



*April 2023*

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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  
Mens Bible study: Sundays @  
6:30 p.m.

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### Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

# Trinity Tidings



Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.  
John 20:18

Do you call it dirt or do you call it soil? I tend to use the terms interchangeably. But there is a difference. Dirt does not contain the nutrients needed for plants to grow. Soil has nutrients and also life in it – including those creepy crawly things that stir and digest the soil, making it all the better for roots to wiggle their way down into the earth. Mary Magdalene went to an empty tomb on that first Easter morning. She mistook the resurrected Jesus as a gardener. After Jesus said her name, she saw who was with her. I often marvel at this encounter. She did not see, and then she saw. Perhaps her tears and grief blinded her at first, or perhaps it was the unimaginable possibility that Jesus could be alive after such a gruesome death on the cross. Perhaps she came expecting only dirt, decay, and death – what she got was the living and risen Lord standing right before her.

The story of Easter is soil. It is full of life. As Christians, our roots are sunk deep into this mystery – that Jesus has defeated the powers of sin and death. All our hopes grow from this. God takes what is lifeless and creates life. God takes what is dead and makes it alive again. Our story is more than dust to dust – or dirt to dirt – it is dirt to soil. Each time we hear the Easter story, we are reminded that we are alive and so much can grow within us and from us. Jesus calls us away from those things that are empty and lifeless – he whispers our names and beacons us to sink our roots deep into him and be the people we were created to be – alive and full of faith, hope, and love. This kind of life produces branches that reach out and touch others with the good news of our living Lord.

This Spring, as the snow melts and the bare land gives way to green, may we see Jesus alive in our lives and may we be bold in our witness to him.

Blessed Easter,  
Pastor Diane Krumm



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday, April 2nd:** 9 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Worship with Procession of Palms & Holy Communion  
5-7 p.m. Seder/Passover meal @ TLC

**Maundy Thursday, April 6th:** 6:30 p.m. Worship & Holy Communion

**Good Friday, April 7th:** 12 p.m. Community Good Friday service @ OSLC  
6:30 p.m. Tenebrae (darkening) service @ TLC

**Easter Sunday, April 9th:** 8:30-9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast (free-will offering for Casa de Fe orphanage) 10 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion



On the Sunday after Easter (April 16), 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. The following explanation of Holy Humor Sunday is from [re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/03/laughter-sunday.html](http://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 and joy may be new to some of us, but it's got 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.*

*Churches in 15th century Bavaria used to celebrate the Sunday after Easter as Risus Paschalis ('God's Joke,' or 'the Easter laugh'). Priests would deliberately include amusing stories and jokes in their sermons in an attempt to make the faithful laugh. After the service, people would gather together to play practical jokes on one another and tell funny stories. It was their way of celebrating the resurrection of Christ – the supreme joke God played on Satan by raising Jesus from the dead. The observance of Risus Paschalis was officially outlawed by Pope Clement X in the 17th century. Perhaps people were having too much fun. In recent years, some of these Christian traditions have been resurrected – to celebrate the grace and mercy of God through the gift of laughter and joy.*

*G.K. Chesterton once wrote: "Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly. Never forget that the devil fell by force of gravity. He who has the faith has the fun."*



### **Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly: June 3-4 Holiday Inn, Fargo**

Registration is now open for Synod Assembly! This year's theme will be "EQUIP," and the theme scripture passage is Ephesians 4:12. Synod Assembly will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sat., June 3 and will end after lunch on Sun., June 4 (approx. 1 p.m.). Special guest will be the Rev. Lamont Wells, executive director of the Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities.

Deadline for registration is May 18. If you are interested in attending, please contact TLC's Council President Linda Anderson or Pr. Diane.



### **Memorial Day Recognition**

On Sunday, May 28, we would like to recognize those who have served in the military who have connections to Trinity. If you or a family member has served or is currently serving in the military, please give the following information to Rochelle: name, branch of military, where served, years served, and any other comments.

