

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.



*Honor her for all
that her hands
have done,
and let her
works bring her
praise at the
city gate.*

PROVERBS 31:31



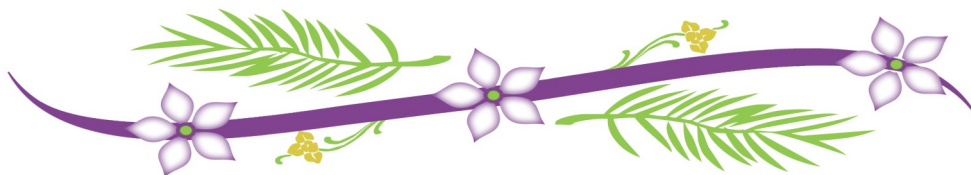
From Pastor Tim...

Some people claim that church work begins to “settle down,” after Easter... trust me, there is nothing further from the truth. Welcome to the month of May!! We have confirmation wrap-up and confirmation Sunday celebrations, confirmation banquet, Baccalaureate worship and all the preparation work for these special events to take care of. Many thanks to all the staff, parents, students, quilt makers, musicians, kitchen and hospitality volunteers and so many others for your faithful service. Take a moment and think about all the hours of study and hard work that was required for each and every student to complete their studies and projects in order to arrive at this important milestone in their lives!

One point I stressed to all our confirmation students is that their confirmation service is not a “*graduation service*,” their confirmation service is more like a “*kick-off*” to their faith-life as full members of Trinity Lutheran Church. All of them have been challenged to apply themselves and their gifts in serving our church and community. Each one of our newly confirmed youth is uniquely equipped to serve in our church, and believe me, they are a joy to be around, let’s get them plugged!

When I stand before these students who have completed the work required for this stage of their lives, I am very humbled. These days *should* be celebrated and remembered all their lives. I still remember my confirmation service and celebration like it was yesterday, most importantly the confirmation service helped me understand that an important time of my life was completed, and a new stage of my life was about to begin. And we, as a church, must recall the promise we made during their baptismal service, we promised to support them in their new life as a new member of the Body of Christ. Now, in their confirmation service, they have made it clear they “*intend to continue in the covenant God made with them in Holy Baptism.*” Let us all reaffirm our baptismal covenant with God, and continue to live among God’s faithful people, hear God’s Word and share in His supper, proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people, follow in the example of Jesus and to strive for justice and peace in Christ. May the Lord continue to bless us all.

See you in church,
Pastor Tim





Confirmation

Destiney Marie Dittbenner 11/25/2007
 Parents: Craig & Joleen Dittbenner
 Baptized: 12/23/2007
 Sponsors: Debbie & Mark Joramo
 Kerry & Shannon Dittbenner
 Mentor: Lee Johnson
 Bible Verse: Isaiah 41:10
 "Do not Fear, for I am with you,
 do not be afraid, for I am your God.
 I will strengthen you, I will help you,
 I will uphold you with my victorious
 hand."

Kayden William Klein 07/10/2007
 Parents: Jim & Beth Klein
 Baptized: 09/30/2007
 Sponsors: Jenny & Daryn Huiras
 Sarah & Cliff Heglund
 Mentor: Norman Krienke
 Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6
 "Trust in the Lord with all your
 heart and lean not on your own
 understanding: in all your ways
 acknowledge Him, and He shall
 direct your paths."

Hunter Victor Mertz 05/17/2007
 Parents: Cal & Jocelyn Mertz
 Baptized: 06/16/2007
 Sponsors: Rachel Severson
 Shawn Heiderscheidt
 Mentor: Jenifer Heiderscheidt
 Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13
 "I can do all things through Him who
 strengthens me."

Kali Sue Nachreiner 12/26/2007
 Parents: Jason & Nicole Nachreiner
 Baptized: 03/13/2008
 Sponsors: Rick & Angie Meine
 Jodi Nachreiner & Duane Streich
 Mentor: Angie Meine
 Bible Verse: Ruth 1-16
 "But Ruth said,
 Do not press me to leave you
 or to turn back from following you!
 Where you go, I will go;
 where you lodge, I will lodge,
 your people shall be my people,
 and your God my God."

