

The Trinity Tidings

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“Meals that Matter” are available downstairs.



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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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.



MAY
MERCY,
PEACE,
AND
LOVE
BE
MULTIPLIED
TO YOU.

JUDE 1:2



From Pastor Tim...

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...” Matthew 25:35

Many people look at a church and ask, “What kind of programs do they have?” This question is not related to *growing ones faith* and is probably more related to the issue of how can this church *serve me*? If we allow our faith to be our eyes and ears, a better question would be, “*how does this congregation make Christ known in the World, and will they invite me to get involved?*” Our faith is always looking for ways to learn and grow, and we need to listen to our heart and allow our faith to lead us to places of service within the Body of Christ so that our faith can mature and grow.

Two things to always remember; First, **WORSHIP!** Worship, is the central activity of our church. This is the place where we gather as a faith community. Worship is where we give thanks to God for the unconditional gift of grace we receive everyday. Second, **HOSPITALITY!** Through acts of hospitality and service, our community has the opportunity to invite and welcome all people to the Table of the Lord. It is in our acts of hospitality and responding to the needs of the people in our community and the globe our congregation truly resembles the Body of Christ.

With these thoughts in mind, I would like to lift up the amazing work of our **Board of Social Ministries**. (I am using much of the material from their report to the Annual Report of 2022) This group, though small in number truly make the Gospel come alive through acts of providing food and hope for people of all ages, and other groups with very different needs. As a congregation we need to give thanks for theirs and their partners’ faithful service in meeting the needs of people in our community. Here at Trinity, they provide emergency meals that are kept frozen for anyone in need. Partnering with Sleepy Eye Public School they are currently feeding 38 children from 28 families. As part of the Weekend Food Program our congregation members filled 27 boxes with food items to be used during the Christmas break as well as 4 snack boxes to be used by elementary students. Sleepy Eye FFA students and teachers made blankets, care products and other good things to add to each families’ box.

The point of all this good news is that our Board of Social Ministries, *identified the service the Body of Christ could respond:*

- Hunger, loneliness, desperation, homelessness
- After identifying the need, they responded in kind by working with like minded people to create a program to alleviate these issues
- They faithfully recruited more volunteers!

Sandy Beito also serves faithfully on the board of the Sleepy Eye Food Shelf and therefore helps keep Trinity closely involved with their important work. We have the opportunity to serve by keeping our Food Box in the sanctuary filled **every Sunday** so that we can help the Food Shelf help us fulfill the Call of Jesus to feed the hungry.

The focus of a growing church is ALWAYS outward. Along with providing food, we provide quilts which provide warmth and hope. As we leave worship imagine this phrase, *“Beyond these doors, our Service Begins.”*

We are blessed with an amazing campus, let us be creative so that we can be a community of service, hospitality, learning and worship. With our eyes and hearts focused on all of God’s People, may God bless us all.

See you in church, Pastor Tim



Your Help is Needed!

The WELCA women of Trinity have chosen to collect items needed for Personal Care Kits as a Lenten project. These kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief to be used by people in need throughout the world. Kits are sent to Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Our organization has recently sent quilts, personal care & baby care kits to Turkey to help the victims of the recent earthquake.

You can contribute by helping provide any of the items needed to make personal care kits or by making a monetary donation to our WELCA group to be used to purchase the items needed.

There will be a display in the Narthex of items used to make the kits and a basket to place your donated items. Monetary gifts should be placed in a marked envelope and left in the church office.

These kits are a simple way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need. Thank You.

Items needed:

Light-weight bath-size towel. Dark colors are recommended

4 oz bath-size bars of soap, any brand, in the original wrapping

Adult-size toothbrush in the original packaging

Sturdy combs

Metal nail clippers



Some important guidelines are: New items only please. Lightweight towels are easier to hand wash and air dry along with being less expensive to ship and store. Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages, U.S. flags, patriotic or military symbols, including camouflage. These items are shipped around the world and we do not want to create problems for the people using them. Thank you for your understanding.

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”



Children, Youth and Family



First Communion

This month is a very special time for our third graders as they begin their First Communion classes on March 5th. First Holy Communion will be celebrated March 26th as these children join the congregation in receiving the body and blood of Our Lord.

The Sunday School students will be singing "Peace Like a River" with instruments during the 9 o'clock service on March 5th.

Our children have also been having lots of fun with the projects they have made which are connected to their lessons. Take a look. They are hanging in the hallways!

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We would like to thank... Madelyn Jensen, Breckin Peterson, Isaac Havemeier

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

Save the Dates

March 5th: First Communion Classes 10:10-11
March 12th: First Communion Classes 10:10-11
March 26th: First Communion Service



Sunday School Fun



Sleepy Eye Lions Club

Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch

Sunday, March 19th, 2023
8:30 am to 12:30 pm
 Snow date: March 26th



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 (In Advance) \$9.00
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 (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



NOURISH

your local food shelf

Feb 27 – April 9, 2023 Sleepy Eye Area Food Shelf
 Non-Perishable Food Drop Off Boxes: Schutz Family Foods, St. Mary's Church,
 Trinity Lutheran Church, and at Food Shelf-Only on Mondays 4-6 pm
 Cash Donations - Send check to: Sleepy Eye Food Shelf PO Box 492 Sleepy Eye, MN 56085
 Questions: Call Ann McCabe 507-794-4478 or Josie Rose 507-794-7130

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The well enjoyed Progressive Supper is BACK!

