



The Trinity Tidings

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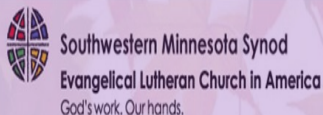
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“Meals that Matter” are available downstairs.



Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Fellowship Hour 10:15 am
Trinity Church School 6:30 pm Wednesdays



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.





From Interim Pastor Grant...

“So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.” Mark 16:8

At the end of March we will be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. It for me is the major celebration of the Church year. Christmas is “ok” but Easter is way more special. It is the foundation of our faith and the hope for our eternal future.

The verse above is the last verse of the short ending of Mark’s account to the resurrection of Jesus. Biblical scholar believe that more verses were added after verse 8 because there were just too many unanswered questions with the initial abrupt ending to the gospel.

I kind of like Mark’s shorter ending to the gospel. It fits with the tearing of the heavens at Jesus’ baptism, it fits with the tearing of the curtain in the Temple between the Ark and the public space. It proclaims very loudly that Jesus is now loose in world and that we can expect to encounter Him unexpectedly. God through Jesus has tore open any and all barriers. We have been given unbridled access to God and to Jesus. It also God through Jesus has unbridled access to us in how we live, in how we spread the good news of God’s grace and mercy. This can be a frightening thought. Is this the reason that those who went to the tomb on that first Easter morning fled in fear? Didn’t they leave Jesus hanging on the cross to die alone? Didn’t their faith fail them? Now, the empty tomb, He is loose in the world, what will Jesus do?

Is fear the reason more don’t step out boldly to embrace the good news of the risen Jesus? Is it that we don’t know what will be asked of us, we don’t know where the resurrected Jesus will lead us, we don’t know what the cost will be for us to follow Jesus into the world? So then what is the purpose of faith, if it isn’t exercised in our fears, our in doubts, in uncertainty?

The aftermath of Easter came at Pentecost when God poured out God’s own Spirit to raise us from our fears, lead us in our doubts, and give us courage in times of uncertainty. That is where we are living now. Be of good cheer, for Jesus is risen from the dead and abides with us now and forever.

Interim Pastor
Grant Fischer





The Boards of Trinity cordially invite you to join us for supper each week before the evening service and Church School at 6:30.

We are raising funds to support Summer Church Camp with the help of Thrivent Action Teams

**Meals are served from 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm each Wednesday
Cost for the meal is a Free Will Offering**

March 6th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Property **Child Friendly Option**

March 13th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Evangelism and Stewardship **Child Friendly Option**

March 20th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Lay Ministry & Fellowship **Child Friendly Option**

Due to postal changes, Trinity Tidings will no longer be mass mailed. There will be copies in the Narthex which can be picked up and they will be emailed to all whom Trinity has current email addresses. Our homebound members will continue to have a smaller copy mailed to them. If you do not have email, please let Darlene know and you will receive a copy as well. Thank you for your understanding in this change.



Children, Youth *and* Family



Trinity Wednesday Church School

Our Trinity Church School is on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30! There will not be Church School on March 27th during Holy Week. Our students will be following the Sunday School Curriculum at the evening classes. This change has been made after asking our parents if this change would help with busy children's activities. Please join us! Please watch for notices!

Confirmation students are to attend Wednesday Worship and have meetings with their Mentors. Holy Week Services will be at 6:30 Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Easter Sunday Worship at 6:30 and 9:00 AM.



Confirmation

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Coordinator
Trinity Lutheran Church
Sleepy Eye, MN
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Job Description

Trinity Lutheran Church is a welcoming church focused on evangelism and mission in the community of Sleepy Eye and beyond. As a welcoming and nurturing church, we are shaped by prayer, worship, scripture and the Holy Spirit, where everyone's gifts are valued, where people's spiritual needs are met, and God's love with the world is shared.

Position: Faith Formation Youth Ministry Coordinator (Part-time)

Summary of Position: Faith Formation Youth Ministry Coordinator oversees and directs Christian Education for the youth and children's ministries, and manages the development and growth of the Christian Education and Youth programs while building relationships with families and their children.