Samantha Kay Price 08/16/2007
 Parents: Mike & Mindy Hardin, Rob & Brittany Price
 Baptized: 10/07/2007
 Sponsors: Nick & Tammy Price

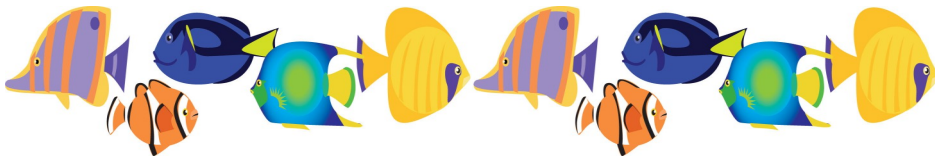
Mentor: Jodi Arneson
 Bible Verse: Acts 9:19
 "And after taking some food,
 He regained his strength."



Children, Youth and Family

Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers, children and parents for a great year. It was a lot of fun especially seeing everyone's projects at the end of the day that went with the lesson! Our last day will be May 7th which will be a Special and fun day. The kids are singing and Kindergarteners will be receiving their Bibles during Sunday School. We will also have a Party that day!

We will be having VBS in June this year, keep an eye out for more information coming out soon!



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Be a VBS Volunteer!



May Baskets for our Homebound!



Happy Birthday this month to... LilyAnna Uys, Mila Boomgarden, Hudson Braulick, Karmela Krenz, and Nova Schewe. *Did we miss you? Let us know so we can update our files!*

Save the Dates

May 7th- Sing in Church, last day of Sunday School this Spring, Kindergarteners receive their Bibles!

May 14th-Baccalaureate/Mother's Day Service
June VBS ~ Watch for information!





Trinity's Graduating Class of 2023



Favorite bible verse: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord you God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Fun fact: I am the only right-hander out of my family of five.

Plans after graduation: Attend Arizona State University and major in biomedical engineering.

Favorite faith memory: My favorite faith memory was when I peaked my very first mountain at Camp Christikon in Montana. Although a very difficult task, I was able to deepen my faith in Christ while seeing all of his beautiful creations from above.

Brooke Arneson, daughter of Toby and Jodi Arneson

Favorite bible verse: "Don't worry about anything, instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's grace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your heart and mind as you live in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Fun fact: I was confirmed on my grandpa's birthday, October 25th.

Plans after graduation: Undecided

Favorite faith memory: Receiving my First Communion and making the banner with the bread and wine on it, which I still have.



Kaleb Butenhoff, son of Jeff & Andrea Butenhoff



Favorite bible verse: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord you God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Fun fact: My favorite season is winter.

Plans after graduation: I will be attending St. Olaf College and plan to study Political Science and Economics.

Favorite faith memory: Camping out in the wilderness and peaking mountains with my friends while at Christikon.

Gunval Coulson, son of Casey & Julia Coulson



Nolan Domeier, son of Jeremy & Nicole Domeier

Favorite bible verse: "Praise be to the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle. He is my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield, in whom I take refuge., who subdues peoples under me." Psalm 144:1-2

Fun fact: I have a hamster named Bolt, but I just found out it is a girl.

Plans after graduation: I will be attending Minnesota State University Mankato for Health/Physical Education.

Favorite faith memory: The Confirmation Classes and being confirmed.

Favorite bible verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.." Philippians 4:13

Plans after graduation: Attending NDSU majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Favorite faith memory: Attending Christikon in 2022, especially the hiking.



Adam Johnson, son of Tom & Judy Johnson

Favorite bible verse: "A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones." Proverbs 17:22

Fun fact: Alex is an uncle.

Plans after graduation: Attending the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities majoring in Business and Marketing Education

Favorite faith memory: First Communion



Alex Joromo son of Mark & Debbie Joromo

Favorite bible verse: "But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

Fun fact: Mason is Taylor Swifts #1 Fan

Plans after graduation: Attending Gustavus Adolphus College, majoring in Accounting, minoring in Coaching, and playing football.

Favorite faith memory: Playing Joseph in the Christmas Program.



Mason Myers, son of Ron & Kari Myers



Jacob Price, son of Mike & Mindy Hardin and Rob & Brittney Price

Favorite bible verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.." Philippians 4:13

Fun fact: I could win a Street Taco eating contest. I once ate 10 in one sitting.

Plans after graduation: Plans to attend South Central College in the fall for welding. After that, I plan to farm with my dad and family in Iowa.

Favorite faith memory: Going to ValleyScare with the Youth group.



