, April 17th: 10 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

**There will be NO Easter breakfast or coffee hour this year.*

Easter Plants 2022

In memory of:

Hubert & Arlene Larson,
 Wallace Rohde, Ray Larson,
 and Kathryn Ahonen

Bill Martin

Friends & Family

Lynn Marie Weis, Frank Weis,
 & Loved Ones

Our Parents, &
 grandson Matthew Murch

Loved Ones

Charles Olson and Dickhoff family

Loved Ones

Hazel Grooters, Greg Grooters &
 Loved Ones

Margaret & Perry Grothberg,
 Harold Anderson, & Brenda Anderson

Harold & Freda Whetzel, &
 Bernie & Mavis Kracht

Richard E. & Kathleen A. Winter

Gale "Buzz" Eggert, Mabel & Irv
 Eggert, Wayne & Shirley Hanson

Macy Triebold & Loved Ones

In honor of TLC Staff: Pr. Robert,
 Rochelle, Kaneia, Karen, Amy,
 Jerry & Michelle Dahl

Given by:

Given by Russ & Pat Larson

Sue Martin & family

Mary Etta Moore

DonnaMae Weis &
 Douglas Weis

Woody & Rose Wendt

Margaret Heise

Carol Olson

LeRoy & Karen Magnuson

Larry Grooters & Family

Bruce & Amy Anderson

Bruce & Diane Kracht

Dianne & Brad Graff family

Margie Eggert & family

Roger & Rochelle Triebold

Randall & Naomi Schlecht



In just over a week our Lenten season turns to Holy Week and the Great Three Days. This week and these three days especially are at the heart of the liturgical year and the center of our Christian faith. From the opening *hosannas* on Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday to hearing Christ's new commandment around the table and in the context footwashing to Jesus' triumphal reigning from the cross proclaimed in John's Gospel to the proclamation of *Christ is risen* during this week

and through these three days we enter the paschal mystery once again moving us from death into life.

Holy Week begins with Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday. This day bears the weight of telling two stories. In the *gathering rite* we hear the processional gospel, from Matthew, Mark, or Luke depending on the lectionary year, that tells of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as a gathering of people waved palm branches and shouted *hosanna!* After the *Prayer of the Day* the readings turn to focus on Jesus' passion and death. The *First Reading, Psalm, and Epistle* are the same this Sunday each year, while the *Gospel Reading* is the passion story from Matthew, Mark, or Luke according to the lectionary year. The lectionary gives us this day to hear the passion account from one of the synoptic gospels, which place an emphasis on Jesus' suffering and abandonment. This two-fold focus on this Sunday sets the tone for entering Holy Week and the Great Three Days.

The services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil or Easter Day are one continuous service over multiple days. You may have noticed there is no blessing at the end of the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services that brings them to a conclusion.

The Great Three Days or The Triduum open with Maundy Thursday. On this night the service begins with an extended ritual of absolution including the laying on of hands. This extended absolution is offered as a bookend to the extended confession of sin made on Ash Wednesday. This service tells of the Passover meal shared by ancient Israel and the Passover meal Christ shares with his disciples. However, in John 13, the focus at the supper is not the food but the footwashing and Jesus' demonstrating the new commandment he is about to give his disciples. After we share in our Lord's holy supper the chancel area is stripped. This is an opportunity to think of the Church's sorrow over Christ's death and our own paring down to receive the life of Christ.

Good Friday is the starkest and simplest of these services. Here the focus is on the passion from the Gospel of John that proclaims Christ reigning in glory from the cross and drawing all creation into the heart and mercy of God. Gathered around the cross, using the *Bidding Prayer* we pray for everyone and all creation through a series of bids, silent prayer, and summery collects.

The culmination of the Great Three Days with resurrection jubilation, proclaims that while earthly powers have done their worst, God's power to bring life even from death's stone-shut tomb is greater. Easter is not merely a day but a season. Sunday to the year this festival time of 50 days has been called for it is a week of weeks (seven weeks concluding with the Day of Pentecost). This is also the time in the church year when we read from the book of Acts and consider again like those early believers how to make sense of life in light of the resurrection of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

These services are not meant to be reenactments of past events, but ritual observances that center us again in the paschal mystery of our faith that ushes us from death into life. Each service is in its own way a proclamation of Christ crucified and risen for the life of the world.