We will be publishing this information in the bulletin. Also, if you have supported our troops in other ways – such as in the Honor Guard or Auxiliary – or if you are a Gold Star Mother, please share your information as well. Please submit information by May 14 to the church office ([trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com](mailto:trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com)). If you have questions, please contact Pastor Diane. Thank you for your service to our nation.



### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

Our Sunday school year is winding down, but it will be a busy end of the year. Please note the events happening below.

Vacation Bible School (see dates below) will once again be a collaboration with Our Saviors & Faith Lutheran with the staff from Red Willow Bible Camp leading the 2 ½ days of fun for our PreK-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Registration forms will be emailed out to families and paper copies will be available at the church office.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>/Palm Sunday: students will be participating in palm processional during worship  
April 9<sup>th</sup>: **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Happy Easter!!

April 19<sup>th</sup>: Early dismissal fun day (Kndg-gr.6); stay tuned for more details!

April 23<sup>rd</sup>: 5/6<sup>th</sup> Graders ushering at worship

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 p.m.: TLC End-of-Year Sunday School party @ TLC for PreK through grade 6.

May 14<sup>th</sup>: Youth Led Worship/Graduation Recognition Sunday (**Last Day of Sunday School**)

June 28-30<sup>th</sup>: Vacation Bible School (VBS) - registration required (watch for email).

July 9-14: Youth Mission Trip to Duluth (gr. 7-12)



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 21, 2023.

### **Confirmation Corner — April 2023**

Confirmation class schedule for Wednesdays, 6:30—8 p.m. @ TLC

April 5<sup>th</sup>: No class (Holy Week); however, students are expected to attend Maundy Thursday (4/06) and Good Friday (4/07) services @ 6:30 p.m.

April 12—Class

April 19—Class

April 26—Final class



If your son/daughter is available to acolyte, please sign up at the back sanctuary table, or contact the church office (phone: 845-3837; or email: trinitylutheranvc@bektelcom).

### **Worship Notes**

Reminder: 9 worship notes are expected to be completed over the course of the school year. Notes are located at the back of the sanctuary on the desk next to the sound system.

**Remind App:** Please remember to check the app for group reminders and notices.



A special THANK YOU to the confirmation students who helped in the kitchen & bussed tables at each Lenten soup & sandwich meal!



God's Blessings to TLC 5th graders Cambrie Westman, Ryder Compson-Lorenz, Jayden Greer, Carter O'Brien, and Graecyn Rogers as they celebrated their First Communion on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>! Pictured above are the communion chalices they painted.

**Gr. 4-6:** Kids Club @ Faith Lutheran: every Wednesday after school until 5 p.m.

**Gr. 9-12:** FREE Senior High lunch @ Our Saviors Luth. every Monday (gr. 9 @ 11:15 a.m.; gr. 10-12 @ 12:15 p.m.). Please note 4/24 is the last one for this school year.





Family/Friends of Harry Himmerich (3/20 funeral @ TLC), F/F of Sharon Whetzel (Diane Kracht's sis-in-law), F/F of Anita Flemmer (Stan Flemmer's mom; died 3/27), F/F of Patricia Jerkovich (Jeff Elsner's mom-in-law); Woody Wendt, Sandie (Dahl) Mielke (Jerry's sis), Michelle Carlblom, Nicole Gordon (Julie Yokom's niece/cancer), Chad Couture (hand injury), Shirley Koslofsky, Carol Grothberg, Judy Torgerson, Chad Henningsgard, Rev. Brad Skogen (Associate with the Bishop/ Eastern ND Synod, heart attack); **Others in need/tragedies**; our Synod/*Bishop Tessa Moon-Leseth*; our **ELCA/Presiding Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton**; our missionaries; military women/men (Steve Frizell); **Casa de Fe** (orphanage in Shell, Ecuador); **Our Synod Partner: Central African Rep.; Peace.**