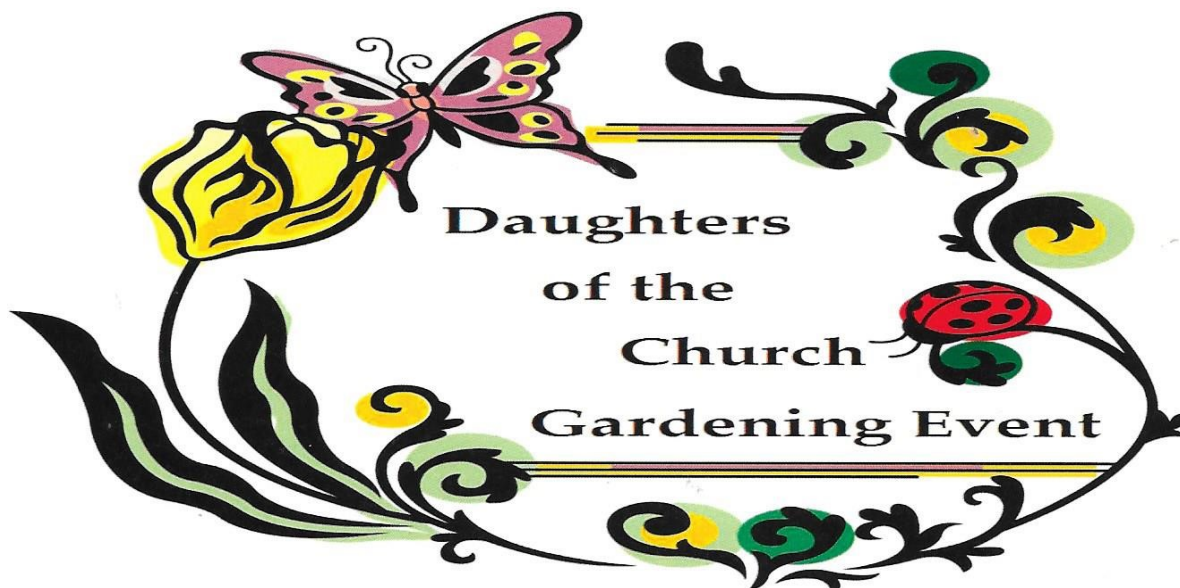
Favorite bible verse: "And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

Fun fact: My favorite place to be is at the lake.

Plans after graduation: Attending North Dakota State University for accounting.

Favorite faith memory: Our Christikon trips.

Jade Sellner, daughter of Jeff & Shawna Sellner



Daughters
of the
Church
Gardening Event

“Living in God’s Garden”