Pastor Robert Franek





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

It is hard to believe that April brings us to only 6 more Sundays together at Sunday school. On May 15th (our last day of Sunday school) it will be a youth led Sunday and the kids will be participating in worship. Please mark this date on the calendar so that you can be sure to attend. If your child will not be there, please let us know so we do not assign them something that day.

May 15th will also be Graduation Recognition Sunday at TLC. If you have a high school graduate, please email a senior and baby picture along with future plans to us. If you have a college graduate, please email their future plans to us, so that we may recognize their achievement. Please email to: chrisitanedtcl@bektel.com

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 3, 10, 24/May 1, 8, 15 - Sun. school is in session

April 17th - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

May 15th - **LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/ Graduation Recognition Sunday** (high school & college grad families, info about this was emailed to you on 3/28/22; please check your email & reply).

Submitted by Rebecca Westman, TLC Christian Ed



On Maundy Thursday, April 14th, 5 TLC youth will be receiving their First Communion: **Mercer Boom, Deanna Kinney, Bentley Wieser, Ashtynn Wieser, & Sara Crowe**. They have met with Pr. Robert for Sacraments instruction, made their Communion chalices on Wed., March 30th, and will be making bread on April 13th (to be used on Maundy Thurs. & Easter Sunday).



With spring clean up upon us, please remember that Casa de Fe Mission team will be accepting your unwanted treasures for our annual rummage sale that takes place in August. Please place your items in the designated basement room. Please note that we do NOT accept large appliances or computers. For questions, please contact Pat Beil.



Happy Retirement, Marleen!!

On Sunday, March 20th, we had a retirement party for our part-time Office Assistant, Marleen Pytlik, in the Gathering Area following Worship. We thank Marleen for her dedicated 15+ years at Trinity Lutheran!

Confirmation Corner — April 2022

Confirmation class schedule for Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m./Basement

April 6th: No class; attend 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship instead.

April 13th: class

April 20th: class; all interactive notebooks are due. Turn in to Diane or Amy.

April 27th: last class; notebooks returned.

April Acolytes:

April 3rd: Tessa K.

April 10th: Paige L.

April 17th: Sadie O.

April 24th: Chloee W.

April Coffee "Fellowship" hosts:

April 3rd: Kellen W.

April 24th: Carson J.

April 10th: Mara C.

(No coffee fellowship on Easter, 4/17)

Amy and Diane will be meeting in the fall (two times) with the 9th graders to make their stoles and to pick out their Bible verses in preparation for their Confirmation day.

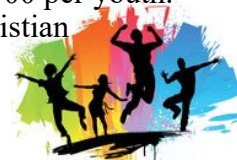
"Thank you" students and parents for helping us out this year. We have truly enjoyed this time with the kids.

God go with you,
Amy Anderson and Diane Kracht



Grade 7-12 Youth:

We are partnering with Our Saviors and Faith Lutheran to host a **youth trip to Minneapolis this July 18-20**. The youth will be participating in service events and spending a day at Valley Fair. Please watch for the sign up to be emailed to you. The event is limited to 40 students, so sign up as soon as possible. The cost of the event is approximately \$100 per youth. This will be covered by our Christian Education if your student has participated in serving coffee hour on Sunday mornings.



With the retirement of Marleen Pytlik, WELCA is looking to update our funeral groups and procedures. If anyone is interested in heading up one of those funeral work groups, please contact a WELCA officer (Jeanne Wobbema, Rose Wendt, Sue Martin) for more info.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS: *Pat Larson*

(knee surgery), *Sean Buck* (knee surgery), *Frances Yokom* (broken pelvis & elbow), *Kate Lehr* (great-niece of Pat Beil); ***Family/Friends of Denny Plecity*** (TLC funeral, 3/19); **Others in need/tragedies**; our SYNOD / *Bishop Tessa Moon-Leseth*; our **ELCA/Presiding Bishop** *Rev. Elizabeth Eaton*; our missionaries; military men/women; **Our Synod Partners: Central African Republic; PEACE (Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan)**



Many **thanks** to Bruce Kracht for the numerous repairs & updates he has done in & around our church home! Most recently he has been refinishing all the pew ends, cleaned/waxed kitchen floor, and installed our new lecturn microphone. We appreciate his hard-working generosity!!