Please mark your calendars for Sunday April 16th, to join in an evening filled with fellowship, fun, and great food. We are in need of 4 hosts to open their homes for this event. Please contact Ashley Fischer at 507-766-2647 if you are willing to be a host. Watch for more details on time and cost in future church publications. A sign-up sheet is in the church office.

What is the Progressive Supper? Attendees will travel by car to enjoy each course of the meal at 4 different homes. Attendees will be asked to provide a dish for one of the four courses.

Are you ready for SPRING?

Come and enjoy a day filled with fresh tulips, a parade and many other events highlighting Dutch heritage. Trinity Fellowship Board and Sleepy Eye Community Ed have teamed up to attend the Tulip Festival in Orange City IA, Thursday, May 18. Motor Coach is \$30 with food on your own. Spots are limited so please sign up early. Registration deadline is May 7th. Sign up sheet and additional information is in the church office or you can contact the Community Ed office at 794-7873.





GOOD STEWARDSHIP

The Offering Experience

-Peter Marty, Growing Stewards

The offering moment in Christian worship is undergoing a rapid sea change. The advent of online giving, cash and credit card giving kiosks in some churches, less frequent worship attendance than a generation ago, and widespread ignorance about stewardship among new Christians means some stark new realities. One can be sitting in the 10th row of a full church and see a nearly empty offering plate go by.

“I guess they don’t give very much in this church,” a surprised guest notes,
“It looks like a few people leave small tips.”

Paltry offerings in dinky offering plates are a far cry from the fresh eggs, live chickens, bead jewelry and sundry personal items that Christians in other parts of the world delight in bringing forward. Shocking to many Western believers, there still are Christians who take the offering admonitions in the books of Exodus seriously: “No one shall appear before me empty-handed” (23:15)

For an offering to be an offering, it deserves to represent our best foot forward. We are returning to the Lord what we believe we first received as remarkable blessing. This blessing is why choirs diligently rehearse their offertory anthem. It’s why organists and band leaders practice during the week. It’s even why a mother will whisper to her 12-year-old just before he or she steps into an acolyte robe, “You need to tie your sneakers.”

We are giving gifts with generous hearts attached, not taking up a collection as a dutiful obligation. Churches receive offerings. That’s what all of us do whenever someone places a carefully selected gift of any kind in our hands. We receive the gift.

In the end, the offering moment comes down to you, the worshiper. Your offering is what glorifies God.

Since we did not have services on Ash Wednesday, you can still use that envelope to make a gift toward the Bible Camp scholarships that will send eight young people to Green Lake Bible Camp this summer. In addition, the quarter folders have also been designated for this cause. There are film canisters, M & M containers or quarter folders with envelopes available on the table in the narthex for you to use or many just use their regular weekly envelopes and mark the special giving blank (quarter folders or GLBC).

Budget needs per week - \$5,730.00

Amount needed through February—\$51,57.00

Total giving through February—\$32,684.53

Continue to pray for the financial needs of Trinity. If you have not filled out a Time and Talent form recently, copies are available on the table in the narthex or the church office. There are many ways members and friends can use their talents and abilities during worship or at other times during the week.

Board of Stewardship



THIS & THAT

Read the Bible in a Year



Week of March 5

| | |
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| Su | John 3:1-17 |
| M | Hebrews 3:1-6 |
| Tu | Romans 4:6-13 |
| W | John 7:53-8:11 |
| Th | Colossians 1:15-23 |
| F | Ephesians 2:11-22 |
| Sa | John 4:1-6 |

Week of March 12

| | |
|----|----------------------|
| Su | John 4:5-42 |
| M | 2 John 1-13 |
| Tu | 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 |
| W | John 7:14-31, 37-39 |
| Th | Ephesians 4:25-32 |
| F | Ephesians 5:1-9 |
| Sa | John 1:1-9 |

Week of March 19

| | |
|----|---------------------|
| Su | John 9:1-41 |
| M | Acts 9:1-20 |
| Tu | Colossians 1:9-14 |
| W | Matthew 9:27-34 |
| Th | Revelation 10:1-11 |
| F | Revelation 11:15-19 |
| Sa | Luke 24:44-53 |

Week of March 26

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|----|---------------------|
| Su | John 11:1-45 |
| M | Acts 20:7-12 |
| Tu | Ephesians 2:1-10 |
| W | Matthew 22:23-33 |
| Th | Philippians 1:1-11 |
| F | Philippians 1:21-30 |
| Sa | Mark 10:32-34 |

Be kind
To one
another.