Saturday, May 20th

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

*Come spend the morning
celebrating
the joys of spring!*

*Learn about gardening with

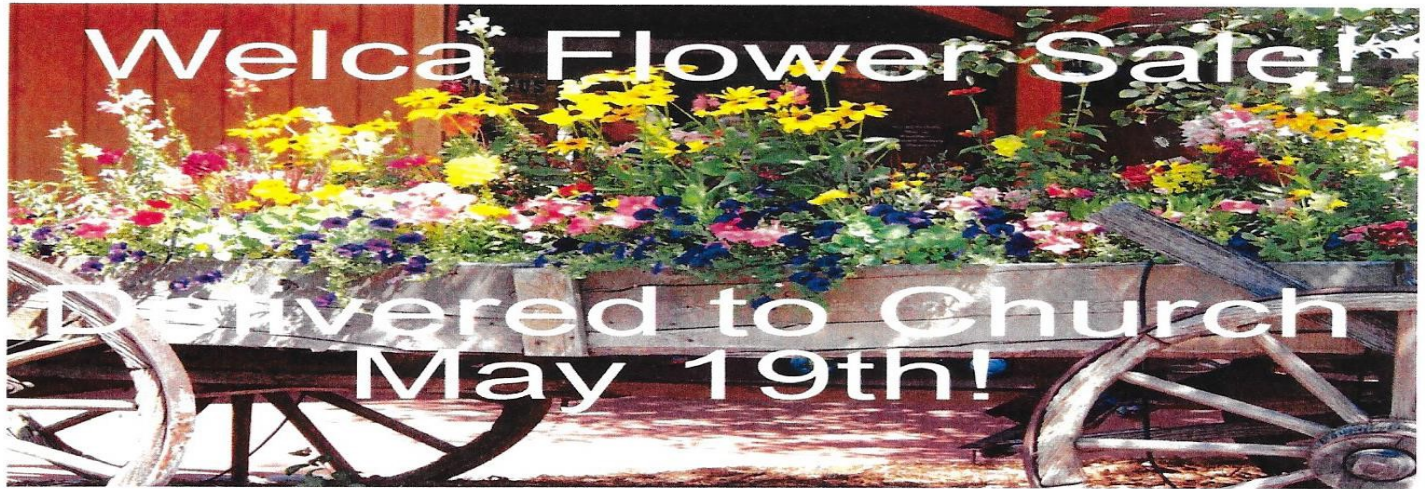
Master Gardener Lynn Hacker

*Plant a lovely container garden

* Enjoy a special luncheon

Adults - \$15.00

Children 10 and under - \$10.00



Hanging Baskets ~ 10 inch

Mixed Petunia Basket	\$30.00
Trailing Wave Petunia	\$30.00
Impatiens Basket	\$30.00
Ivy Geranium Basket	\$30.00
Zonal Geranium Basket	\$30.00
Mixed Basket of Annuals	\$30.00
12 inch Mixed Basket of Annuals	\$35.00

Colorful Containers

Combo Patio Planter 10''	\$30.00
Combo Patio Planter 12''	\$35.00
Oval Planter 16''	\$35.00
Geranium Tub 12''	\$35.00
Sun coleus Planter 12''	\$35.00
Succulent Planter 12''	\$35.00
Color Bowl of Mixed Annuals 12''	\$35.00
Color Bowl of Mixed Annuals 14''	\$40.00

Everyone can help fund our WELCA women by buying your flowers through us! This will help fund all the projects our quilters accomplish during the year. Thank you for your support!

Darlene Brummund, WELCA President

Order until May 8th! Pick up your planters May 19th or at the Gardening Event on the 20th!



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

Called to Offer Hope

“Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.” (Luke 7:47)

The general principle is this: the more we recognize that all we are and have is God’s gift to us, the more we will be able and willing to share our gifts with others. Because the woman was well aware of the gift of forgiveness of sins that Jesus gave her, she returned the gift in acts of love.

Most of us probably don’t remember when we first learned to read. We may be able to recall our first-grade teacher, and we might even have some of our early reading books stored away somewhere. But what about that moment when we first discovered that certain letters fit together in certain ways to make certain sounds when spoken, and the marks and spaces on the page became words we could see and say? Most of us take reading for granted, because it has become so much a part of our daily lives. Yet it is a precious gift that, once given, cannot be taken away. And it is a gift we can share with others.

Share your gift with a young person—read to them, listen to them read to you. Tell them stories, listen to their stories. Take children to the library and check out books for a week on many different topics.

A limited number of time and talent sheets have been returned since they were distributed during Lent. There are many opportunities to share your talents and abilities during **worship services** or any of the programs planned by the various boards of our church structure. Serving in worship can be a greeter, reader, usher, communion assistant, substitute usher, altar guild, choir, soloist, etc. Serving in **Sunday School** and for youth events could involve teaching, serving as a confirmation mentor, sponsor a young person going to Bible Camp or supervise or chaperone youth events. **Building maintenance** could be helping with spring yard clean-up or doing some deep cleaning within the church when it would be organized. **Serving others** could be done at the food shelf, Meals on Wheels driver/assistant, playing bingo with residents at the nursing homes, make fleece blankets for Camp Noah (fleece is available—just need people to cut and tie them), make quilt tops for LWR, tie quilts on Monday morning, knit baby sweaters for layettes, knit or crochet prayer shawls (yarn is available).

Eight young people will be attending Green Lake Bible Camp this summer. Include them in your prayers as they prepare for this wonderful experience.

Thank you, generous stewards, for your faithful giving. To date, receipts have been \$74,913.25 with a budget approved in January of \$298,000.00. We receive offerings many ways—during worship services, left in the lock box by the church office, in the mail, on-line giving and the pew envelopes in the sanctuary. Continue to pray for the financial needs of Trinity.

