



Dear Trinity Lutheran Church, Family, Friends, and Students,

I would like to share with you some news about my life. In May, Missy and I will be moving to Oregon. I have been called to ministry as a youth pastor at a church there. I want to first say thank you for allowing me to have had an opportunity to serve the Lord here at Trinity Lutheran Church. It has been filled with many memorable moments that I will carry with me forever.

To my students,

When I first started in 2021, I immediately knew that Trinity was called by God to lead the next generation of students to Him! The potential for Trinity to be known for student ministry has never been greater. I want to give a big thank you to all of the students here at Trinity – YOU have made that possible not the leaders or myself. You have done a wonderful job helping to bring new students into the doors of the church and encouraging them to follow Jesus. I have seen your faith grow tremendously over the past three years and I know that you will continue to grow

in faith. My encouragement to all students is to continue developing habits of spiritual discipline. You don't need fancy games, rooms, or lessons, to be able disciple each other and to grow in your faith. You just need to believe that Jesus loves you and wants to have a personal relationship with you. I encourage you to be diligent in pursuing that relationship. I know you can do it and I believe in you!

To my Trinity Lutheran Church family,

Thank you for growing me as a leader. When I started at Trinity, I did not have confidence in my own preaching ability. Through your support and kind compliments I have grown in confidence. I am excited to pursue God's calling for me to be a pastor in my future. My encouragement to you is do not be afraid to invest in the youth here and now! Trinity has great potential to be a hub of spiritual growth in the lives of young students and adults. You have the leaders, time, and money to invest in student ministry and the fruits will be great if you do so! I trust that you will continue to invest in the next generation of students. My prayer for Trinity is that the youth will have the opportunity to grow and lead alongside the adult members of the congregation.

To my friends,

My friends are all of the amazing people that are a part of Trinity. I want you to know that you are loved and we will miss each and every one of you. You all have been wonderful to my wife and I, and we cannot thank you enough for it. I encourage you to continue being a blessing to one another.

I pray that you remember that where ever we live God has given us the same mission as believers in Christ. Matthew 28:18 -20 says *"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* Let us continue this mission together!

Best Wishes,

Your brother in Christ- Kaleb Andersen
Director of Students & Mission
Trinity Lutheran Church



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OUR MISSION:
*Loving God,
Loving People, &
Growing Followers of Jesus*



"I Believe - - In The Resurrection of the Dead"

Pastor Ollie Fullmer

We take these words directly from the Apostle's Creed that we recite frequently. Why is this a part of our confession? It is because we take it directly from scripture, 1 Cor. 15:3-4, 1 Thess. 4:14-18 (and many others).

The gospel writers who experienced the resurrection first bless us with the most wonderful, profound words as they visited the empty tomb. "He is not here; he is risen just as he said."

This is why it is a vital part of our confession and why we celebrate every first day of the week. The living Jesus is our life!

Initially, the disciples and the women were shattered at Jesus death. None of them who experienced that first Easter morning had believed it. Not the disciples, not the women; certainly not the centurion guard, or the authorities.

In those dark days before Jesus had risen, it was not the bright day of rejoicing as it is now for us. The one they had lived, walked, worked, and eaten with was brutally tortured and then crucified. Here are a couple of points we can take into consideration.

1. The disciples unbelief was fed by fair but false assumptions.

Roman soldiers do their jobs thoroughly and completely. No one gets off their crosses alive. Jesus being alive again was a human impossibility. Dead men don't walk, and talk, or eat. This is where the power of the resurrection confronts them. Acts 2:24 tells us what it was impossible for Jesus to do. It was "impossible for death to keep its hold on Jesus" by virtue of who he was.

2. Their unbelief was driven by despair.

They were in mourning and audible weeping. Grief has a way of numbing you to reality. Some things are just too difficult to take in all at once. Jesus had told the disciples many times that he was going to die but that he would rise again also. They had selective hearing and were unable to grasp what Jesus had told them. After they understood the depth of what had happened though, they were finally in a position to hear and see and be deeply transformed by the resurrection of Jesus. Chicago pastor and writer Erwin Lutzer puts it this way. He said "before Jesus appeared in the room with the disciples, all they could remember was **Iron, Wood, and Blood**. A tragic end to a beautiful life! But then, Jesus showed himself to them alive. Now they saw **Face, Body, and Scars**." Jesus shows up dissipating their fears and doubts like the morning mist.

