



The Trinity Tidings

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"Meals that Matter" are available downstairs.



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Worship Schedule
Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Education/Fellowship Hour 10:15 am



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.



*"Love the LORD your
God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with
all your strength."*

Deuteronomy 6:5



From Pastor Tim...

It is always healthy to be reading something. Many people like to have a traditional book with the feel of good paper in hand. I myself, have so many books I now use a Kindle, and I have a Kindle app on all of my iPads and MacBooks. I just need the discipline to make myself sit and let my mind get into the reading and allow the author to teach me a lesson or to touch my heart. As I look at my Kindle library, I notice plenty of theology, history, stories about great mystics, and even a book entitled “How to Relax,” by Thick That Hanh. Many of my books help me learn to open myself up to learn about God, or to help me, “Read God.” Almost all my books would fall under the category of “Spiritual Reading.” Henry Nouwen, in his devotional, “*You Are the Beloved,” helped me learn about Spiritual Reading in a new and fantastic way. For example:

*“Spiritual Reading is not only reading about spiritual people or spiritual things. It is also reading spiritually, that is, in a spiritual way! Reading in a spiritual way is reading with a desire to let God come closer to us.... The purpose of spiritual reading...is not to master knowledge or information but to let God’s Spirit master us. Strange as it may sound, spiritual reading means to let ourselves be **read by God!**... Spiritual reading is reading with an inner attentiveness to the movement of God’s Spirit in our outer and inner lives. With that attentiveness, we will allow God to read us and to explain to us what we are truly about. Here and Now.”*

Let us all gather for worship and through confession and absolution let God cleanse us from all unrighteousness so that we can open our heart and soul up to God boldly and without fear so that God can read us through and through. Worship and praising God is the means in which we approach God and God approaches us and there is complete and utter freedom. Let God read our heart, and let God find Jesus.

See you in church,

Pastor Tim

*Nouwen, Henri J. M.. You Are the Beloved (p. 25). The Crown Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

A Statement on the Killing of Tyre Nichols



January 20, 2023

“Christians in their longing for Christ find themselves deeply immersed in the sufferings of the world. Christians are not aloof spectators, watching the world’s troubles. ...

Faith leads us into solidarity with suffering.” —ELCA social statement,
The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries (2013)

As the nation watches another video exposing police violence against a Black man after a traffic stop, there will be great suffering and despair emerging from across the United States. In just over a week we have witnessed mass gun violence in California – twice – and the shooting of a protester at a future police training site in Atlanta. Each of these tragedies inspires grief, not only for the lives lost and forever altered but also for our loss of confidence in a system that continues to fail us, over and over.

It’s important to remember that images are powerful and can retraumatize communities. The anticipated video footage of 29-year-old Memphis resident Tyre Nichols being beaten promises to stir many emotions and reawaken the grief of tens of millions of Americans who have seen this in their own communities. It will feel personal for those who have witnessed this trauma inflicted upon their own families.

As Americans, we must all face this problem. Together we must cry out, much as Rachael wept in loud lamentation, “How long, O Lord?”

How long, O Lord, will we need to suffer at the hands of injustice?

How long, O Lord, will we hear of lives taken by another shooting and fear for our own lives and our families’ lives?

How long, O Lord, will we fear a system that is supposed to protect all lives?

Dear church, now is the time to focus, listen, learn, counsel, advocate for just reforms, and lament a grief that seems relentless, that is awoken again with each act of tragedy and injustice across this nation.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

<https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8187>



Children, Youth and Family



Bible Camp Registration is NOW OPEN! We will be sending Trinity kids to Green Lake Bible Camp the week of June 18-22, but many other weeks are also available. Check out www.gllm.org for all of the options, and remember that we offer FULL SCHOLARSHIPS for our youth (completed grades 1-12) to attend camp. This year, we require a \$50 deposit along with the Registration Details form, and we are also asking parents to register their child online; directions and other information was handed out to all Sunday School/Confirmation students (and extra copies are available in the church office). If you have more questions, please talk to Brittany Scharpe. Registrations are due FEB.12th. Please encourage your children to go to Bible Camp!

Third graders and parents: Look for information coming home soon regarding First Communion preparation as well as receiving your new Bibles!

Brittany Scharpe
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We would this month to... Miles Krzmarzick, Gabriel Pool, Brandon Hardin, and Finley Guyer

Did we miss you? Let us know so we can update our files!

Save the Date: Feb 5- Sunday School kids sing in church at 9 o'clock service
Feb.12- Bible Camp Registrations due
Feb 19-Bowling Party at Sleepy Eye Lanes (ages 3-9th Grade)





Bowling Party At Sleepy Eye Lanes

February 19th
1-3 p.m.