### **February 2023 TLC Financial:**

Beginning Balance (as of 2/01/23): \$11,306.83  
Income: \$13,715.01  
Expenses: \$15,345.12  
Ending Balance (as of 2/28/23): \$ 9,676.72

### **March 2023 Worship Attendance @ TLC**

<u>Wednesdays:</u>	<u>Sundays:</u>
1st: <b>canceled/weather</b>	5th: <b>79</b>
8th: <b>34</b>	12th: <b>19</b>
15th: <b>45</b>	19th: <b>46</b>
22nd: <b>37</b>	26th: <b>51</b>

### **March '23 Memorials**

### WELCA

In memory of **Pat Malec**  
Given by Mary Etta Moore

### GENERAL FUND/MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Patricia Jerkovich**  
(Jeff Elsner's mom-in-law)  
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner



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



In memory of **Loved Ones**  
Given by LeRoy & Karen Magnuson

In memory of **Loved Ones**  
Given by Russ & Pat Larson

In memory of **our grandson, Matthew Murch, and our parents**  
Given by Woody & Rose Wendt

In memory of **Bill Martin**  
Given by Sue Martin & family

In memory of **John Beil**  
Given by the John Beil family

In memory of **William "Bill" Anderson & Rick Hoefs**  
Given by Kathy Hoefs & family

In memory of **Dick & Kay Winter**  
Given by Brad & Dianne Graff

In memory of **Loved Ones**  
Given by Margaret Heise

In memory of **Family & Friends**  
Given by Mary Etta Moore

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

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

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

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

In memory of **Charles Olson**  
Given by Carol Olson

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

In **HONOR of Pr. Diane Krumm**  
Given by Randall & Naomi Schlecht

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2023:**

**Council President:** Linda Anderson    **Vice Pres.:** Kim Wittenberg    **Secretary:** Jennifer Jenness  
**Other members:** Russ Larson, Gene Langemo, Bruce Anderson, Stan Flemmer, Kathy Hoefs

### **March 2023 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Present:** Pastor Diane, Kaneia Kinney, Linda Anderson, Russ Larson, Jennifer Jenness, Gene Langemo, Kathy Hoefs, Stan Flemmer, Bruce Anderson    **Absent:** Kim Wittenberg



**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Pastor Diane

**II. DEVOTION/PRAYER:** Pastor Diane, Matthew 16

**III. CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**IV. AGENDA REVIEW/ADDITIONS:** Stan made a motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by Kathy, motion carried.

**V. MINUTES of Last Meeting:** Jennifer made a motion to approve the February minutes; seconded by Gene, motion carried.

**VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Stan made a motion to receive the February Treasurer's report; seconded by Gene, motion carried.

**VII. PASTOR'S REPORT:** see report

### **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Christian Education & Youth** – Jennifer – see Christian Ed article in April 2023 newsletter.

**2. Endowment** – Russ – Endowment will meet in April.

**3. Global Missions/Outreach/Stewardship** – Gene/Linda – God's Work, Our Hands is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year this September; we will discuss doing something special for it as we get closer.

**4. Worship/Music** – Kathy – Easter Breakfast will be served by the Casa de Fe group from 8:30-9:30 a.m.; Easter service at 10 a.m. There will be communion every Sunday during Easter season.

**5. WELCA (Women of ELCA)** - Kim – 2023 budget was presented to attending members; budget was decreased by 40% from 2022 as WELCA considers updates to the kitchen countertop; set up Lenten suppers; started plans for Henningsgard fundraiser.

**6. Property**—Gene, Bruce & Stan—

**CHURCH:** Dining room and kitchen lights have been replaced – we'll need to see how bright they are to see if more bulbs are needed.

Snow removal has been a major expense this winter.

Continuing issues: wall of broom closet, and need to check on ice damming.

**PARSONAGE:** Nothing at this time.

### **IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Sound System: Money and contract will be sent as soon as possible.