Board of Stewardship



THIS & THAT

Read the
Bible
in a Year



Week of May 7

Su John 14:1-14
M Acts 7:17-40
Tu Acts 7:44-56
W John 8:31-38
Th Acts 27:1-12
F Acts 27:13-38
Sa John 14:27-29

Week of May 14

Su John 14:15-21
M Acts 27:39-44
Tu 1 Peter 3:8-12
W John 16:16-24
Th Luke 24:44-53
F Ephesians 2:1-7
Sa John 8:21-30

Week of May 21

Su John 17:1-11
M 1 Peter 4:1-6
Tu 1 Peter 4:7-11
W John 3:31-36
Th Acts 2:1-11
F Romans 8:14-17
Sa Matthew 5:1-12

Week of May 28

Su John 20:19-23
M Romans 8:18-24
Tu Romans 8:26-27
W John 7:37-39
Th 2 Timothy 1:8-12b
F 2 Timothy 1:12b-14
Sa John 14:15-17



RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

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 mailed by **June 1st**. Please have items for the newsletter to Darlene by the 20th of each month. Thank you.



This summer the Board of Social Ministry would like to challenge our congregation to support Ivy House in New Ulm through donations both monetary and actual. Ivy House (formerly known as the Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery) is a 24/7 crisis nursery which provides direct care to children aged 0-12 whose families are in crisis or a stressful situation. In addition to providing up to 72 hours of direct care they also connect families with community resources. You can learn more about Ivy House from their website: ivyhousemn.org. Items needed by Ivy House include: Children's Activities: Play-Doh; Kinetic sand; Finger paints; Fidget toys. Personal Care: Pull-ups; Girls and boys (5T); Girls underwear sizes 10-12 or 14/16. House needs: Unscented laundry detergent; Clorox wipes, Dishwasher soap; Hand soap; Dish soap; Kleenex; Garbage bags. Office supplies: Postage stamps; Business size envelopes; Printer paper; HP 952XL toner - black and color. Other: Five point harness NEW car seats; New computer monitors. We will be collecting both monetary donations for Ivy House or individual items from this list. A basket will be placed in the narthex for your donations. We will be collecting donations through the end of August. Thank you in advance for your support.

Bringing
Christ
to the
COMMUNITY

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.

APRIL

PARISH REPORT



Worship Services Week of...

Date	Attendance
4/2	145
4/9	306
4/16	53
4/23	83
4/30	161

Offering

Date	Offering
4/2	\$4003.00
4/9	\$7042.57
4/16	\$3347.92
4/23	\$6767.92
4/30	not Available



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

MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV

Great Thanks goes to our Fellowship Board and Ashley Fischer for organizing our Progressive Dinner! Thanks also to our hosts, Cheryl & Neil Neidt, Lee & Judy Johnson, and Pat & Michal Lowther, and to all the people who attended. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship and fun!



Thank you to Bonnie Pettis, Brittney Scharpe and their crew for providing our Confirmation students and their families with a wonderful Banquet to celebrate their Confirmation and Faith journey! Thanks also go to Pastor Tim for providing the gift of music and leadership for the evening. We celebrate our young people!

Thank you to Mark Miller for donating fabric and supplies to our Welca quilters. The gifts will be used to help people all over the world through Lutheran World Relief.

The Women of Trinity WELCA

WELCA thanks all those who supplied goods for Personal Care Kits during Lent. 60 Personal Care Kits were put together. We thank Mark Beito for shipping them out to be used by those in need. Together, we do make a difference in this world.

The Women of Trinity WELCA



WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHIES to all of the family and friends of Clarice Anderson, who passed away on April 1st and was laid to rest Thursday, April 13th with services here at Trinity. May God bless and keep them in His perfect peace.



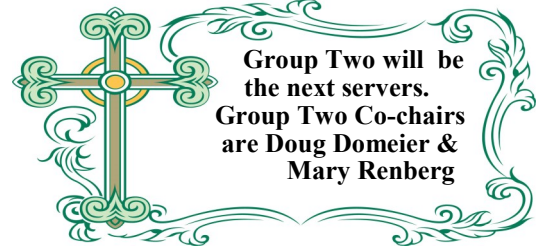
Please remember to inform the church office of any address or phone number changes to insure you keep receiving your monthly copy of the Tidings and to help keep our records up to date.