3. Their unbelief included insurmountable obstacles.

Mark's gospel alone gives us the dialogue that happened among the women on the way to the tomb, Mark 16:1-3. They were deeply worried about how they were going to roll the stone away. This was not a concern they needed to worry about though. The women could have been packing anywhere from 60-100 pounds of spices to prepare Jesus body for permanent burial. Then, the angels words to them: "why seek the living among the dead"? Not only was the heavy stone rolled away but Jesus' body was no longer there. John's gospel uses a phrase in Greek indicating the stone was lifted up and out of its place. This could have been up to 2 tons in weight. We might say "sorry" to Mary and the other women; your job is not needed.

Someone has wisely noted, the stone wasn't rolled away to let Jesus out but to let his doubting disciples in so that they might see and believe and be astounded at the truth Jesus had predicted many times.

We repeat the glad Easter confession once again: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

April 2024
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Associate Pastor
Ollie Fullmer

Minister of Worship & Creative Arts
Manuel Tabora

Director of Youth & Missions Ministry
Kaleb Andersen

Director of Children's Ministry
Glenda Lundstrom

March Council Notes*

*Not approved by Council

Submitted by Kay Johnson, Council Secretary

TRINITY'S YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL UPDATE

2024 INCOME & EXPENSE THROUGH
February 29, 2024

YTD Income	\$ 158,270
YTD Expenses	\$ 124,043
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$34,227

Annual Projected BUDGET

Income \$809,716 // Expense \$809,716
17% of year elapsed
20% of budgeted annual income received
15% of budgeted annual expenses incurred

Trinity Council Members

Kris Gernstein, *President*
Ken Andreasen, *Vice President*
Kay Johnson, *Secretary*
Greg Eickmeier, *Treasurer*
Cheryl Brewer, *Recording Secretary*
Trina Jeffryes, Amanda Jensen
Mike Kruse, Hillary Rasmussen
Dan Mickey

Altar Flowers

You may wish to purchase Altar Flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. Please call the Church Office at 564-8547 to place your request. Cost is \$50. Thank you to everyone who donates Altar Flowers to glorify God.

WE HAVE SOME EXCITING NEWS!

The Call Committee would like to make an exciting announcement!

On Friday, March 1, Pastor Billy Czapla officially accepted the Letter of Call to become Trinity's next Lead Pastor.

Dr. Pat Hall will be with us until the end of June and Pastor Czapla will join us in his new roll on Monday, July 8.

We look forward to welcoming him and his family back to Trinity!

We are so BLESSED!

Called to Order by President Ken Andreasen.

Thank-yous were received from Youth & Families Christ for the gift of the beautiful rug and Trinity's continued partnership with them.

The Offering Pickup Schedule through April was distributed.

February's minutes were approved.

Financial reports were approved.

Membership Adjustments were approved.

Business Administrator Report:

- Office Receptionist Coverage:** Michele Bristol was involved in a car accident and will be out until the first week of April. Volunteers are covering for Michele.
- Annual Meeting:** All votes passed. Pastor Billy Czapla signed the agreement. His start date will be July 8th. General consensus was that the Annual Meeting went well and was very well attended. Suggestions were compiled for any improvements.
- HVAC:** Tammy has requested an update from Rutt's.
- High School Classroom Project:** A second flooring bid was requested from Columbus Carpet. They came March 11th to measure and propose bid.
- Fence:** Two bids were requested for a fence along the east side of the property. When bids arrive, a special vote will take place.

Old Business:

- Sign:** Kris Gernstein reported about applying for a variance for our sign. The city was working on revising the signage codes.
- High School Classroom Flooring :** A bid from Columbus Carpet was received for materials and installation of carpet tiles and base in the High School Classroom in the amount of \$6,772.21. A second bid by Floors By Jake's bid was more than \$2,000 higher. It was moved and carried to accept the Columbus Carpet bid.

New Business:

- Election of Officers:** 2024 Trinity Lutheran Church Council Officers will be: President – Kris Gernstein; Vice President – Ken Andreasen; Secretary – Kay Johnson and Treasurer – Greg Eickmeier.
- Pastoral Transition Team:** Trina Jeffryes and Hillary Rasmussen will head a team to assist the Czapla family transition. Volunteers are needed.
- Addition to Photo Wall of Lead Pastors:** The array of previous Lead Pastor photos in the Fellowship Hall was discussed and tabled.
- Kaleb Andersen's Resignation/Farewell:** Council accepted the Resignation Letter from Kaleb Andersen. His last day will be May 22, 2024.

Other New Business:

- Meals for Holy Week:** Meals will be provided for Pastor Hall/family, Pastor Ollie and Karen, and Manuel Tabora/family on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.
- Council Meeting times:** A general consensus was to keep the council meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Council went into Executive Session.

