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'His is the victory': Lutherans confess Christ at March for Life

February 24, 2025 / Reporter / By Stacey Eising

On Jan. 24, LCMS Lutherans joined tens of thousands of other pro-life marchers at the 52nd annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

The tone of this year's march, the third since Roe v. Wade was overturned in 2022, was somber, coming after repeated political losses for the pro-life cause in recent years. But in the wake of the first post-Roe pro-life victories at the polls in November, it was also hopeful. U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance appeared in person at the pre-march rally, his first public appearance since taking the vice-presidential oath of office a few days earlier.

"As you all know, the event theme this year is 'Life: Why We March,' and there are obvious answers to the implicit question it poses. We march to protect the unborn. We march to proclaim and live out the sacred truth that every single child is a miracle and a gift from God," said Vance in his address.

"It is a joy and a blessing to fight for the unborn, to work for the unborn, and to march for life," said Vance.

'Lifting high the cross'

In spite of the changes in administration and the political losses and victories of recent years, the LCMS participants gathered in much the same spirit as they do every year: prayerfully, repentantly, to confess the truth of God's Word about the sanctity of life and about the life He has for all of us in Christ.

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison followed Vance on the rally stage, to give a short address and closing prayer.

"Why do we march? Because the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all our sins. Why do we march? Because many consciences in America have died, and we believe in resurrections, and we say, 'Lazarus, come out,'" said Harrison from the stage.

This year, for the first time, the LCMS group was joined by a representative from the leadership of all 35 LCMS districts, including 22 district presidents.

"I've been to the national March for Life more than 20 times," said the Rev. Christopher Esget, LCMS fifth vice-president and pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Va. "My first few years I saw it as a political statement. ... I now see it as a confession that every life is valuable and a gift from God. ... We're testifying in the public square that there is something greater than politics — we're setting the matter before God and peacefully 'lifting high the cross,' so to speak, to call the world to Jesus, in whom is life."

Prior to the march, the LCMS group gathered, as usual, for the Divine Service at Immanuel. The Rev. Michael Mohr, LCMS Central Illinois District president, preached.

"Your place in God's right-hand kingdom, robed in the perfect righteousness of Christ ... frees your voice and your hands to labor — not for your own sake, but for the neighbor, in that good confession of whose they are: blood-bought, purchased, won, beloved. And for those who receive this Good News by faith — restored, justified, eternally alive.

“We are called to fight the good fight of the faith. ... This fight is the battle won by our Lord Jesus Christ over sin, death and the power of the devil. His you are. His is the battle, and His is the victory.”

‘Joyful and solemn’

After the service and a brunch, the LCMS group traveled by buses to the march. With hymn verses and prayers printed on the backs of their signs, the group spent the march in prayer and singing.

Kerri Elizabeth Robinson, a high school senior and Immanuel member who played violin during the service, has joined in the march for several years.

“It’s equal parts joyful and solemn,” said Robinson. “It’s a lot of silence and reflection to think about the loss of life and the evil and the hurt that’s been done. And it’s also a lot of joy, in that God will do His will ultimately. ... He’s going to come back, He’s going to purify the world, and every knee will bow. And so, looking forward to that, we can sing songs of joy, and also songs of mourning to remember those we’ve lost and those we will see again.”

Robinson, a classically trained violinist who will study music in college next year, said that in the artistic circles in which she runs “not very many people agree” with her pro-life views. “It can feel lonely sometimes. So it’s always so encouraging to see ... the body of believers and how big the pro-life movement really is.”

“There is strength in numbers and in unity and in people seeing us together as a church body, as sisters and brothers in Christ, upholding Christ’s Word,” said Kaye Wolff, a longtime leader in the LWML and a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dearborn, Mich., where her husband serves as pastor. “It’s important that people see that — and hopefully next year they’ll join in.”

“Right now, we all need to pray,” continued Wolff. “We all need to go back to the Word, stay in the Word and share the Word.”

“Every child is a gift of God — an infinitely precious gift, one to be cherished and protected,” said Cody Moen of Ascension Lutheran Church in Huntsville, Ala. “If being here ... in the cold is what I can do to help protect a child, well, I’ll do it.”