B. Greeter/money counting: if you are the greeter, you will also count money.

C. Easter/Holy Week: see worship/music notes; Lenten service offering goes to the general fund but is tracked separately from Sunday offerings.

### **X. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Review Cancellation Policy: it was decided to leave cancellation of worship up to the discretion of Pastor Diane and the council president rather than set specific criteria.

B. Report on Council Orientation Webinar: it was noted that we should be "receiving" the treasurer's report rather than "approving" it; we have the opportunity to have synod office representatives come to discuss visioning or other ideas with us; the END website has many resources for parishioners and council to use.

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C. Meeting times: we will continue to meet at 6:30 on Tuesday.

D. CDs: the funds currently in CDs need to be reinvested; Stan will look into this, and Kaneia will continue as second signer.

**XI. Next meeting will be April 11, 2023 at 6:30pm.**

**XII.** A motion was made by Gene to adjourn meeting, seconded by Bruce; approved by Council. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

**MEMBERS of the E.L.C.A.:** Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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The ladies of WELCA & Casa de Fe would like to thank everyone who participated. Weather was not our friend this Lenten season, and yet you showed up! To name everyone involved would be impossible, but we do give thanks to the Confirmation youth for their help bussing tables, washing dishes, and taking out the trash.

Tuesday, April 18th, at 12 p.m. is the next Trinity WELCA meeting. All women of TLC are invited!

The next WELCA Cluster meeting will be held at English Lutheran Church in Medina, ND, on Saturday, May 6th, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jeanne Wobbema (230-8745) by 4/21 so that we can arrange for car rides.



**Sunday, April 30—\$5 on the 5th**

On the 5th Sunday of a month—and there are 4 of them every year—you are invited to bring \$5 (or more, or less) with you to give as a special offering for our Central African Republic (C.A.R.) companion global ministries. These funds help provide education, build schools, put roofs on churches, provide medical services, and so much more in an area (the size of TX), that is one of the poorest countries in the world. Many of its people live daily lives of struggle & bare subsistence. Let us help support our Christian brothers & sisters in the C.A. R. with our gifts.



APRIL IS NATIONAL  
**CHILD ABUSE**  
PREVENTION MONTH

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> is the statewide Wear Blue Day to celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month. ***Each Friday in April we are also asking you to wear blue to celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month.*** Show your commitment to preventing child abuse and support strong families & healthy children for all of ND the following ways:



Wear **BLUE** every Friday (beginning March 31st) in April. Post a picture or video of yourself on your favorite social media. #WearBlueDay2023  
<https://www.pcand.org/child-abuse-prevention-month>

**Book Club: No Drama Discipline**

Free class & materials

Six-week book study that will positively impact your family life.

Zoom meetings: 12—1 p.m.

Thursdays, March 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4



**In-Person Bystander Training: April 18, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. @ Grand Stay Hotel**

3 hour interactive training to learn & practice bystander skills.

Join us for snacks & coffee! To register: email [vcgreendot@gmail.com](mailto:vcgreendot@gmail.com) or call (701)840-6270.



# Benefit for Chad Henningsgard

After enduring multiple knee/leg surgeries, Chad's leg was amputated in November 2022. As a result, his home needs to be made handicap accessible. All proceeds from this benefit will be used to provide him with a walk-in shower and other work as needed.

**Saturday, April 22, 2023**  
**Valley City Eagles Club**  
**345 12th Ave. NE**

**Baked Potato Bar & Bake Sale: 5-7 p.m.**

*We are asking TLC members to help provide baked goods for the bake sale. If you are able to help with this, please drop off your pre-packaged items (un-priced) to the Eagles Club on 4/22 by 3:30 p.m.*

**Live Musical Entertainment by  
Blind Joe: 7-9 p.m.**



Donations can also be sent to Dacotah Bank, Valley City.  
Please make checks payable to "Chad Henningsgard Benefit" account.

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