Next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

April Birthdays

1st Marla Ernst Tony Everett Nikki Frederick	7th Sheryl Klug Heather Munson	15th Lisa Endorf Mike Jeffryes Doris Nyffeler Richard Stamm	22nd Sharon Lindahl Craig Robak Brad Shelden Sam Spulak Barbra Suhr Cole Tessendorf	27th Mary Bothwell
2nd Linda Colfack Grayson Gentile Gary Jareske Eden Quincy Harper Slizoski	8th Cody Cuba Ellice Moore	16th Audrey Coble Sophia Spulak	23rd Troy Andert Dawson Jurado Mike Moje Jason Rasmussen Gary Schafer Bob Sjuts Ronda Zoucha	28th Shelia Arasmith Spencer French Jill Jones Ethan Suhr Brooklynn Thomson
3rd Alan Davis	10th Cheryl Brewer DeSaire Drummond Kallie Langmack Chris Nichols	17th Leena Sander Joni Woodside	24th Jennifer Bronson Pam Sutton Mike Zastera	29th Joan Behrens Joan Bond Judy Johannes Verlene Novak Danika Rowe Adelynn Shelden
4th Paisley Dicke Amelia Hilmer Rhonda Schademann	12th Audriella Loveless Lorraine Mann Rhona Peabody Delmer Wondercheck	18th Witt Rodehorst Helen Rosendahl	25th Linda Aldrich Judy Dicke Cindy Schroeder Jan Went Christina Woodside	30th Todd Connelly Maxine Reinke
5th Bradley Bronson Michael Gauger Elli McMeekin Jon Quincy Colby Salak Olivia Sutton	13th Janell Cromwell Sharon Ernst	19th Grace Gassen Heath Haynes Bodie Hueschen Logan Rodehorst	26th Gaylen Kamrath Joey Mark Avery Salak	
6th Kane Benson Sarah Ernst Timothy Novak Nash Steiner	14th Joshua Ebke Abbigail Shefcyk	20th Scott Engdahl Paige Jeffryes Rita Peach Mike Rowe III		

Affordable advertising in Trinity Tidings!

Trinity is offering advertising space in our Tidings newsletters. This is a very affordable way to reach potentially thousands of households. In addition to our printed newsletter given to Trinity members, Tidings is posted on our website and Facebook page. The deadline for the monthly issues is the 15th of the prior month you wish to start your advertisement. Call the Church office and talk to Tammy or email her at taugustine@trinityalive.org if you would like to set up an advertisement. Actual ad sizes and pricing below:



1-1/2" X 3/4"	Single	\$20/month \$200/year
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3" X 3/4"	X2	Horizontal	\$40/month \$400/year
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*The advertiser has the option of creating their own ad or submitting information to Tammy to create a simple ad, to be approved by advertiser before printing.

3" X 1-1/2"	X4	Horizontal or Vertical	\$80/month \$800/year
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Trinity Kids' Ministries

April 2024

by Glenda Lundstrom

FIRST COMMUNION

Maunder Thursday



Welcome to the Lord's Table, First Communion Class of 2024!

Maunder Thursday was the day Jesus Christ established the Lord's Supper with His disciples.

Our First Communion students and their parents have met with Dr. Hall to learn and review the history and purpose of this sacrament and what it means for us today.

Our current Maunder Thursday was especially meaningful for the students and families. These students not only received their first communion; they also served the bread ("The Lord's body broken for you") to their families and guests.

Thank you, Dr. Hall, for inviting us into an even more intimate way of celebrating this sacrament!

BREAKOUT

Breakout Year-End Activities

April 3: Last Review & Fun Night for the year
April 10: 6:30-7:00 PM Mission info meeting, Fireside Room, 6th Grade mission participants with their parents. Mission leaders plan on staying through 7:15

Breakout Family Picnic

April 17: 6:00-7:00 PM Fellowship Hall

PLEASE BRING:

- A side dish, salad, or dessert, and most important - *your family*
- Hot dogs, Chips, Drinks, Condiments, table setting will be provided.



Weston Jeffries



Confirmation Class of 2024!

When he was just a "little" guy, starting in Breakout, I have a favorite memory. Running up the hall his first night, he exclaimed "I have been waiting for this my whole life!" He was 8 years old. Wes has not disappointed. He is all-in as a teen student leader for 3rd Grade and the tech guy for the praise and worship. We all love him!

ALL STARS

Sunday Mornings 9:00 - 9:45, Age 3 - Grade 6

Your friends are always Welcome!

The Elementary and Pre-Teen students are leaning into PATIENCE this month, finding *there is help* through the Holy Spirit.