“Every life matters,” continued Moen. “Support for mothers and fathers matters. The church is a place where all life is important. It’s a place for hope. In the church, you’re not alone.”

In a short address after the Divine Service, Harrison discussed the many consciences that have been impacted by the over 60 million abortions in the U.S. since 1973. “That means 120 million people involved at least,” said Harrison. “And we [in the church] have something to give: The free conscience. Freedom from sin. Reconciliation with God. Joy, peace and hope.”

Harrison also highlighted the work being done in LCMS districts and by Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs) to support parents and their children, born and unborn. Much of this work has been supported by the LCMS Million Dollar Life Match grant program, now in its fourth year and currently distributing a second million dollars in grants. Harrison said that these grants have supported the work of 7,000 people serving in pro-life ministries to serve around 500,000 mothers and babies.

Deaconess Alicia Neils, who serves at Rose of Sharon Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, Minn., said that one of her congregation’s ministries is to offer child care for children 6 weeks through 5 years of age.

“If we care about babies that are six weeks out of the womb, why shouldn’t we care about the babies that are six weeks in the womb? Everyone is made in God’s image,” said Neils.

There are many ways to serve. The Rev. Nabil Nour, LCMS fourth vice-president, said that at his first parish he was a part of a “Bike for Life” group that biked over 110 miles a year for 21 years to raise funds to provide ultrasound machines for pregnancy resource centers. “Most of those women who saw the ultrasound did not abort their babies,” said Nour.

“In the two years since Roe v. Wade was overturned by the Dobbs decision, legislation and policy-making at both state and federal levels have been changing the legality of abortion throughout the U.S.,” said Deaconess Dr. Tiffany Manor, managing director for the LCMS Office of National Mission. “It is crucial that Lutherans stand up and speak up for the God-given value of every human life from conception to natural death. ...

“In addition to advocating, Lutherans are teaching about God’s creation of life and actively sharing His mercy by caring for the physical and spiritual needs of women, babies and the entire family.”

To learn how you can support parents and children in your area, contact your LCMS district.

To learn more about the Synod’s Million Dollar Life Match, visit lcms.org/life-grant.

Repent When You Offend



Throughout the Gospels Jesus frequently warned the Pharisees as well as His disciples using stern words about their pride, personal opinions and self – righteous hypocrisy. He spoke strong warnings like these because they often offended the faith of His redeemed children, “Then said He unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offenses come; but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were

better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.” (Luke 17:1-2 KJV)

His words are not hard to understand; as sinful beings we often offend. Consider how we often treat one another, even in the church. One might expect this among unbelievers, but not among Christian. And yet, Christians do.

What’s striking about Jesus words is that He specifically levels His “woe” against His disciples, and we know a “woe” is a serious warning. So Jesus pronounces this horrible woe upon His own saying it would be better for a large millstone, the type a donkey turned, to be tied around their neck and they be thrown into the depths of the sea rather than face His righteous anger against them for causing offense.

Is it possible, then, as Christians who often offend, to fall under this “woe”.

A clear example of such an offense was made public on you tube where the story is told of a young boy who believed himself to be a girl, and then was encouraged by his father, a pastor, and his mother that it would be godly to do so. And who, at the age of eleven was brought out by his church to speak publicly to proclaim that being transgender is God pleasing and should reflect how the church of the future ought to look.

No doubt, many will argue that this is God pleasing, but God is clear that this type of teaching is a flagrant rejection of His order for creation where He formed but two genders, male and female, and thus, Christian’s ought to consider this false teaching as offensive.

So, we might ask, why has such an offense been laid upon a generation of innocent children who will be taught to deny God’s created order, His commandments and most assuredly His Gospel that teaches us, “To repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,” that we might receive salvation. And the answer is that our sinful desires and opinions are at enmity with God and woefully like to take precedence over what God says.