*Let us all **spring** into action!*

The season is changing so let's make a difference in someone else's life. During this Lenten season, **TLC good "Stewards" will be collecting items for the Abused Person's**

Outreach Center (APOC). Please help us to help others in our community. You may **drop off your items in the Gathering Area from March 27th to May 15th.**

Items needed are:

New bed pillows	Nail clippers
Adult body lotion	Sunscreen
Ladies deodorant	Kids shampoo
Toothpaste	Toilet paper
Child's diapers (sz. 5)	Laundry detergent
Bath towels (dark color)	Bandages
Cleaning supplies	Antibacterial ointment
Antibacterial liquid Dial hand soap	

"God's Work. Our Hands."

February 2022 Financial

Beginning Balance (as of 2/01/22):	\$32,734.79
Income:	\$11,745.49
Expenses:	\$14,975.03
Ending Balance (as of 2/28/22):	\$29,505.25

Thank you to those who made monetary contributions to LDR (Lutheran Disaster Response)/Ukraine during a special offering collected on Sunday, March 20th.

A total of \$705 was collected!!!

March 2022 Worship Attendance:

Sundays: March 6th: 52	Wednesdays: March 2nd: 50
March 13th: 35	March 9th: 37
March 20th: 56	March 16th: 42
March 27th: 50	March 23rd: 38

April 2022 Memorials

GENERAL FUND

In memory of **Gale "Buzz" Eggert**
Given by Larry Grooters

BUILDING FUND

In memory of **Mick Pytlik**
Given by Larry Grooters

WELCA

In memory of **Karen Gallagher**
Given by MaryEtta Moore

In memory of **Marcella Richman**
Given by Larry Grooters

MEMORIAL FUND

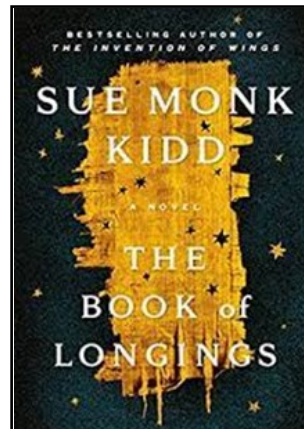
In memory of **Duane Hesch**
Given by Carol Olson

PEW CUSHIONS

In memory of **Curtis Smedshammer**
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

In memory of **Duane Hesch**
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

In memory of **Velva Keene**
Given by Larry Grooters



Come Join Book Club!

Grounded in meticulous research and written with a reverential approach to Jesus's life that focuses on his humanity, "The Book of Longings" is an **inspiring, unforgettable account of one woman's bold struggle to realize**

the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place and culture devised to silence her ...

Thursday, May 5th—5:30–6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church Library
(we'll decide on other meeting times after that)

Please let the office (845-3837) or Diane Kracht (490-3903) know by April 20th, if you're interested, and we will get the books ordered!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2022:

Council President: Diane Kracht

Vice Pres.: Randy Ladbury

Secretary: Linda Anderson

Other members: Jennifer Jenness, Russ Larson, Gene Langemo, Rodney Moore, Bruce Anderson, Kim Wittenberg

February 2022 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

Present: Diane Kracht, Kaneia Kinney, Linda Anderson, Gene Langemo, Bruce Anderson, Randy Ladbury, Jennifer Jenness, Kim Wittenberg, Russ Larson, Rodney Moore, and Pastor Robert

I. CALL TO ORDER – Diane Kracht

II. DEVOTION / PRAYER – Pastor Robert

III. CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you from Naomi Schlecht for Christmas gift

IV. AGENDA REVIEW/ADDITIONS – Rodney made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Jennifer, approved by Council.

V. MINUTES of Last Meeting – Jennifer made a motion to approve the January minutes; seconded by Rodney, approved by Council.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT – Rodney made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; seconded by Randy, approved by Council. It was approved to take pew monies from Designated Account and put into the Memorial Fund.

VII. PASTOR'S REPORT – See Report

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Christian Education**/Diane: Met on Jan. 25 Discussed Sacraments Class and Bible Study at Night.

Next meeting Feb 26.