Patience is waiting until later for what you want now.

Esau's story shows us when you think you can't wait, think twice.

The Bible truth of the Golden Calf in Exodus reminds us when we have to wait, we need to remember what's *true*.

Simeon waits for the Messiah in Luke and finds God is still with us while we wait.

"Wait for the Lord, Be strong and don't lose hope." Psalm 27:14, NIV



Pre-K - Kindergarten
 It's all about Jesus,
 The LIGHT of the
 WORLD!

Matthew 28:18-20
 Jesus says to tell others about Him.

The Early Church: Acts 2:42-47
 John 15:12, and Hebrews 10:24
 Jesus says to love like Him.

Philippians 2:14-16
 I shine when I do what Jesus says.

"Let your Light Shine." Matthew 5:16, NIV

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Palm Sunday was an amazing celebration! We celebrated Jesus' riding on the colt of a donkey into Jerusalem as he received the shouts of "Hosanna" and the many other praises from the people. We also celebrated along with forty-seven adults who had completed a four-week course in living out their Christian faith by walking through Luther's Catechism and telling stories of faith. This group, led by Dr. Hall and Pastor Ollie, experienced the joy of gathering for instruction, for teaching, and for coaching on living out the Word of God.

On Palm Sunday, this large group of Adult Confirmands, publicly professed and affirmed their faith in front of the congregation. The excitement and energy in the sanctuary was incredible. This group of faithful people have been the backbone of Trinity for decades. Their continued commitment and involvement in Trinity's ministry were once again demonstrated by their willingness to participate in their life of faith by "getting off the bench and getting into the game". Obviously, this group of people continue to model the Christian life as they continue to grow in their faith, by attending, by participating in this ministry through the teaching and coaching of the Word of God. In part, these learning and growth opportunities are what strengthen their faith. Luke 2:52, "And Jesus grew knowledge, in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man."

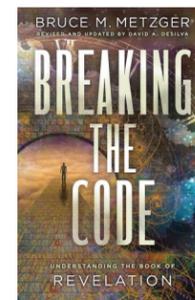


Congratulations to our 2024 Adult Confirmation Class!

FIRESIDE FAITH

April 14 - May 19, 2024

9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings
 Fireside Room



Come join Pastor Ollie as he teaches on the Book of Revelation using David Desilva's guide with book and video.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM for the 2024-2025 school year

Trinity has set up a tuition assistance fund for members to receive financial assistance with student tuition to Immanuel, Columbus Christian and Christ Lutheran schools.

Applications will be available in the church office and the Information Station. *Deadline to submit is May 1.*



Christian Education



Our

Mission:

Loving God, Loving People, & Growing Followers of Jesus

Our Vision:

We see followers connected to Jesus and each other through strong relationships and a sense of belonging because of meaningful worship, fellowship, youth-focused ministries and a commitment to serving beyond

THE 73RD ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
 THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



Join Us at Frankfurt Square on
 Thursday, May 2, 2024
 For Community Prayer & Praise

Trinity will be participating in the
 Prayer Walk from 4:00 to 4:45pm.

LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD

PRAYER REQUEST

Our team would love to pray for you.

Pray for one another
James 5:16

Trinity's Prayer Chain would love to include you or a loved one in their prayers. Please submit prayer requests to Sandra Jochens at sjjoche@frontiernet.net or contact the church office.

Columbus **RESCUE** Mission

Ladies Brunch

STAND FIRM!

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Saturday, April 13, 2024

9:30-11:30am

Columbus Berean Church
3027 38th St.

To RSVP or Decorate a Table, call 402-563-1096

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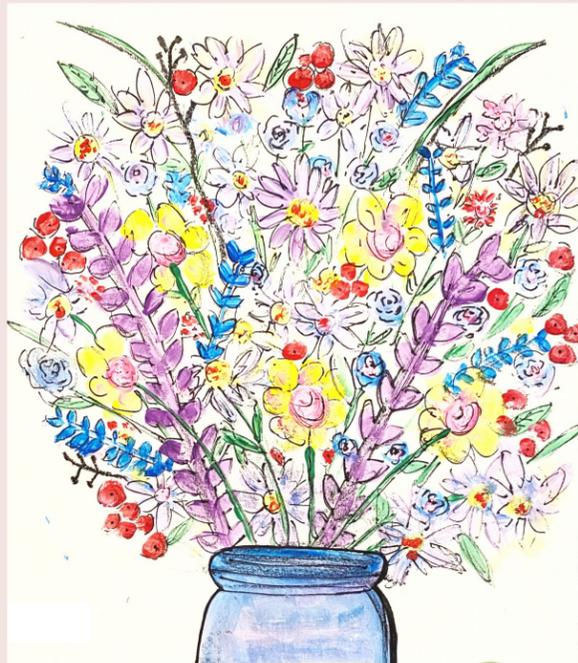
Join us for refreshments and fellowship on Sundays at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.