God, however, does not turn a blind eye to any sinful behavior or opinion that causes offense. He does not support a form of love that denies His created order or Commandments that define love as His Word makes known, “Love works no ill to its neighbor, therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.” (Romans 13:10 KJV) To subvert the Law or the Gospel that calls us to be responsible and repentant when we have sinned so that we might freely receive God’s forgiveness is an offense. So Jesus offers us this needed instruction, “Take heed to yourselves. If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.” (Luke 17:3 KJV)

God’s Word is powerful and He is able to rebuke our sinful desires and actions with His truth. Accordingly, Christians are responsible to hold one another accountable to His Word. We are all called to repent and forgive as we come to God humbly for His grace to receive His forgiveness for our offenses. But to teach against His Word and promote falsehoods is a “woeful” position to be in.

So as a Christian, consider that what you say and do can potentially offend not only God but His children. Let your thoughts and actions reflect His truth. But if you do offend, ask God to bring you to repent so that you might no longer offend any of His little ones as the apostles asked in response to Jesus warning, “Lord, Increase our faith.” (Luke 17:5 KJV)

~ Rev. Les Uhrinak

Group Meetings



- ❖ **Ladies Guild**
Ladies Guild will meet on Thursday, April 3rd at 1:30 pm at the Church.
- ❖ **Men of Trinity**
Will meet on Monday, April 7th at 5:30 pm at the Church.
- ❖ **Hannah Circle**
Will meet on Thursday, April 10th at 1:30 pm.
- ❖ **Altar Circle**
Will meet on Monday, April 21st at 1:00 pm at the Church.
- ❖ **Eunice Circle**
Will meet on Tuesday, April 15th at 9:30 am.
- ❖ **Christian Singles**
The Christian Singles will meet for lunch on Sunday, April 13th.
- ❖ **Happy Quilters**
The "Happy Quilters" meet on the 3rd & 4th Thursdays of each month at 9:00am at the church.



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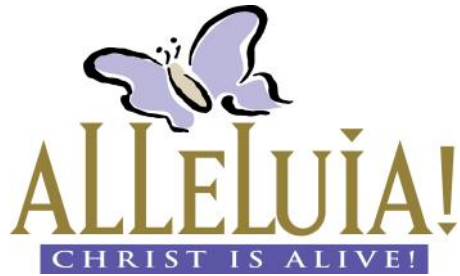
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Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands, for our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands, and brings us life from heaven.

Wherefore let us joyful be, and sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of Alleluia! Alleluia!

No son of man could conquer Death, such mischief sin had wrought us,
For innocence dwelt not on earth, and therefore Death had brought us
Into thralldom from of old and ever grew more strong and bold
And kept us in his bondage. Alleluia!

But Jesus Christ, God's only Son, to our low state descended,
The cause of Death He has undone, his power forever ended,
Ruined all his right and claim and left him nothing but the name,
His sting is lost forever. Alleluia!

It was a strange and dreadful strife when life and death contended;
The victory remained with life; the reign of death was ended.
Stripped of power, no more it reigns, an empty form alone remains
Death's sting is lost forever! Alleluia!

Here the true Paschal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree—so strong His love!—to save us.
See, His blood doth mark our door; faith points to it, Death passes over,
And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!

So let us keep the festival where to the Lord invites us;
Christ is Himself the joy of all, the Sun that warms and lights us.
By His grace He doth impart eternal sunshine to the heart;
The night of sin is ended! Alleluia!

Then let us feast this Easter day on the true Bread of heaven;
The Word of grace hath purged away the old and wicked leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed; He is our Meat and Drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

~Martin Luther

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(IN . CASE . YOU . MISSED . IT .)

Trinity Welcomes New Members!



On Sunday, March 16th Trinity received 14 new members to our Trinity Family.

We welcomed:

Mark & Minda Thompson

Kay Gangelhoff

Jim & Karen Bowley, Hunter, Eliana, & Oakley

Beverly Garton

David & Audrey Arndt

Carol Pavik

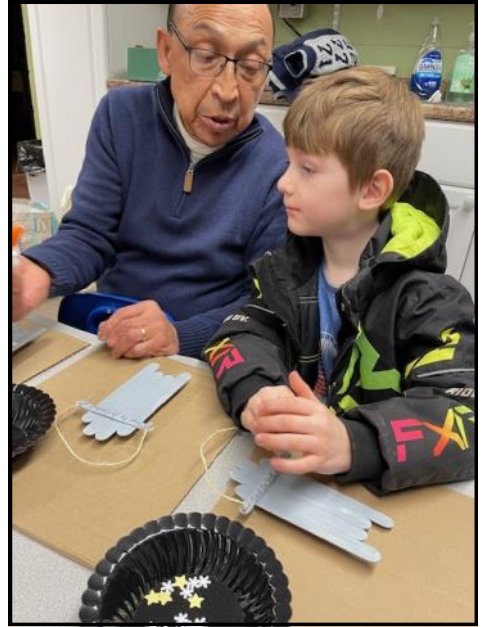
Paul & Cyndy Karsnia

The Worship Service was followed by a New Member Welcome Potluck!



There was plenty of great food and a wonderful time of Fellowship to welcome our new friends!

The Sunday School made Sled Ornaments for the End of Winter.



And Youth
Bible study!
Sunday Mornings
10:30-11:30am

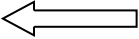
Board Games & Bingo



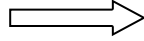
Welcome Charles Jeffery Vander Hoeven!



New Family Introduction



Mike & Sarah Leading us in Sharing about Ourselves



Ian & Rachel



Charles Jeffery



*Scramble Game
Heather Ellis is the Winner!*



*Gift Opening.
NOTE how every good dad has a burb towel on his shoulder.*



New Family



We don't want the good time to end!



Deb Made an Afghan for Charles

Thanks Sarah for Hosting this Baby Shower!



Phyllis Made a Quilt for Charles

Activity Page



Springing to LIFE

New life defines the season of spring. Make this Easter craft that symbolizes rebirth.

What you need:

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Jellybeans



What you do:

1. From the bag's bottom, cut two 2-inch circles. Set aside.
2. From the sides, cut two 10-inch circles.
3. Draw a thin spiral on each large circle and cut along the lines. Crinkle spirals gently.
4. Starting at the center, wrap one spiral into a nest. Glue every few inches to hold it.
5. Glue one small circle to the bottom of the nest.
6. Repeat with the other spiral. Fill nests with jellybeans and give to a friend!

Activity Page



OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

1. C → ↓ ↓ _____
2. H → ↑ → _____
3. V ↑ → ↓ _____
4. I ← ← ↑ _____
5. T ↑ ← ↑ _____
6. P ↑ → → ↓ _____
7. D ↓ → ↓ ↓ _____
8. T ↑ ← ↑ ← _____



Praise be to the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Answer: new birth



For God so loved the world

that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes
in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

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KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE
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If all Jesus had to do was die, then why is Easter such a big deal?

Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. It seemed like their God and friend had been defeated and killed. They had forgotten that Jesus told them that He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdelene was crazy when she told them that Jesus had appeared to her at the tomb where He was buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead!

Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove it. And that's just what He did, *He proved it!* By His resurrection, He proved to the world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"



Parents: Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship service which speak of Jesus' resurrection (the Creed is a good example). Point out some of the symbols in the church that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!



News & Announcements



Easter Flowers

It's time to purchase flowers for Easter Sunday. White Lilies & Begonias are \$17/ea. Cyclamen are \$24.00/ea, and Hydrangeas are \$33/each. Please mark your choice on the list in the Fellowship Hall, make checks payable to Vern Holzhueter and put in his mailbox.

The Deadline for orders is April 1st!

JOIN US ON PALM SUNDAY FOR A POTLUCK MEAL!

Palm Sunday, April 13th after the Service
Bring a dish to share and enjoy a time of Fellowship!
The Active Christian Fellowship will also draw for the Quilt!

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Maundy Thursday, April 17th

Worship Service
Pastor Les Uhrinak at 6:30 pm

Good Friday, April 18th

Worship Service
Pastor Les Uhrinak at 6:30 pm

Easter, April 20th

Worship Service with Holy Communion
Pastor Les Uhrinak at 9:00 am

The 2025 Group Booklet is Now Available!

The updated group booklet is on the table under the mailboxes. Please pick up your copy to learn more about the groups that are available at Trinity and opportunities for you to participate.