Supervision: Christian Education Board and Board of Young People's Work

Supported by: Senior Pastor, Personnel Committee other church staff and members of Trinity Lutheran Church

15 hours per week which are flexible to meet the needs of the church based on planned activities and evenings and weekends required as needed. Compensation: \$16/hr

Further information and Application are on our website www.trinitysleepyeye.org under About Us/ Employment or in the Church office.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

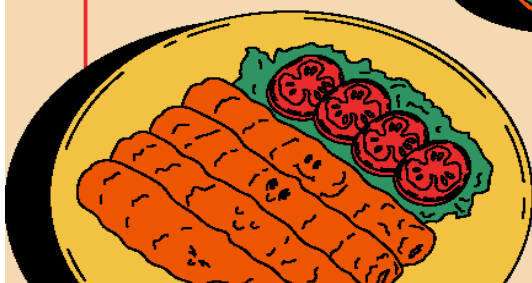
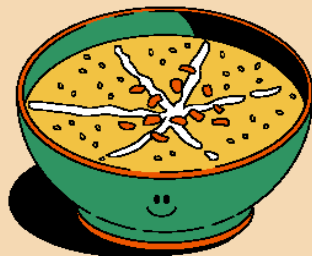
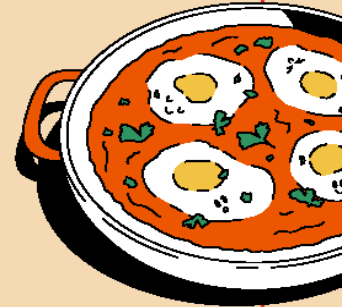
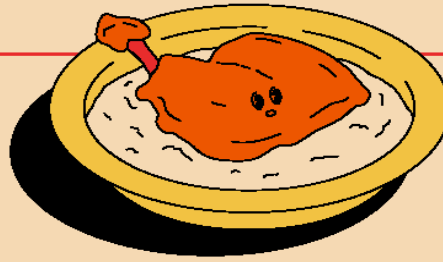
LENTEN DINNERS

A SOUP AND KID FRIENDLY
OPTION WILL BE PROVIDED

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT FROM
5:30-6:15

JOIN US FOR CHURCH AND CHURCH
SCHOOL AT 6:30

PARENT REQUIRED TO
ATTEND WITH CHILD



PARAGRAPH TEXT



The well loved Progressive Supper is happening again this year! Please mark your calendars for Sunday April 28th, to join in an evening filled with fellowship, fun, and great food. We are in need of 3 hosts to open their homes for this event. Please contact Ashley Fischer (507)766-2647 if you are willing to be a host. Watch for more details on time and cost in future publications. A sign-up sheet will soon be in the church office.

All Wednesday Lenten service offerings are designated for the **General Fund**. Quarter folders and/or film canisters are available to fill with coins. The **Lenten quarter folders** as well as the **Lenten supper donations** have been designated for Green Lake Bible Camp Scholarships. Please donate.



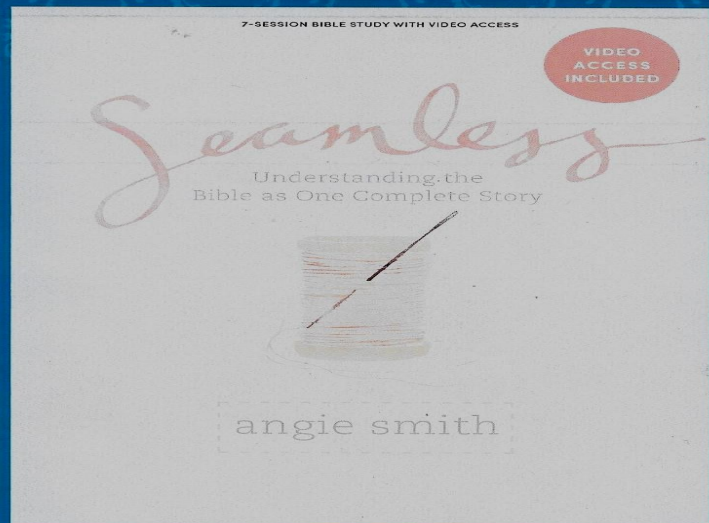
Thank You

Camp is costly.