2. **Endowment**/Randy – nothing to report

3. **Global Missions**/Jennifer – nothing to report

4. **Outreach**/Diane & Gene – nothing to report

5. **Property**/Russ & Gene – Work continues on parsonage bathroom. Pew cushions sample decided on and will place the order. Ordered Microphone for Lecturn. Fire extinguisher was installed in balcony, requested by fire inspector.

6. **Stewardship**/Linda A – nothing to report

7. **Worship-Music**/Diane – Counters for Sunday Worship:

1st and 5th – Diane; 2nd -Russ; 3rd – Rodney; 4th - Randy

8. **Youth/TLC Kids Club**-Rodney: Youth convention cancelled for two years.

9. **WELCA (Women of ELCA)**/Linda W – nothing to report.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Call Committee – met and set up ground rules and assignments.

B. Lenten Services – 5:15 Supper, 6:30 Compline Service.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Reorganization for 2022

1. Election:

a. Council President --Jennifer made a motion to elect Diane, Russ seconded, motion passed.

b. Council Vice President – Rodney made a motion to elect Randy, Russ seconded, motion passed.

c. Council Secretary – Jennifer made a motion to elect Linda, Randy seconded, motion passed.

2. Committee Assignments-

a. Christian Education and Youth – Rodney

b. Endowment – Randy

c. Global Mission – Jennifer

d. Outreach – Gene and Diane

e. Property – Bruce, Russ, and Gene

f. Stewardship – Linda

g. Worship – Diane

h. WELCA - Kim

3. BEK parsonage- Motion was made by Jennifer to discontinue the cable and landline at the parsonage but keep the internet. Seconded by Russ, passed by council. It was also decided that it would be up to the Pastor to get their own streaming service.



XI. Next meeting will be March 15, 2022, at 6:30pm.

XII. A motion was made by Rodney. to adjourn meeting, seconded by Linda; approved by Council.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

March 15, 2022 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

Present: Diane Kracht, Kaneia Kinney, Bruce Anderson, Randy Ladbury, Kim Wittenberg, Russ Larson, Rodney Moore, and Pastor Robert

Absent: Jennifer Jenness, Linda Anderson, and Gene Langemo

I. CALL TO ORDER – Diane Kracht

II. DEVOTION / PRAYER – Pastor Robert

III. CORRESPONDENCE – None

IV. AGENDA REVIEW / ADDITIONS – Rodney made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Bruce, approved by Council.

V. MINUTES of Last Meeting – Rodney made a motion to approve the January minutes; seconded by Kim, approved by Council.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT – Randy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; seconded by Rodney, approved by Council.

VII. PASTOR'S REPORT – See Report

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Christian Education/ Youth-** Rodney

Sacrament's Class – March 27, March 30 paint chalices, April 13 bake bread, Maundy Thursday 1st communion.

Next meeting is April 24

Adult Book Club will begin on May 5th

Swim Event March 27

2. **Endowment**/Randy – Ask if it would be possible to purchase books for Book Club in May.

3. **Global Missions**/Jennifer – nothing to report.

4. **Outreach**/Diane & Gene – nothing to report.

5. **Property**/Russ, Gene, and Bruce –

A. Work continues parsonage bathroom.

B. Carpet was discussed and we would like installed by Easter.

C. Microphone for Lectern was installed.

6. **Stewardship**/Linda A – Next meeting is Monday, March 21.

7. **Worship-Music**/Diane – We will collect a special offering for Lutheran World Disaster (Ukraine) on Sunday, March 20.

8. **WELCA (Women of ELCA)** Kim – nothing to report.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

Call Committee has met 3 times and are ready for some resumes.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Holy Week/Easter:

Maundy Thursday Service – 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service – 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday – 10:00 a.m. (No breakfast or coffee hour that day)

XI. Next meeting will be April 12, 2022, at 6:30pm.

XII. A motion was made by Rodney. to adjourn meeting, seconded by Kim approved by Council.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.



PROJECT TUNDRA: Can it reduce CLIMATE CHANGE??

FREE and open to all: Monday, April 4th, 4-7 p.m. @ VCSU Rhoades Science Bldg Aud.

Presented by: Sonja Kaye, Dakota Resource Council Member; Advocate for clean & renewable energy.

Brought to you by the group, "What in the World is Going On?" (845-7321)