Free for ages 3-9th Grade

Snacks and Water will be provided
You can buy pop and candy there

If you have any questions you can contact Brittany at
(507)227-2627 or education@trinitysleepyeye.org



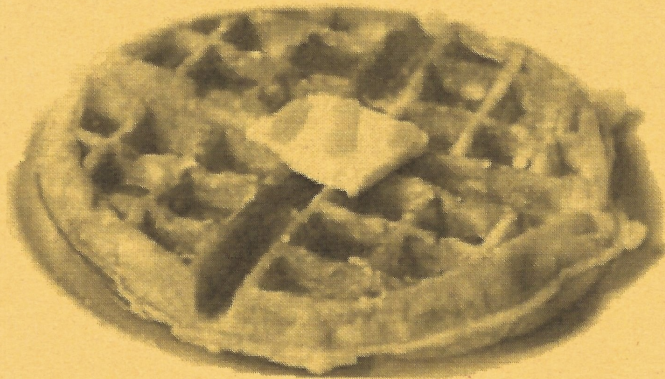
Sleepy Eye Lions Club

Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch

Sunday, March 19th, 2023

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Snow date: March 26th



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

**WAFFLES, SAUSAGES, FLAVORED SYRUPS,
SUGAR-FREE SYRUP AVAILABLE AND
WHIPPED TOPPINGS, COFFEE, MILK & WATER**

- ~ Adults (at the door) \$10.00
(In Advance) \$9.00
- ~ Children 6-11 (at the door) \$6.00
(In Advance) \$5.00
- ~ Under 6 FREE
- ~ Take-outs available

Tickets available at the
Elementary Public School Office,
First Security Agency
or from any Lions member.

Sleepy Eye Public School Cafeteria
Use Elementary Wing Doors



Sponsored by Sleepy Eye Lions Club
Proceeds go to Lions Community Projects



GOOD STEWARDSHIP

The 2022 annual reports have been printed and are available for members to pick up and review. The Board of Stewardship is very thankful for the faithful members and friends that made contributions to the general fund, building fund and special projects during the past year. A few highlights are as follows:

The **Endowment Fund** continues to grow and a deposit of \$4,258.76 was made in 2022 with proceeds from the Fohl Estate, Cathy Blackstad's parent trust and in memory of Juliann Wahlborg's uncle. The investments showed a loss during the year but the committee saw a promise of hope at the end of the year with the balance rising. The balance at the end of November was \$75,082.91. The committee is now ready to begin offering funds for non-budget purposes. Applications and deadlines will be forthcoming.

The **Capital Campaign** had a goal of \$200,000.00 that was approved at the annual meeting in 2022. Pledges and gifts totaled \$39,348.00 in 2022. One loan of \$20,000.00 was accepted. Expenditures were \$49,700.00. These included the street assessment, replace furnaces in the church, insulate and reside the parsonage, repair the parsonage patio and re-landscaping the parsonage and church alleyway. The current balance in the Building Fund is around \$11,000.00. The windows in the library are scheduled to be replaced in the summer of 2023.

Total receipts for the **General Fund** were \$285,263.02 and expenditures were \$300,810.82 with a budget of \$304,000.00. The approved budget for 2023 is \$298,000.00. During the year, many special offerings are planned and members and friends supported these with gifts of \$50,651.00 which are non-budget accounts. Thank you for providing over \$375,000.00 in monetary gifts to Trinity in 2022!

An item to note for 2023 is to designate Trinity as the recipient of your Thrivent Choice Dollars if you have a policy with them that generates these funds. Each year after April 1, this has to be done by calling in or going on line to do it. The committee uses your donation for smaller requests not included in the budget.

Noisy offerings generated over \$600.00 last year for special causes: Food Shelf, Backpack program, World Hunger and Vacation Bible School. This January we did Food Shelf and the next one will be in April. Ash Wednesday and Quarter Folders will provide scholarships for youth going to Green Lake Bible Camp this summer.

Keep the financial needs of Trinity in your thoughts and prayers during the year and thank you again for your tithes and gifts.



