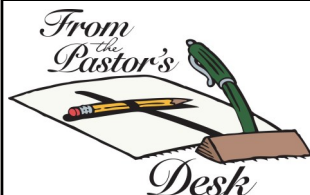




Trinity Tidings



Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow? Isaiah 1:18a

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Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.

Sunday School

Sept. 11th—May 14th
9-9:45 a.m.

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.
Men's Bible study: Sundays @
6:30 p.m.

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Rochelle Triebold
Hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., M-Th
Closed on Fridays

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Kaneaia Kinney

Offerings Secretary:

Karen Magnuson

Custodians:

Jerry & Michelle Dahl

"Let it snow. Let it snow. Let it snow."

If you still have this phrase decorating your home, please consider packing it away. We have had plenty of snow – at least, of the cold, white variety. But we could all use a lot of "snow" as it is described in Isaiah 1.

God commanded the prophet Isaiah to speak to the kings of Judah over 2,700 years ago. In chapter 1, using the image of a courtroom scene, God called upon the heavens and earth to serve as jury and listen to God's complaint: the people had turned away from God and were content to practice their faith with sacrifices on the Sabbath while ignoring the needs of others. But it was not too late. Addressing the people, God invited them to discuss their options. A horrible sentence could be avoided if the people would only "learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow." (Isaiah 1:17) God stood willing to forgive. The scarlet mark of sin would be changed to snow-white, and the people would follow God's ways.

I am all for that kind of snow. God's mercy offering us forgiveness and second chances – being washed of our sins so that we shine with the love of God and glisten like the snow on a sunny winter's day. In fact, an avalanche of compassion, a blizzard of fairness, and prayers drifting across the landscape – that would be great weather for our world.

"Let it snow." Let God's mercy fall freely upon us. Let our lives be a little flaky as we seek to sprinkle God's love around.

In Christ,
Pastor Diane Krumm



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 "I Love To Tell the Story." Pastors will preach on their favorite Bible story. Participating pastors are: James Desai (Faith); Diane Krumm (Trinity); Sharayah Robinson (Kathryn, Nome, Fingal); and Kyle Symanski (Our Saviors). 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:

- ***Mar 1** – 6:30 pm Service (Pastor Sharayah)
- ***Mar 8** – 6:30 pm Service (Pastor Diane)
- ***Mar 15** – 6:30 pm Service (Pastor Kyle)
- ***Mar 22** – 6:30 pm Service (Pastor Jamie)
- ***Mar 29** – 6:30 pm Service (Pastor Diane)

(*Meal served 5-6:15 pm: March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29)



Holy Week Schedule

Pr. Diane leading the following:



Palm Sunday, April 2nd at 10 a.m.:

Worship with procession of palms (Sun. School)



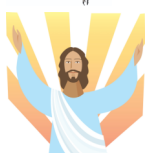
Maundy Thursday, April 6th, 6:30 pm

Worship with Holy Communion



Good Friday, April 7th: 6:30 p.m.

Tenebrae (darkening) service



Easter Sunday, April 9th: 10 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion

8:30-9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast



Everyone is invited to a
**SEDER/PASSOVER
MEAL**
Sunday, April 2nd
5-7 p.m. @ TLC

A Passover Meal with Christian commentary will be celebrated on Sunday, April 2nd from 5-7 p.m. at Trinity. A free-will offering will be received for the meal. If you would like to attend please register by Sunday, March 26th, by notifying the church office: 845-3837 or trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com.



The next breakfast fundraiser for Casa de Fe will be on Sunday, March 12th, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All are welcome! This is a free-will offering breakfast with all proceeds benefiting the orphans of Casa de Fe, an orphanage for children in Shell, Ecuador.



**Benefit Dinner
for
Chad Henningsgard**

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023
VC Eagles Club

5-7 p.m.: Spaghetti Dinner
(free-will offering)

5-7 p.m.: Bake sale



**7 p.m.: Blind Joe musical
Jam Session**

After enduring multiple knee/leg surgeries, Chad had his leg amputated. As a result, his home needs to be made handicap accessible. We are raising funds to help provide him with a walk-in shower and other work as needed.