EASTER PLANTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR ORDER: If you would like to share flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one(s) please sign-up in the church office. There are a variety of flowers to choose from that will brighten the sanctuary on Easter morning. You are welcome to take your potted flowers home with you after the 9:00 am Easter service. The deadline for getting your order in

*Wednesday
Morning
Bible Study*



For more information or to obtain a book, contact Darlene in the church office or Cheryl Neidt.

**Beginning January 3, 2024
9:00 –10:00 a.m.**

All are welcome!



GOOD STEWARDSHIP

At the recent meeting of Thrivent Choice Dollars advocates, it was noted that Trinity received \$1,844 in grant money last year from members who designated their eligible money to Trinity. In 2022, Trinity received \$1,761.

These funds are kept in a non-budget account and the committee receives requests for various projects in our church and community. There is one month left before members need to sign up for the next year as April 1 is Trinity's date. Thrivent members will be receiving an announcement during the month on how to do this.

Also discussed were the Community Impact Cards that members apply for through Thrivent. Each member is eligible for two cards with a value of \$250.00. A cash card is received and is used like a credit card when purchasing items for a project. In the past a number of projects have been approved which helps out line items on Trinity's annual budget.

Some of the ways the cash cards have been used in the past are:

Devotional booklets for Lent and Advent, Shut-in baskets
 New member receptions
 VBS supplies, Rally Day, Confirmation banquet
 Lenten suppers, Easter breakfast, youth events
 Landscaping items
 Coffee hour supplies and treats
 Weekend back packs, Freezer meals
 WELCA baby care kits, School bags, fabric for grad quilts, prayer shawl yarn,
 fleece blankets for Camp Noah, Cookie Walk
 God's Work—Our Hands
 Advent Dinner

All you need is a project that involves workers and funds. Stop by the church office if you need help in applying for a cash card.

A number of Time and Talent forms have been turned in and when they are compiled this month, you may see yourself scheduled for helping at worship services or for any of the items listed. Thanks to everyone who already filled them out and they can be turned in at any time.

Financial update through February 25:

Receipts January and February	\$35,250.87
Expenses January and February	\$41,046.83
Needed per week to meet the budget	\$5,730.00

Thank you, faithful stewards!

Board of Stewardship



THIS & THAT

Read the
Bible
in a Year



Week of March 3

Su John 2:13-22
M 1 Corinthians 3:10-23
Tu Hebrews 9:23-28
W Mark 11:15-19
Th Ephesians 1:3-6
F Ephesians 1:7-14
Sa John 3:1-13

Week of March 10

Su John 3:14-21
M Hebrews 3:1-6
Tu 1 Corinthians 10:6-13
W John 8 :12-20
Th Hebrews 4:1-13
F Hebrews 4:14-5:4
Sa John 12:1-11

Week of March 17

Su John 12:20-33
M 2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Tu Acts 2:14-24
W John 12:34-50
Th Philippians 2:1-11
F Philippians 2:12-18
Sa Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

Week of March 24

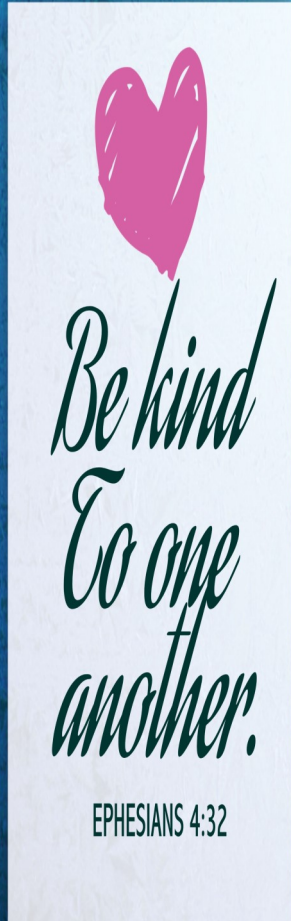
Su Mark 14:1—15:47
M John 12:1-11
Tu John 12:20-36
W John 13:21-32
Th John 13:1-17, 31b-35
F John 18:1-19:42
Sa John 20:1-18

Week of March 31

Su Mark 16:1-8
M 1 Corinthians 15:35-49
Tu 1 Corinthians 15:50-58
W Mark 16:1-8
Th Acts 2:42-47

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!