On Sunday, April 27th at 6:00 PM,

MN North District President, Rev. Brady Finnern will be coming to Trinity to speak with the congregation in regards to calling a full time Pastor. We will start the meeting at 6PM and we will have an ice cream table with all the toppings that night as well. All Trinity Members are invited to attend.

Lutheran Island Camp UPCOMING EVENTS



Summer Registration

Registration is open for Summer 2025!

A couple tips for registration:

Our registration software is Campwise. You will need an account. If you don't remember your login, please DO NOT make another account. Instead contact our registrar, Dianne, at 218.583.2905.

Horse Camp usually fills up quickly. The earlier you register, the better chance your child has of getting in. Otherwise, there is a waitlist.

April 2-6

Quilt & Craft Retreat

\$160/2 nights
\$200/3 nights
\$240/4 nights
\$280/5 nights

Join us on the Island for a relaxing retreat full of quilting and crafts! Food and lodging is provided. Please bring your own bedding and toiletries. This year, due to the ERC renovations, the Quilt & Craft Retreat will look a little different. Please **CLICK HERE** for a letter from Program Director Olivia outlining these changes.

For any questions, please contact Olivia at licprogram@islandcamp.org.

What you can do:

- Volunteer for our biannual spring and fall work days
- Sign up and volunteer for a time to serve the island
- Help fund projects for the improvement of camp
- Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Island Camp

Prayers are powerful! It is the prayers of our faithful supporters that make the ministry of Lutheran Island Camp fruitful.

DISTRICT NEWS



ENDURE MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT EVENT



Monday, July 21st
5:00—8:00 pm
\$80 per person

Includes:

- Explore Mardi Gras World and enjoy the artistry of the parade floats!
- Dinner next door with a Southern menu at a Southern mansion!
- MN North District T-shirt!
- Fellowship with MN North Attendees, CSP Representatives and more!



Registration Information
will be available soon!



the LCMS has partnered with **MinistrySafe** to provide access to their child protection training and resources.

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<https://ministrysafe.com/lcms>



Life in Christ Lutheran Church, Grand Marias, MN, is excited to announce plans for a new building, with construction starting in spring 2025. The project aims to create a welcoming space for biblically based worship and fellowship while meeting the growing needs of the congregation.

"This new building is an exciting step for our church community," said Pastor Watt of Life in Christ Lutheran Church. "It's a space designed to bring life in Christ to all who enter, built with faith, teamwork, and a shared vision of God's mission."

To learn more or support the project, visit <https://licgm.org/buildingplan>.

Life in Christ Lutheran Church strives to reflect the love and grace of God, in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in everything we do. We invite you to come and worship with us.



For more than 30 years MN North has had Bible Bowl competition. The 2025 topic for Bible Bowl will be:

**Life of David
(1 Sam. 16-1 Kings 2)
Saturday, April 5
@ Concordia University**

Competition is for students in grades 7-12

LEARN MORE >>

Nominate music students for LSM 2025



LSMacademy.org/nominate

LAST CALL for LSM 2025! Enrollment for this summer is over 80% full, but there's still time for young musicians to apply, and for you to [nominate students](#). Lutheran Summer Music is the nation's premier faith-based music academy for high school musicians. Students come together from around the country for a joyful summer of music-making through large ensembles (band, choir, orchestra), chamber music, private lessons, elective classes (conducting, composition, jazz, musical theatre, handbells, pipe organ) and use their musical gifts in performance, and in worship.

LSM 2025 | Valparaiso University, IN | June 22-July 20 | Grades 8-12
Learn more: LSMacademy.org/program

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APRIL STEWARDSHIP

Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are his: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

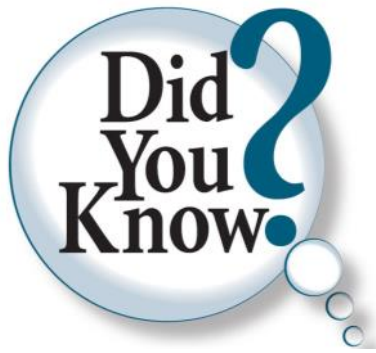
If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



<u>Monthly Receipts/Expenses</u>	<u>February 2025</u>		
General Fund Receipts	\$19,510.99		
PS/CC Receipts	\$8,687.00		
Interest Receipts	\$33.26		
(Transfer to Money Market) Adjustments			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$28,231.25		
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$43,248.35		
		Monthly +/-	Year to Date +/-
OVERAGE/SHORTAGE		(-\$15,017.10)	(-31,119.86)



YOU CAN NOW GIVE YOUR TITHE OR OFFERING ONLINE?!