More information and how you can help will be announced in the upcoming weeks.



Daylight Savings Time begins **March 12th**
Set your clocks **ahead 1 hour** Saturday
(March 11) evening !



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Sunday School classes for youth ages PreK through 6th grade for March: Sundays @ 9 a.m.: March 5, 12, 26
There will be NO Sunday School March 19th.

Sunday, March 12th: the 5th & 6th grade Sunday School kids will be ushering at 10 a.m. Worship. Please plan on worshipping with your child(ren) that morning.

April 2nd/Palm Sunday: following Sunday School, the kids will be processing with palm branches during Worship.

Just a friendly reminder, if your child(ren) are unable to attend Sunday School due to illness/vacation, please contact their Sunday School teacher or TLC chairperson, Rebecca Westman (840-1365) as soon as possible. Thanks!



This year, we will be celebrating 5th graders' First Communion on Sunday, March 5th during 10 a.m. worship. Congrats & God's blessings to the fol-

lowing youth: **Graecyn Rogers, Carter O'Brien, Cambrie Westman, Jayden Greer, and Ryder Compson-Lorenz.** We will be celebrating these youth with cake after Worship that morning. All families and the congregation are encouraged to stay for a piece of cake! Let's celebrate and support our youth in this important milestone of their faith.



Gr. 4-6: Kids Club @ Faith Lutheran Church: every Wednesday after school until 5 p.m. Please RSVP Rebecca Westman if your child would like to participate in this.

Gr. 9-12: FREE Senior High lunch @ Our Saviors Lutheran Church (OSLC) every Monday (gr. 9 @ 11:15 a.m.; gr. 10-12 @ 12:15 p.m.)

Confirmation Corner —March 2023

During the season of Lent (Feb. 22 to April 8) there are no Wednesday evening classes. However, confirmation youth (gr. 7-9) are expected to:

- **attend Wednesday evening Lenten services** (6:30 p.m. @ TLC)
- **help with serving meals** before the Lenten service (serving time is 5:30-6:15 p.m.)
- **Memorize assigned items:** Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the 10 Commandments, Psalm 23, John 3:16, and Matthew 5:16.
- **Complete Worship notes** (just a reminder that over the course of the year, 9 worship notes are to be completed & turned in).

Youth are also encouraged to attend Maundy Thursday (Apr. 6) & Good Friday (Apr. 7) services with their family. Both service times are 6:30 p.m.

March Acolytes:

3/05: Georgia Zaun

3/12: Carson Johnson

3/19 & 3/26: **open**

(If you are able to acolyte the 19th or 26th, please contact Rochelle in the church office: 845-3837 or trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com)



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 1, 2023.



Family/Friends of Inez McCrea (died 2/27), F/F of LaVonne Lawrence Merkes (died 2/14), F/F of Larry Zaun (Chad Zaun's dad, died 2/12), F/F of Pat Malec (Edie Johnson's sis, died 2/03); Carol Grotberg (leg surgery), Judy Torgerson (knee surgery), Gloria Wittenberg, Chad Henningsgard, Joe Jongeward, 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); **Our Synod Partner: Central African Republic; Peace.**

Giving Hearts Day

Help someone.

Thank you to all who contributed to Eastern North Dakota Synod on Giving Hearts Day (February 9). Over \$83,000 was given. These funds will help fuel the mission and ministry of our synod – by supporting Campus Ministry, Luther Seminary, Bible Camps, ELCA World Hunger programs, and so much more. This year, the Endowment Committee elected to give \$500 to EaND Synod to the donor base that is used match other gifts—which encouraged others to be generous.

"God's Work. Our Hands."