THIS & THAT

Read the Bible in a Year



Week of February 5

Su	Matthew 5:13-20
M	Romans 11:2-10
Tu	2 Corinthians 4:1-12
W	John 8:12-30
Th	James 1:12-16
F	1 John 2:7-17
Sa	Matthew 15:1-9

Week of February 12

Su	Matthew 5:21-37
M	James 1:2-8
Tu	James 2:1-13
W	Matthew 19:1-12
Th	Hebrews 8:1-7
F	Hebrews 11:23-28
Sa	Mark 9:9-13

Week of February 19

Su	Matthew 17:1-9
M	Acts 7:30-34
Tu	Romans 11:1-6
W	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Th	Romans 1:1-7
F	Romans 1:8-17
Sa	Matthew 18:1-7

Week of February 26

Su	Matthew 4:1-11
M	Hebrews 2:10-18
Tu	Hebrews 4:14-5:10
W	Matthew 18:10-14
Th	2 Timothy 1:3-7
F	Romans 3:21-31
Sa	Luke 7:1-10



INVITE
A NEIGHBOR
to Church



Parish Nurse

Blood pressure, Pulse and Oximetry provided by our Faith Community Nurse, Cindy Steffl after 2/5/23 Service. We will be set up in the Fellowship Room after church service. Spare the coffee until after getting the B/P checked!

In March we are planning a Health Education hour, discussing "Health Care Directives". Blank copies will be provided along with guidance, following Minnesota Statutes and Federal Law. April 16 is National Health Care Decisions Day!

The Evangelism Board will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 1st at 5pm. We are looking for 2-3 people to join our board. Please join us!



*Thy
merciful
kindness
be for
my comfort.*

Psalm 119:76

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of *Tidings* will be mailed by March 1st. Please have items for the newsletter to Darlene by the 20th of each month. Thank you.

Our Services are broadcast on Channel 8 each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. or on our webpage anytime. Share the Good News with those who are unable to join us in person!



SEMC has the Bivalent COVID booster available. You have call SEMC at 794-3691 to schedule an appointment. Forms for the vaccine are available at the church in the narthex or on the SEMC website.

Boosters are also available at Randy's Drug on Mondays. Please call ahead. Flu shots are available anytime.

10 Worship Assistants



February 2023

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 2/5 Blaine Arneson
- 2/12 Kaden Braun
- 2/19 Shea Evers
- 2/22 Hayden Domeier Ash Wednesday
- 2/26 Gavin Fischer

Readers

- 2/5 Terry Newgord
- 2/12 Susie Pedersen
- 2/19 Mike Petersen
- 2/22 Bonnie Pettis Ash Wednesday
- 2/26 Karen Voge

Communion Assistants

- 2/5 Lee & Isaac Johnson
Mark Miller
- 2/19 Larry Baumgardt, Neil Neidt
Brian Polesky
- 2/22 Harold & Bonnie Pettis, Darlene Brummund

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

February Ushers

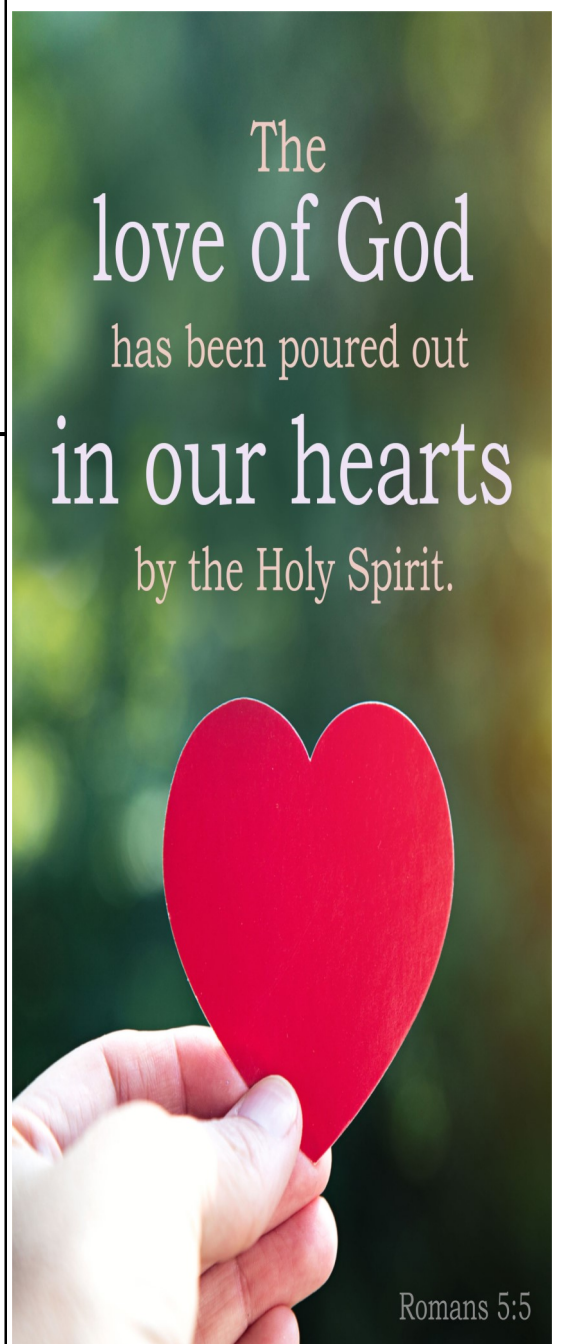
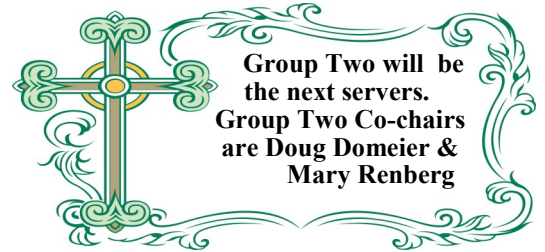
Dennis Mangen, Sue Pedersen