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



RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

Please join us for Trinity's "Dining Out", following church services 3/17/2024. "Breaking Bread Together" is an opportunity to get to know each other better and share stories. We will meet at 11:00 AM at the Waffle Feed for March. Our goal will be to "Dine Out" the 3rd Sunday of each month!



Sleepy Eye Lions Club

Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch

Sunday, March 17th, 2024
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Snow date: March 24th



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

**WAFFLES, SAUSAGES, FLAVORED SYRUPS,
SUGAR-FREE SYRUP AVAILABLE AND
WHIPPED TOPPING, 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 and
Minnesota Lions Eye Bank - In honor of Lion Bridget Hillesheim, Sleepy Eye Lions

SEMC has the New Flu and 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. Please call ahead. Flu shots are available anytime.

PARISH REPORT



Worship Services Week of...

Date	Attendance	
2/4	143	
2/11	79	101
2/18	65	76
2/25	91	34

Date Offering

Week of...	Offering	
2/4	\$4693.63	
2/11	\$4089.28	
2/18	\$4284.88	
2/25	\$4064.27	



"GIVE... TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S."

MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV

Monetary gift given in memory of Audrey Johnson from family & friends.



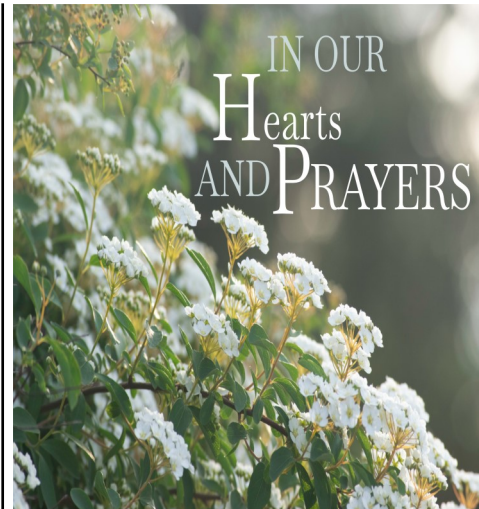
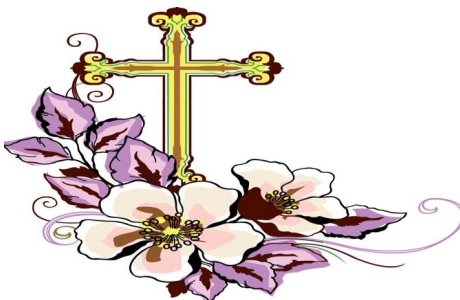
Thank you!

Thank you Trinity Friends for the cards of sympathy and words of comfort in our loss of our special loved one Nancy. Also for the frozen meal, which was very nice.

Virgene and Brent Stauffer
God Bless you.

Thank you to our Trinity family and WELCA for your prayers and help during Wade's illness. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues Cancer Treatments.

The Pedersen Family



We extend our Sympathy to the family and friends of the following families in their loss of their loved ones... the Virgene and Brent Stauffer family in the loss of Brent's wife Nancy. She passed from this life February 3rd and was laid to rest on February 9th with services at Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Maple Lake.. We pray that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....



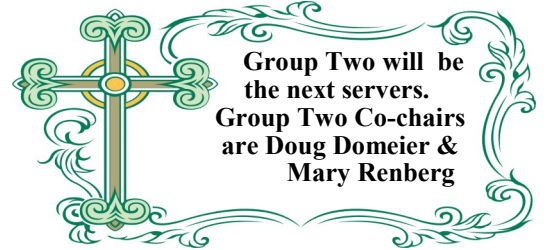
Please remember to inform the church office of any address or phone number changes to insure you keep receiving your monthly copy of the Tidings and to help keep our records up to date.

★ Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org
★ and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email !!
★ WATCH OUR SERVICES ON TRINITY'S WEBPAGE ANYTIME
★ www.trinitysleepyeye.org
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★ THE TRINITY TIDINGS NEWSLETTER IS NOW ALSO POSTED ON
★ WWW.SLEEPYEYEONLINE.COM
★ WATCH THIS SITE FOR COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS.
★
★ TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK ~~ CHECK IT OUT!!
★ (Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN)
★ *****

10 Worship Assistants



March: Beth Klein, Sara Sellner
 April: Joleen Dittbenner



MARCH 2024

<p>Sunday 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Acolytes</p> <p>3/3 Brayden Heiderscheid 3/10 Carson Uecker 3/17 Calie Evers 3/24 Riley Voigt 3/31 (6:30) Kelsey Ladd (9:00) Megan Sellner</p> <p>Readers</p> <p>3/3 Cindy Steffl 3/10 Karen Voge 3/17 Eric Wahlborg 3/24 Rosanne Wall 3/31 (6:30 am) Pat Stevermer (9:00) Cindy Anderson</p> <p>Communion Assistants</p> <p>3/3 Lee Johnson at the rail 2/18 Larry Baumgardt, Mark Miller 3/24 Neil Neidt, Darlene Brummund 3/31 (6:30 am) Lee Johnson (9:00) Larry Baumgardt, Brian Polesky</p> <p>Sound Tech</p> <p>Russ Sorensen</p> <p>March Ushers</p> <p>Mark Miller & Doug Domeier</p> <p>March Greeter</p> <p>Connie Johnson</p>	<p>Lenten Services 6:30 pm.</p> <p>Acolytes</p> <p>3/6 Gavin Fischer 3/13 Hayden Domeier 3/20 Kenley Jensen 3/28 Maundy Thursday Kayden Braun 3/29 Good Friday Gavin Fischer</p> <p>March Usher & Greeter</p> <p>Jon Hansen</p> <p>3/6 Carson Uecker, Blaine Arneson, Karter Haala, Braylon Nelson</p> <p>3/13 Gavin Fischer, Blaine Arneson Riley Voigt, Kenley Jensen</p> <p>3/20 Shea Evers, Hayden Domeier, Davin Suess, Michael Pool</p> <p>Readers</p> <p>3/6 Kaden Braun 3/13 Kelsey Ladd 3/20 Kelsey Ladd</p>
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THEY DIVIDE MY CLOTHES AMONG THEM AND CAST LOTS FOR MY GARMENT. PSALM 22:18



APRIL 2024

<p>Sunday 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Acolytes</p> <p>4/7 Carson Uecker 4/14 Davin Suess 4/21 Michael Pool 4/28 Davin Suess</p> <p>Readers</p> <p>4/7 Larry Baumgardt 4/14 Sandy Beito 4/21 Diane Evers 4/28 Phyllis Kieven</p> <p>Communion Assistants</p> <p>4/7 Lee Johnson-at the rail 4/21 Larry Baumgardt, Mark Miller</p> <p>Sound Tech</p> <p>Russ Sorensen</p> <p>April Ushers</p> <p>Larry Baumgardt, Doug Domeier</p> <p>April Greeters</p> <p>Larry & Diane Evers</p>	<p>BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, TENDERHEARTED, forgiving one another. AS GOD IN CHRIST FORGAVE YOU. Ephesians 4:32</p>
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MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Fellowship 	4 9 am Quilting	5 6:30 pm-AA	6 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Supper ~ Property Board 5:45 pm Bell Choir 6:30 Church School 6:30 pm Lenten Worship for all	7 7am-Men's Bible Study	1 	2
10 9 am- Worship 10 am Fellowship 10 am Parish Planning Council 	11 9 am Quilting	12 3:30 pm Kindship for Kids 6:30 pm-AA	13 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Ross Park Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Supper ~ Evangelism & Stewardship 5:45 pm Bell Choir 6:30 Church School 6:30 pm Lenten Worship for all 7:30 pm Stewardship	14 7am-Men's Bible Study	8 	9
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31 6:30 am Worship 9 am Worship 						



SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM

Fellowship Hour 10:10 AM

Lenten Services Wednesday Evenings at 6:30

Lenten Suppers at 5:30-6:15

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Worship 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Worship at 6:30 AM

Worship at 9:00 AM

Trinity Church School

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



Trinity Wednesday Church School