January 2023 Financial

Beginning Balance (1/01/23):	\$18,643.84
Income:	\$11,156.95
Expenses:	\$18,493.66
Ending Balance (1/31/23):	\$11,306.83

February 2023 Worship Attendance

Feb. 5: 57	Feb. 22/Ash Wed.: 24
Feb. 12: 43	Feb. 26: 37
Feb. 19: 41	



Thank you to all who generously donated items (bath towels, toothbrushes, soap, fingernail clippers) for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care kits. These kits will help people suffering from poverty, disaster, conflict and more. They provide dignity and hope in dire situations.

February 2023 Memorials

MEMORIAL/GENERAL FUND

In memory of **Larry Grooters**
Given by Mary Etta Moore

In memory of **Walt Fadness**
Given by Mary Etta Moore

In memory of **Larry Zaun**
(Chad's dad)
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner,
Roger & Rochelle Triebold

In memory of **Alice Brown**
Given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

CASA de FE

In memory of **June G.**
Given by Pat Beil & Bernie Walters

WELCA

In memory of **Rita Beaudry**
Given by Mary Etta Moore



Our prayers & sympathy are extended to the family & friends of the following TLC members:

Inez McCrea, who died on Feb. 27th, in VC. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time.

LaVonne Lawrence Merkes, who died on Feb. 14th. Her funeral will be held later this spring.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5: 4



Synod Assembly: June 3-4, 2023 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo. If you are interested in being a voting member from Trinity, contact Linda Anderson (TLC Council Pres.) or Pastor Diane.



Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper @ TLC

Soup, sandwich, and bars will be served each Wednesday of Lent, by WELCA and Casa de Fe from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. This will be a free-will offering.

We are making & selling extra soups each of the nights. Prices are: Quart, \$10; Pint, \$5. These containers will be filled and ready for you to take home. All proceeds from these suppers will be split in half between WELCA and Casa de Fe. WELCA uses their funds to support their benevolent budget for 2023. Casa de Fe Mission team forwards all of their funds to the orphanage in Shell, Ecuador.

	<u>Pint (\$5 each)</u>	<u>Quart (\$10 each)</u>
Wed., Mar. 1st: Vegetable Beef soup	_____	_____
Wed., Mar. 8th: Chicken Dumpling soup	_____	_____
Wed., Mar. 15th: Ham & Bean soup	_____	_____
Wed., Mar. 22nd: Potato soup	_____	_____
Wed., Mar. 29th: Knephla soup	_____	_____

To order your take-home soup, please **indicate quantity of each** above, **fill out the below information**, and turn in this form to the TLC office. You can also call (845-3837) or email (trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com) your order. Thanks!

Name: _____ Ph. #: _____

Easter Plants

If you plan to give a donation towards an Easter plant for our Easter service (April 9), please fill out below info and return to the church **no later than March 27th**. You may either give money towards a plant OR order the plant yourself and bring it to the church by April 4th.

_____ We plan to buy a plant and deliver to the church by April 4th.
(Please return this info sheet by March 27th)



_____ 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):

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, Kathy Hoefs, Stan Flemmer

February 2023 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: Pastor Diane

II. DEVOTION / PRAYER: Pastor Diane, 1Corinthians 12

III. CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you from Pastor Diane. A member asked if the little chairs and metal chairs that are not being used could be sold.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW / ADDITIONS: Jennifer made a motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by Gene, approved by Council.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A. President: Jennifer made a motion to elect Linda Anderson as president; seconded by Stan, motion carried.

B. Vice President: Russ made a motion to elect Kim Wittenberg as vice president; seconded by Jennifer, motion carried.

C. Secretary: Kim made a motion to elect Jennifer Jenness as secretary; seconded by Kathy, motion carried.

VI. MINUTES of Last Meeting: Russ made a motion to approve January minutes; seconded by Gene, motion carried.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT: Stan made a motion to approve the January Treasurer's report; seconded by Kathy, motion carried.

VIII. PASTOR'S REPORT: see report

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Christian Education & Youth**/Jennifer: First Communion will be March 5th. Cake will be served after worship. Men's Bible Study is Sunday nights at 6:30.