February Greeters

Eric & Juliann Wahlborg



February: Nicole Stevermer, Nikki Nachreiner



Romans 5:5



March 2023

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 3/5 Jacob Fulmer
- 3/12 Brayden Heiderscheidt
- 3/19 Megan Sellner
- 3/26 Carson Uecker

Readers

- 3/5 Eric Wahlborg
- 3/12 Rose Wall
- 3/19 Larry Baumgardt
- 3/26 Sandy Beito

Communion Assistants

- 3/5 Larry Baumgardt, Mark Miller, Neil Neidt
- 3/19 Lee & Isaac Johnson, Brian Polesky

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

March Ushers

Mark Miller, Mike Petersen

March Greeter

Rose Wall

Lenten Services 6:15 pm.

Acolytes

- 3/1 Callie Evers
- 3/8 Karter Haala
- 3/15 Kenley Jensen
- 3/22 Riley Krenz
- 3/29 Hunter Mertz

March Usher & Greeter

- Jon Hansen
- 3/1 Jacob Fulmer, Shea Evers
- 3/8 Kayden Klein, Carson Uecker
- 3/15 Hunter Mertz, Gavin Fischer
- 3/22 Brayden Heiderscheidt, Kaden Braun
- 3/29 Davin Suess, Michael Pool


Readers

- 3/1 Destiney Dittbenner
- 3/8 Megan Sellner
- 3/15 Samantha Price
- 3/22 Blaine Arneson
- 3/29 Hayden Domeier

Song Leaders

Kenley Jensen, Kelsey Ladd

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 9 am- Holy Communion Sunday School Sings Blood Pressure Checks 10 am Education Hour <i>Fifth Sunday after</i> <i>Epiphany</i></p>	<p>6 9 am Quilting Noon WELCA 1 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AI/Anon</p>	<p>7 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm-AA</p>	<p>1 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 5 pm Evangelism Board 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>2 7 am Preschool Screening 3 pm Maples Bible Study <i>Groundhog Day</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12 9 am- Worship ~ 10 am Education Hour Camp Registration Due Today! 11:30 am Worship at Sundown <i>Green Lake Bible Camp</i></p>	<p>13 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AI/Anon</p>	<p>14 7 am-Men's Bible Study 3:pm Ross Park 5 pm Lay Ministry 3 pm Prokinship for Kids 6:30 pm-AA <i>Valentine's Day</i></p>	<p>8 9 am-Women's Bible Study 4 pm Trinity Choir 5:00 pm Parish Planning Council 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation </p>	<p>9 10 am Bible Study at Countryside</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>19 9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Education Hour 1-3 pm Bowling Party in Sleepy Eye TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY</p>	<p>20 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm St. John Lutheran Home Annual Meeting 5:30 pm AI/Anon 6 pm Social Ministries <i>President's Day</i> TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE</p>	<p>21 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6 pm Lay Ministry 6:30 pm-AA</p>	<p>15 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>16 3 pm Maples Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 National Quilting Day</p>
<p>26 9 am- Worship 10 am Education Hour 11:30 am Worship at Sundown <i>Kind Sunday</i></p>	<p>27 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AI/Anon</p>	<p>28 7 am-Men's Bible Study 3:pm Ross Park 3 pm Prokinship for Kids 6:30 pm-AA</p>	<p>22 9 am-Women's Bible Study Noon Ash Wednesday Worship 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Ash Wednesday Worship ASH WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>23 Pastor at Synod workshop</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p><i>I will praise you I live. as long as I live. PSALM 63:4</i></p>						



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Worship Schedule

Lenten Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM

ASH WEDNESDAY NOON & 7 PM

LENTEN SUPPERS IN MARCH-
WEDNESDAYS at 5:30 PM

WORSHIP ON LINE

ANYTIME ON

TRINTYSLEEPYEYE.ORG

See the front cover for contact numbers.