Saturday May 4th, 9 am – 4:30 pm

TICKETS: \$40 PER PERSON (WORKBOOK & LUNCH INCLUDED)

LOCATION: TRINITY LUTHERIAN CHURCH, COLUMBUS, NE



"To Be Blessed" Women's Workshop

Video-conference from author Nancy Guthrie

Registration will be available at church services April 6-14. If you wish to register but can't attend church on those dates, contact Mrs. Glenda Lundstrom- glundstrom@trinityalive.org

Camp Luther Summer 2024 Theme: "Called to Serve"

1 Peter 4:10 - As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Camp Luther's summer and full-time staff are passionate about sharing Christ and His love with others. It's why they're here! Our trained counselors seek to serve as Christian role models as they help each camper have a fun and safe time learning about Jesus and putting His Word into action.

Whatever age you are, and whatever camp session you choose, there is so much fun to be had! Come shoot some archery, go canoeing or kayaking, take a swim, play one of our epic night games, munch on some s'mores, go on a night hike, and most importantly, grow in your faith with Bible Studies and campfire devotions! And our specialty sessions include even more awesome activities. The cost of camp includes all of the above, plus meals and snacks for the week, as well as lodging, programming materials, and a Camp Luther T-shirt!

If you have any questions, you can email campluther@campluther.org or call their office at 402-352-5655



APRIL 2024

Monday, April 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, April 2

5:15 Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 3

11:30 Women in the Word Bible Study
6:30 Breakout (Grades 3-6)
6:30 Confirmation Class (Grades 7 & 8)
7:00 High School Impact (Grades 9-12)

Saturday, April 6

5:30 Worship Service

Sunday, April 7

9:00 Education Hour
Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E.

10:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, April 9

5:15 Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal
Endowment Committee
6:00 Finance Committee

Wednesday, April 10

11:30 Women in the Word Bible Study
6:00 Music Rehearsal
6:30 Breakout Mission Meeting for Grade 6 Students, Parents & Leaders (Grades 3-5 NO CLASS)
6:30 Confirmation Class (Grades 7 & 8)
7:00 High School Impact (Grades 9-12)

Friday, April 12

6:30 Friday Men's Ministry

Saturday, April 13

9:30 CRM Ladies Brunch at Columbus Berean Church
5:30 Worship Service

Sunday, April 14

9:00 Education Hour
Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E.
10:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, April 16

5:15 Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal
6:30 Council

Wednesday, April 17

11:30 Women in the Word Bible Study
6:00 Music Rehearsal
6:00 Breakout Family Potluck
6:30 Confirmation Class (Grades 7 & 8)
7:00 High School Impact (Grades 9-12)

Friday, April 19

6:30 Men's Leader's Meeting

Saturday, April 20

5:30 Worship Service

Sunday, April 21

9:00 Education Hour
Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E.
10:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, April 23

5:15 Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 24

11:30 Women in the Word Bible Study
6:00 Music Rehearsal
6:30 Confirmation
7:00 High School Impact (Grades 9-12)

Friday, April 26

6:30 Friday Men's Ministry
11:45 NAOMI's at Columbus Senior Center

Saturday, April 27

5:30 Holy Communion Worship Service

Sunday, April 28

9:00 Education Hour
Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E.
10:00 Holy Communion Worship Service

Tuesday, April 30

5:15 Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal

EDUCATION HOUR

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

All Stars

Age 3 – Grade 6
Various Classrooms

Jr & Sr High Youth

Grades 7 – 12
The Outlet

Fireside Faith

Adult Bible Study
Fireside Room

Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E.

Coffee & Conversation
Fellowship Hall

Nursery Available

During 10:00 Service

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Breakout

Grades 3 – 6
Various Classrooms
6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Confirmation Class

Grades 7 – 8
The Outlet
6:30 – 7:45 P.M.

High School Impact

Grades 9 – 12
The Well
7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Communion

We celebrate Communion the 3rd weekend of every month.
ALL are welcome!

Baptism

Baptisms may be scheduled during any service the 2nd weekend of the month.

FOR SALE: 6ft Balsam Hill Pre-lit Christmas Tree w/ rattan base collar, storage bag, & acces. Make offer! Gayla 402-649-6252



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