2. **Endowment**/Russ: Gayle Hoff's term is done. Gene made a motion to appoint Gayle Hoff to Endowment until the next annual meeting; seconded by Russ, motion carried.

3. **Global Missions—Outreach—Stewardship**/Gene & Linda: Nothing at this time.

4. **Worship—Music**/Kathy: Nothing at this time

5. **WELCA (Women of ELCA)**/Kim: Election of officers: President – Jeanne Wobbema, Vice President – Patty Beil, Secretary – Sue Martin, Treasurer – Rose Wendt. WELCA is collecting items in the Gathering Area to make 40 LWR Health Kits.

6. **Property**/Gene, Bruce & Stan:

CHURCH: Gene asked Chad Zaun to get a price on direct wiring the lights starting in the dining room using LED bulbs. Florescent tube bulbs cannot be used if this gets done.

Back door knob has been fixed.

Ice removal was done by Casey Sadek.

Snow pile removal in parking lot and back of church was done by John Borg.

Chairs that are not used can be sold. Suggested that funds given to Benefit Account for Chad Henningsgard to make his home handicapped accessible. Property member to assist choosing chairs to be sold.

PARSONAGE: Nothing at this time.

X. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Sound System: Bids for wireless mic and pastor's headset. Russ made a motion to send \$1000 along with the contract to get the new sound system going; seconded by Gene, motion carried.

B. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS): It was the consensus of Council to have someone from LIRS come and speak to our congregation.

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XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Signatures for Checks: Jennifer made a motion to have Kaneia, Linda and Russ sign checks; seconded by Gene, motion carried.
- B. Money Counters for Sunday Morning: it was the consensus of Council that if you are greeting at worship you count the money after worship.
- C. Greeters from Council: Council members have signed up.
- D. Easter Breakfast: If a group is interested in serving, we will have breakfast on Easter Sunday before worship.
- E. First Communion: Cake will be served after worship to celebrate.
- F. March 12th will be a Zoom meeting for new council members.

XII. Next meeting will be March 14th, 2023 at 6:30pm.

- XIII.** A motion was made by Gene to adjourn meeting, seconded by Kathy; motion carried.
Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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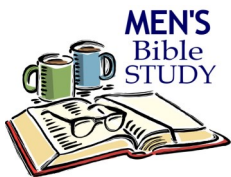
EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY: YOUR LOVE IS NEEDED

The needs of our neighbors in Turkey are growing every hour. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is already working with their trusted local partners to reach children, women and men in desperate need.

Your gift to Lutheran World Relief's emergency response fund will deliver urgently needed support and care, like: Food, water and other critically needed items; temporary shelter; medicine & supplies for clinics.

At this time, financial gifts are the number one need to assist our neighbors who are injured, hungry and displaced from multiple earthquakes.

HOW TO GIVE: You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org/quake or by mailing to: Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write "QUAKE" in the memo line. Gifts can also be made through our congregation. Write "QUAKE" in the memo line and we will rush a check from the church to LWR.



MEN'S Bible STUDY

TLC has started a Men's Bible Study in the TLC Library on Sunday evenings at 6:30pm.

Pastor Diane is leading a series about the Gospel According to St. John, using Max Lucado's book, *Life Lessons from John: When God Became Man*. The book is available on Amazon, but you do not need a copy to participate.

You are invited to this time to learn and share together. The Bible Study is open to all area men, not just TLC. For more info, contact Pr. Diane.

Winter Family Fun Day **Saturday, March 4th,** **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Red Willow Bible Camp/Binford, ND



Fun for all ages!

Adults: \$10, Child: \$8, Under 3 yrs: free

Outdoor activities: nature hiking, snow painting, snow hills to play on

Indoor activities: painting, games, photo booth.

Lunch @ noon: homemade soup, sandwiches, dessert

To register: email: alia@redwillowministries.com;
or call (701)676-2681.