It's Easy, just follow these steps...

1. Visit Trinity's Website at www.trinitybemidji.org.
2. Click on "Donate" at the top right of the Home Page.
3. On the next page, Click the Donate button and you will be directed to our PayPal page.
4. From here, you can either donate with your existing PayPal account OR if you don't have an account you can donate with your Credit Card.
5. Then just complete using your information and submit.

If you have any questions about the process, please call the church office.

The Benefits Of Online Giving

STEWARDSHIP

You have the option of giving a one time gift, or having your tithe post monthly.

CONVENIENT

You can continue to support Trinity even if you are away on vacation or gone for the winter.

FLEXIBILITY

You can give to the General Fund or choose to give to a specific Ministry of the church.

If you would like help in learning how make your donation or tithe to Trinity online, just stop in to the office, we are happy to help.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1 Cheryl Moreno

2 Andy Branham

3 Matt Puro
John & Ann Egeland (60)

4 Jo Plinke

5 John Dressen

6 Ingie Benson

8 William Hauge

9 Susan Anderson
Marv & June Roxstrom (65)

11 Naomi Blocker, Logan Davis

13 Jeremiah Freye, Brandi Lahn,
Emelia Lohse

14 Charlie Benson III

16 Shannon Lee
Jim & Karen Bowley (26)

17 Madelyn Haas, Eliana Bowley

18 Paul Manecke

20 Cyndy Karsnia
Tom & Julie Bock (51)
Tom & LaVaye Dressen (34)

23 Sophia Eichstadt

24 Braden Branham, Karen Bowley
Paul & Cyndy Karsnia (43)

25 Della Branham, Kaylan Ellis
Betty Nelson

26 Vern & Sandy Holzhueter (45)

28 Carol Ames

29 Bradley Olson



ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED!!



Sign up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for a Sunday. Cost is \$30 per Sunday. Contact the Church Office.



ADDRESS/PHONE

If your address and/or phone number changes, please let the church office know, so your information will be correct in the church database. Thank you!



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LARGE PRINT EDITION AVAILABLE

LARGE PRINT bulletins are available for those that have difficulty with the regular bulletin. If you would benefit from having one of these bulletins, please ask an usher for a copy.

If you are interested in being a Greeter or an Usher, please speak with one of the Elders.



WHEN YOU LEAVE GOD'S HOUSE, please turn out ALL the lights (except in the office hallway) and please check that ALL the entrance doors are LOCKED, even if you didn't unlock them.

Greeting Cards Available!



Individual Cards are \$1.00 each. Boxed cards are priced on bottom. Checks are preferred. Please make your checks out to Trinity Ladies Guild and put your payment in the container provided. Thank you.

Check out the "RESOURCE TABLE" in the Fellowship Hall for FREE Books, Periodicals, Devotionals, and More.



Portals of Prayer are in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.



ALTAR CIRCLE

Easter Sunday is followed by six more Sundays of the Easter season, according to our church calendar, and the paraments remain white.

Ascension Day is the 40th day after Easter Sunday and commemorates the day when the risen Lord ascends into heaven. Pentecost concludes the Easter season.

Check out our website.
www.trinitybemidji.org



A "Gluten Free" option is available for communion. If you would like to take advantage of this option, please speak with Pastor or Elders.

BEMIDJI AREA FOOD SHELF

Trinity, along with United Methodist Church volunteer the 3rd Monday of each month at the Food Shelf. The first shift is from 9am-12pm and the second shift is from 12-3:30pm. Both shifts need 6-7 volunteers.