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 THE TRINITY TIDINGS NEWSLETTER IS NOW ALSO POSTED ON WWW.SLEEPYEYEOONLINE.COM WATCH THIS SITE FOR COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS. TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK ~~ CHECK IT OUT!! (Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN)

14 Worship Assistants



May: Nicole Stevermer, Mary Renberg
June: Judy Johnson, Terry Newgord



May 2023

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 5/7 Blaine Arneson
- 5/14 Kaden Braun
- 5/21 Shea Evers
- 5/28 Gavin Fischer

Readers

- 5/7 Susie Pedersen
- 5/14 Mike Petersen
- 5/21 Harold Pettis
- 5/28 Bonnie Pettis

Communion Assistants

- 5/7 Mark Miller ~at the rail
- 5/14 Neil Neidt ~at the rail
- 5/21 Lee & Isaac Johnson, Larry Baumgardt

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

May Ushers

Brian Polesky, Dave Vosbeck

May Greeter

Larry & Diane Evers

You're Invited!

Let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes to take the
water of life as a gift.

Revelation 22:17



June 2023

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 6/4 Jacob Fulmer
- 6/11 Brayden Heiderscheidt
- 6/18 Megan Sellner
- 6/25 Carson Uecker

Readers

- 6/4 Karen Voge
- 6/11 Eric Wahlborg
- 6/18 Rose Wall
- 6/25 Cindy Anderson

Communion Assistants

- 6/4 Brian Polesky ~at the rail
- 6/18 Lee & Isaac Johnson, Sue Pedersen

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

April Ushers

Eric & Juli Wahlborg






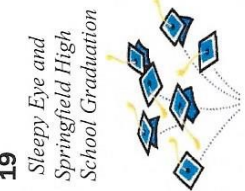


April Greeters

Connie Johnson



The Love of a Father

MAY 2023

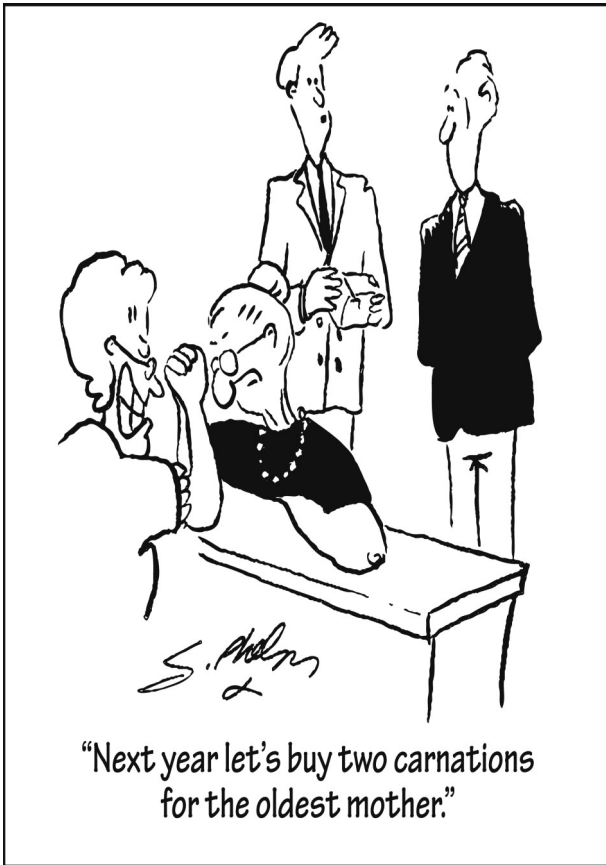
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>7</p> <p>9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Last day of Sunday School~ Thank you Teachers!</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9 am Women's Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>3 pm Maples Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Spring Gathering in Slayton</p> 	<p>6</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9 am- Holy Communion 10:00 am Fellowship Hour</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7 am Men's Bible Study 8-3 pm Care Center downstairs 3 pm Prokinship for Kids In the Library 6:30 pm-AA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 am Women's Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 6:30 pm Stewardship Bd.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 am Countryside Bible Study 2 pm St. John's Birthday Party</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10 PM Tidings Articles Due</p> 
<p>21</p> <p>9 am- Holy Communion 10:00 am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9 am Quilting 1 pm Staff Meeting 3 pm Prokinship for Kids</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7 am Men's Bible Study 3 pm Ross Park 6:30 pm-AA</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9 am-Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 am Countryside Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>19 Sleepy Eye and Springfield High School Graduation</p> 	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9 am- Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>Office Closed 7 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm-AA</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Staff Meeting</p>			



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Worship Schedule

Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM
FELLOWSHIP 10:10 AM

WORSHIP ON LINE
ANYTIME ON
TRINTYSLEEPYEYE.ORG

See the front cover for contact numbers.