EPHESIANS 4:32



Parish Nurse

Blood pressure, Pulse and Oximetry provided by our Faith Community Nurse, Cindy Steffl after 3/5/23 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 is looking for 2-3 people to join our board. Please join us!

Bringing
Christ
to the
COMMUNITY

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of *Tidings* will be mailed by April 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



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 Harold Pettis, 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 Kali Nachreiner, Davin Suess, Michael Pool

Readers

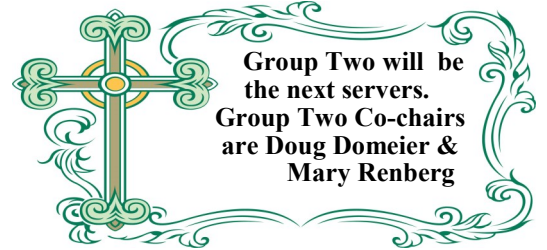
- 3/1 Destiney Dittbenner
- 3/8 Megan Sellner
- 3/15 Samantha Price
- 3/22 Blaine Arneson
- 3/29 Hayden Domeier

Song Leaders

Kenley Jensen, Kelsey Ladd



February: Beth Klein, Sara Sellner
April: Joleen Dittbenner



Group Two will be the next servers.
Group Two Co-chairs are Doug Domeier & Mary Renberg



APRIL 2023

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 4/2 Samantha Price
- 4/9 6:30 Hayden Domeier
- 4/9 9:00 Kelsey Ladd
- 4/16 Braylon Nelson
- 4/23 Michael Pool
- 4/3 Davin Suess

Readers

- 4/2 Doug Domeier
- 4/9 6:30 Pat Stevermer
- 4/9 9:00 Sarah Lendt
- 4/16 Neil Neidt
- 4/23 Cheryl Neidt
- 4/3 Terry Newgord

Communion Assistants

- 4/2 Lee & Isaac Johnson, Mark Miller
- 4/9 6:30 Sue Pedersen
- 4/9 9:00 Larry Baumgardt, Neil Neidt, Brian Polesky
- 4/30 Harold & Bonnie Pettis, Darlene Brummund

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

April Ushers

Dale & Diane Eckstein

April Greeters

Jeff & Lynette Carlson

Lenten Services 7:00 pm.

Acolytes

- 4/6 Gavin Fischer
- 4/7 Kaden Klein

April Usher & Greeter

Jon Hansen



HOPE
is alive

March 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| <p>5 8:15 am Trinity Choir 9 am- Holy Communion Sunday School Songs Blood Pressure Checks 10 am Education Hour First Communion Class</p> <p>OUR CHURCH WELCOMES</p> | <p>6 9 am Quilting Noon WELCA 1 pm Staff Meeting</p> | <p>7 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm-AA</p> | <p>1 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Supper~ Social Ministries & Stewardship 5:45 pm Bells 6:15 pm Worship 6:45 pm Confirmation</p> | <p>2 3 pm Maples Bible Study</p> | <p>3 World Day Of Prayer </p> | <p>4</p> |
| <p>12 8:15 am Trinity Choir 9 am- Worship ~Gideon Sunday 10 am Education Hour First Communion Class 11:30 am Worship at Sundown</p> <p>THURSDAY</p> | <p>13 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting</p> | <p>14 7 am-Men's Bible Study 3:pm Ross Park 3 pm Prokinship for Kids 5 pm Parish Planning Council 6:30 pm-AA</p> | <p>8 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Supper~ Lay Ministry & Fellowship 5:45 pm Bells 6:15 pm Worship 6:45 pm Confirmation</p> | <p>9 10 am Bible Study at Countryside</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11 10:30 am Listening session with Kay Kinkel</p> |
| <p>19 8:15 am Trinity Choir 9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Education Hour Lions Club Waffle Feed 8:30-12:30 Sleepy Eye Public School Cafeteria</p> <p>FRIDAY</p> | <p>20 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE</p> | <p>21 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm-AA</p> | <p>22 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Supper~ Property & Education 5:45 pm Bells 6:15 pm Worship 6:45 pm Confirmation</p> | <p>23 10 am Bible Study at Countryside</p> | <p>24</p> <p>SATURDAY</p> | <p>25</p> |
| <p>26 8:15 am Trinity Choir 9 am- Holy Communion First Communion 10 am Education Hour 11:30 am Worship at Sundown</p> <p>SUNDAY</p> | <p>27 9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting</p> | <p>28 7 am-Men's Bible Study 3:pm Ross Park 3 pm Prokinship for Kids 6:30 pm-AA</p> | <p>29 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Supper~ WELCA 5:45 pm Bells 6:15 pm Worship 6:45 pm Confirmation</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31</p> | |



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Lenten Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP

NOON & 6:15 PM

SOUP SUPPERS WEDNESDAY AT 5:30

CONFIRMATION AT 6:45 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY ~ NOON & 7 PM

EASTER ~ 6:30 & 9:00 AM

WORSHIP ON LINE

ANYTIME ON

TRINTYSLEEPYEYE.ORG

See the front cover for contact numbers.