The Food Shelf would not function without all the volunteers who give of their time. Thank you for all you do to help the Food Shelf run smoothly. ~June Roxstrom



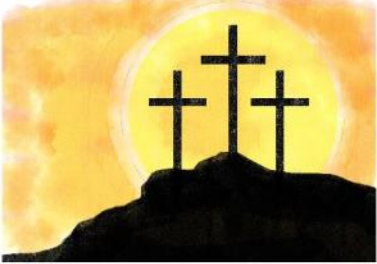

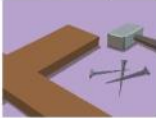
Please check the covered bulletin boards in the Entrance Hall for posted Letters, Community Events, Concerts, Meals, Fundraisers, local activities and news.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - APRIL

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|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Isaiah 25:1-9 | 9 Psalm 119:17-24 | 17 Psalm 119:81-88 | 25 Psalm 119:145-152 |
| Romans 1-3 | 1 Corinthians 10-11 | Galatians 4-6 | 1 Thessalonians 4-5 |
| 2 Psalm 114 | 10 Psalm 119:25-32 | 18 Psalm 119:89-96 | 26 Psalm 119:153-160 |
| Romans 4-6 | 1 Corinthians 12-14 | Ephesians 1-3 | 2 Thessalonians 1-3 |
| 3 Psalm 115 | 11 Psalm 119:33-40 | 19 Psalm 119:97-104 | 27 Psalm 119:161-168 |
| Romans 7-9 | 1 Corinthians 15-16 | Ephesians 4-6 | 1 Timothy 1-3 |
| 4 Psalm 116 | 12 Psalm 119:41-48 | 20 Psalm 119:105-112 | 28 Psalm 119:169-176 |
| Romans 10-13 | 2 Corinthians 1-4 | Philippians 1-2 | 1 Timothy 4-6 |
| 5 Psalm 117 | 13 Psalm 119:49-56 | 21 Psalm 119:113-120 | 29 Psalm 120 |
| Romans 14-16 | 2 Corinthians 5-7 | Philippians 3-4 | 2 Timothy 1-2 |
| 6 Psalm 118 | 14 Psalm 119:57-64 | 22 Psalm 119:121-128 | 30 Isaiah 25:1-9 |
| 1 Corinthians 1-3 | 15 Psalm 119:65-72 | Colossians 1-2 | 2 Timothy 3-4 |
| 7 Psalm 119:1-8 | 2 Corinthians 11-13 | 23 Psalm 119:129-136 | |
| 1 Corinthians 4-6 | 16 Psalm 119:73-80 | Colossians 3-4 | |
| 8 Psalm 119:9-16 | Galatians 1-3 | 24 Psalm 119:137-144 | |
| 1 Corinthians 7-9 | | 1 Thessalonians 1-3 | |

April 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church - 444-4441

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 PM Bells	2 4:00 PM 6th Grade Confirmation 4:15 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 PM Lenten Meal 6:30 PM Choir	3 1:30 PM Ladies Guild 5:30 PM Board of Elders	4	5
6 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study/Sunday School <i>ACF Serves</i>	7 5:30 PM Men of Trinity	8 6:00 PM Bells	9 4:00 PM 6th Grade Confirmation 4:15 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 PM Lenten Meal 6:30 PM Lenten Worship	10 1:30 PM Hannah Circle	11	12
13 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study/Sunday School 11:30 AM Christian Singles 11:30 AM Potluck <i>Palm Sunday</i>	14	15 9:30 AM Eunice Circle 6:00 PM Bells	16 4:00 PM 6th Grade Confirmation 4:15 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation	17 9:00 AM "Happy Quilters" 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship MAUNDY Thursday 	18 6:00 PM Good Friday Worship GOOD Friday 	19
20 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion <i>Resurrection SUNDAY</i> <i>Men Serve</i>	21 1:00 PM Altar Circle NO SCHOOL	22 6:00 PM Bells	23 4:00 PM 6th Grade Confirmation 4:15 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation	24 6:00 PM Church Boards 7:00 PM Church Council	25	26
27 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study/Sunday School 6:30 PM Informational Meeting with North District President, Rev. Brady Finnern <i>Ladies Guild Serves</i>	28	29 6:00 PM Bells	30 4:00 PM 6th Grade Confirmation 4:15 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation	