



Pastor's Column

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. (Luke 24:1-5 – NRSV)

Dear Friends,

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

This traditional Easter response is a remarkable affirmation of the love and power of God. The authorities, the disciples, and the women at the tomb all thought that Jesus was finished. But on that first Easter morning, as Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body in a final gesture of respect, it became clear that God's power to bring life was greater than any earthly ability to end it.

As we celebrate Easter this year, please remember that while the wounds and trials of this world can be substantial, God's power to heal and bring life is greater still. Jesus' journey to the cross involved:

- temptation to do wrong
- criticism by experts
- overwhelming work to do
- betrayal by a friend
- lies by people in power
- injustice by authorities
- and physical abuse to the point of death.

In the midst of it, he:

- healed the sick
- fed the hungry
- included the outcast
- prayed without ceasing
- encouraged kindness
- helped people experience the kingdom of God
- showed gentle courage in the face of opposition
- and gave grace to those who caused him pain.

When Jesus rose from the dead, it showed that God's love and power can truly overcome all the hardships of this world. Whatever your life is bringing you right now, Easter is a demonstration of God's desire for kindness and an affirmation that God's love and grace will prevail in the end. May the Holy Spirit bless you with joy and peace as we celebrate Easter!

Blessings,

Pastor Mark

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Upcoming Events

Easter Sunday & Easter Breakfast

Easter Sunday is April 9th this year! We will be having an **Easter breakfast** from **8 am-10:30 am** that morning. We will be serving scrambled eggs, bacon, cheesy hashbrowns, muffins, donuts, coffee, milk, juice, and more. **If you would like to volunteer to help serve breakfast you can [sign up online](#). If you would like to donate food/drink supplies, you can [sign up here](#).** There are also sign-up sheets available in the **Gathering Space**. Food and drink donations are due in the church kitchen by **Friday, April 7th!**

Holy Week Schedule: April 2-9, 2023

- **Palm Sunday:** April 2 at 8:15 and 10:30 am
- **Maundy Thursday (Living Last Supper):** April 6 at 7 pm
- **Good Friday (ecumenical service)** noon at Lake Mills United Methodist Church
(evening tenebrae service): April 7 at 8 pm at Trinity
- **Easter Sunday:** April 9 at 7:00, 8:45, and 10:30 am
- **Easter Breakfast:** April 9 from 8-10:30 am
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** April 9 at 10 am

Wine, Women and Word (Book Club)

Wine, Women and Word meets the **first Monday of the month at 7 pm in the Fireside Room**. The **March meeting will be Monday, April 3rd**. Everyone is welcome to participate in a great discussion of stories, characters, and faith, even if you have not had a chance to read the book. Wine, tea, and desserts are usual to enhance the evening. Leader is Leah Fritsche, head librarian of Deerfield Public Library. Any questions please contact Leah or Lahna Anhalt, they would be happy to encourage you.

Ladies' Lunch Out

Ladies' Lunch Out happens the second Wednesday of the month. The next meal is **at 11:30 am on Wednesday, April 12th at the Lake Mills Family Restaurant. Join us for fun conversations. All ladies and their husbands/significant others of all ages are welcome. We stay in town for all lunches!**

Prospective Member Orientation

Join us on Sunday, April 16th at 11:45 am for prospective member orientation. Lunch included. If you know anyone who's interested in joining, please pass along this information. Everyone interested in joining Trinity as a member, we welcome you to come to orientation.

Vision and Consensus Workshop with Luke Bouman

There will be **one worship service at 9 am prior to the workshop. Join us on Sunday, April 23rd from 10 am - 2:30 pm for a vision and consensus workshop led by Luke Bouman.** There will be a lunch provided during the workshop. Please let us know if you are coming on [this form here.](#)

Mallards group outing

Join us for another Mallards game again this summer! **The game is Saturday, July 15th at 6:05 pm. Tickets are \$22 each and include a food buffet and soda.** Warner Park is a very kid-friendly place with lots to offer for everyone. We have reserved 40 tickets. **Please fill out [this form online](#) or pick up a form in the Gathering Space to get your tickets!**

Vacation Bible School: "Stellar"

VBS is Sunday, August 6 through Thursday, August 10th. Join us from 5-8 pm every night for games, crafts, music, and more. This year's vacation bible school theme is "Stellar" We will have a **kid-friendly dinner Monday-Thursday starting at 5 pm. If you would like to sign your child up for VBS or sign up to volunteer (5th grade & up), you can do so at <https://www.trinitylm.com/vbs2023>.** There will also be forms in the Gathering Space.

Worship Ministry Opportunities

There are ministry opportunities (greeter, usher, reader, communion minister, etc.) available to all members during **Wednesday and Sunday worship services. Positions still available on the day of worship are listed on the white board as you enter the Gathering Space.** We welcome you to fill them on that day if you would like. You can also fill out [this form](#) to be signed up for ministry opportunities!

Adult Bible Study

Bible study is on **Sundays at 9:30 am during the fellowship hour! We are reviewing the books of the Old Testament.** Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend as many sessions as they are able. Your insights and opinions are welcomed. (No charge to you, and you are not required to attend Bible Study to receive a catechism) Please join the lively group for thoughts, opinions, laughter, and friendship as we meet between services to explore our faith. See you at Bible Study in the Fireside room between services!

April Birthdays

1. Bob Beale	6. Isabelle Topel	11. Jennifer Hawley
1. Shannon Streich	7. Andy Palmer	13. Penny Marten
1. Daniel Bennett	7. Matthew Steindorf	13. Maddy Bergum
1. Amanda Mansfield	7. Katelyn Clark	13. Bennett Polzin
2. Magen Polzin	8. Dee Ann Persson	13. Collin Christian
3. Darin Fuglestad	8. Jolie Palmer	14. Jacob Schaub
3. Brad Ferry	8. Laurie Szecsy	14. Makenzie Rosol
3. Chloe Thompson	8. Brody Henderson	15. Terri McDonnell
4. Dobie Dobbratz	8. Valentino Alwin-Brinckman	17. Jacob Constable
5. Pam Sherry	9. Jeff Constable	18. Catlin Topel
5. Kyle Kube	9. Katie Palmer	19. Gary Milbrath
5. Jolie Schoeneck	9. Colter Streich	20. Jerry Mosher
5. Jack Mueller	10. Gabrielle Mahr	20. Lyndsey Bender
6. Brenda LeMaster	10. Will Draper	20. Greylen Boettcher
6. Steve Grunewald	10. Alyson Reinfeldt	21. Darien Dierkes
6. Hannah Riedl	11. Shirley Wickersham	21. Jennifer Olson

21. Ethan Lewellin	26. Abby Carr	27. Sofie Jordan
21. Brooks Riedl	26. Blaise Knueppel	28. Ken Keiner
23. Owen Burling	26. Jade Mansfield	28. Jesse Kramer
24. Stanze Neitzel	26. Ethan Steindorf	28. Shawn Szecsy
25. Tia Schoen	26. Mara June Kabat	28. Hannah Johnson
25. Theodore Fritsche	27. Gail Wolf	29. Deena Will
25. Nora Squires	27. Jay Lewellin	30. Maribeth Conard
26. Linda Disch	27. Jason Polzin	30. Amber Schaller
26. Heidi Welch-Craemer	27. Rhonnie Garcia	30. Leah Fehrman
26. Melissa Fehrman		30. Cora Schmidt

April Anniversaries

1. Chad & Rhonnie Garcia	22. Jeff & Lynne Worden
5. Chris & Kim Buchholtz	24. Steven Busch & Holly Ingersoll
9. Grant & Jean Oestreich	25. Dan & Toni Zastrow
14. George & Sue Hamilton	28. Red & Karen Peters
18. Dave & Denise Schroeder	29. Robert & Jane Mertz
22. Dan & Brenda Nelson	

April Calendar

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday 8:15 am - Worship 9:15 am - Sunday School 9:30 am - Adult Bible Study 10:30 am - Worship Tuesday, April 4 6:45 pm - Handbell rehearsal 7:45 pm - Worship Band rehearsal Wednesday, April 5 5:00 pm - Living Last Supper Rehearsal 7:15 pm - Choir Practice Thursday, April 6 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service Friday, April 7 12:00 pm - Ecumenical Service (LM United Methodist Church) 8:00 pm - Good Friday Service Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday 7:00 am - Worship 8:00 am - Easter Breakfast 8:45 am - Worship 9:30 am - Adult Bible Study 10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am - Worship Tuesday, April 11 6:45 pm - Handbell rehearsal Wednesday, April 12 11:30 am - Ladies Lunch Out 6:15 pm - Worship on Wednesday (WOW) 7:15 pm - Youth on Wednesday (YOW) 7:15 pm - Senior High on Wednesday (SHOW) 7:15 pm - Choir Practice Sunday, April 16 8:15 am - Worship 9:15 am - Sunday School 9:30 am - Adult Bible Study	10:30 am - Worship (Choir & Bells) 11:45 am - Prospective Member Orientation 6:15 pm - Youth Meeting Tuesday, April 18 6:45 pm - Handbell rehearsal 7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting Wednesday, April 19 6:15 pm - Worship on Wednesday (WOW) 7:15 pm - Youth on Wednesday (YOW) 7:15 pm - Senior High on Wednesday (SHOW) 7:15 pm - Choir Practice Sunday, April 23 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Vision and Consensus Workshop Tuesday, April 25 6:45 pm - Handbell rehearsal Wednesday, April 26 6:15 pm - Worship on Wednesday (WOW) 6:15 pm - Faith Statements (8th graders) 7:15 pm - Youth on Wednesday (YOW) 7:15 pm - Senior High on Wednesday (SHOW) 7:15 pm - Choir Practice Sunday, April 30 8:15 am - Worship 9:15 am - Sunday School 9:30 am - Adult Bible Study 10:30 am - Worship
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Fiscal Summary Report through February

Trinity's current fiscal year is from May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023. With two months left in our fiscal year, our giving is exceeding expenses by \$21,096 due to generous year end giving. Giving is slightly below the prior year. Expenses through February are up as well but similar to the years prior to COVID. We thank the congregation for their continued generous support.

Year	Operating Income	Appeal Income	Total Income	General Expenses	Appeal Expenses	Total Expenses	Balance Summary
2022-23	\$226,021.36	\$17,980.00	\$244,001.36	\$192,175.66	\$30,730.20	\$222,905.86	\$21,095.50
<i>Previous Years</i>							
2021-22	\$226,494.02	\$19,000.05	\$245,494.07	\$180,911.80	\$31,964.81	\$212,876.61	\$32,617.46
2020-21	\$220,062.23	\$21,105.00	\$241,167.23	\$178,585.81	\$32,098.10	\$210,683.91	\$30,483.32
2019-20	\$211,923.98	\$20,438.00	\$232,361.98	\$187,461.39	\$34,257.99	\$221,719.38	\$10,642.60
2018-19	\$197,205.80	\$19,533.00	\$216,738.80	\$183,227.77	\$34,735.20	\$217,962.97	\$-1,224.17
2017-18	\$203,276.86	\$23,837.00	\$227,113.86	\$182,675.00	\$34,547.14	\$217,222.14	\$9,891.72
2016-17	\$197,969.40	\$22,420.00	\$220,389.40	\$184,694.50	\$34,506.80	\$219,201.30	\$1,188.10

Would you like to receive the Tidings by email?

Contact the office by emailing office@trinitylm.com or calling the office at 920-648-2717 to make those arrangements.

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