

Wednesday Evening Lenten Suppers

March 6 ~ Sloppy Joe Meal Proceeds to High School Mission Trip March 13 ~ Spaghetti Proceeds to High School Mission Trip

March 20 ~ Chili Cook Off

Proceeds to LCMC Youth Gathering

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 24 9:00 - 10:00 am & 11:00 am - Noon

Free will donation.

Proceeds go toward Jr. and Sr. High events.

Thank you for supporting our youth. We appreciate you!





Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024 6:00 p.m.



OUR MISSION:

Loving God, Loving People, & Growing Followers of Jesus



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Trinity will be offering advertising space in our 2024 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 charge would be \$20 per month for a 1-1/2" x 3/4" ad (shown actual size below) or \$200 per year (11 issues). If you would like a larger ad, the cost would be per box. So you could have an ad that is twice the size for \$40 month/\$400 year, four times the size for \$80 month, \$800 year, etc. The larger sizes can go horizontal or vertical. 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.

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Tidings UTHERAN CHURCH

PROFESS, CONFIRM OR AFFIRM YOUR FAITH

In holy Baptism, our Lord Jesus Christ is the Actor, and we are the ones He acts upon. For Lutherans, Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's catechetical ministry; a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the Church through their Baptism. The rite of Confirmation includes a public profession or affirmation of their faith. Confirmation candidates are called to remember their Baptism, therefore underscoring, God's action in that Baptism.

The profession of your faith is simply the public act of declaring that you are a true follower of Jesus and that you wish to assume a greater responsibility in the life of our Christian Community and its mission in the world.

When we were teens, we may not have taken the education of our faith as serious as we could have. I don't know about you, but I know when I was in Confirmation class, I was more concerned about what the girls in our class thought of me and what they were up to, then in my learning the three articles of the Apostles' Creed.

Trinity is offering an Adult Confirmation class as an opportunity to laugh, to learn and to reaffirm/confirm your faith and to remember and re-educate yourself on some of the basics of the Lutheran faith.

For those who have already been Confirmed, this is a great opportunity for you to simply enjoy and review your catechetical experience and to take another whack at learning Luther's Small Catechism. For those who have never been Confirmed, we invite you to come and join us in the fun and fellowship and in learning more about how we can enjoy and express our personal faith in Christ.

The Nicene Creed tells us, "We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins." This means that we are to only be water baptized once. However, we can certainly re-affirm or confirm our faith as often as we'd like.

The Bible and our creeds tell us to publicly and continually profess, re-affirm and confirm our faith as often as possible. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Romans 10:9-10, that we are to continually profess and to re-affirm/confirm our faith.

Romans 10:9–10, "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

At the end of our Adult Confirmation Class, you will be given the opportunity to publicly profess, re-affirm, and confirm your faith on March 24th at our Sunday morning Palm Sunday worship service. This will be a wonderful experience for the Confirmand and an amazing celebration for the people of

It's not too late to be a part of this year's Adult Confirmation Class. Please join us Tuesdays at 3:00 PM for our class on March 5, March 12 & March 19.

See you in church!

~Doc

March 2024

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LUTHERAN CHURCH **OUR MISSION:**

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> 2200 25th Street Columbus, NE 68601 402.564.8547 trinityoffice@trinityalive.org www.trinityalive.org

> > **Worship Schedule** 5:30 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Interim Lead Pastor Dr. Patrick Hall

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

TRINITY'S YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL UPDATE

2024 INCOME & EXPENSE THROUGH January 31, 2024

 YTD Income
 \$ 79,023

 YTD Expenses
 \$ 59,177

 Surplus or (Deficit)
 \$19,846

Annual Projected BUDGET Income \$809,716 // Expense \$809,716 8% of year elapsed

10% of budgeted annual income received 7% of budgeted annual expenses incurred

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.





Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10.

TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE
GOING TO BED SATURDAY, MARCH 9.

Trinity Council Members

*Ken Andreasen, *President**Kris Gernstein, *Vice President**, *Secretary*

*Greg Eickmeier, *Treasurer* Cheryl Brewer, *Recording Secretary*

Trina Jeffryes Kay Johnson Dan Mickey Amanda Jensen Mike Kruse Hillary Rasmussen

*New Officers will be elected in March.

February Council Notes*

*Not approved by Council

Submitted by Pam Hain, Council Secretary

President Ken Andreasen called the February 20, 2024 Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting to order.

Secretary's Report – Communications received were thank yous received from: Ann Cattau for Christmas bonus, Mercy Meals for donation from Trinity's Mission Board, and Youth and Families for Christ for Trinity's continuous collaborations and donations. Collection schedule distributed for sign up through April, including Easter week services.

January meeting minutes were approved. Approved minutes of January 31, 2024 email motion and vote (Call Committee recommendation for Pastor Billy Czapla). January financials were approved. Approved membership adjustments.

Business Administrator reports

- Annual Meeting Packet for annual meeting created, ballots for Lead Pastor call and sign-in sheets created.
- HVAC All three roof top units and curb adapters have been received at Rutt's. Air flow readings have been taken. Rutt's will schedule removal of old and installation of new RTU's as weather permits.
- Classroom Project Additional lights had to be ordered and will not be in until April. Bid for flooring from Floors by Jake received. Due to cost, another bid is needed. Kris Gernstein will contact Columbus Carpet for bid.
- Call Committee Per Call Committee recommendation, Annual Meeting will include vote by ballot to extend a Letter of Call to Pastor Billy Czapla as Lead Pastor.
- Audit Performed the week of January 22 by Patty Swirczek and team.
 Clarification of a few transaction questions was provided. Many thanks to Patty and her team for successful and efficient audit.
- Census Sheets and Time & Talent Sheets Data being input from results of census sheets mailed out at end of January.
- Advertising in Tidings Four ads have been sold for 1 year of advertising, generating \$1,600.

Old Business

 Annual Meeting – Robo call to be sent reminding members of Annual Meeting. In lieu of signing up in foyer, clipboards will be passed with sign-in sheets.

New Business

- Lead Pastor Letter of Call/Compensation Package verbiage revised for clarification only and preliminary copy to be given to Judy Arndt for approval.
- Lockdown Protocol President Ken Andreasen contacted Columbus Middle School about notifying Trinity when CMS goes into lockdown mode.
- Coalition of Lutheran Churches Ken Andreasen reported representation present from Christ Lutheran, Peace Lutheran, Immanuel Lutheran, and Trinity.
- Staff Vacation Hours Option for staff to donate vacation hours to another staff member was discussed. Motion made and approved for Tammy to write policy for vacation donations.

Next Trinity Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1st

Aidan Ballentine
Renee Daugaard
Kim Gassen
Mike Gragert
Tim Schademann
Calla Slizoski
Kylee Wessel

2nd

Deb Engel Barb Ramaekers Mary Schroeder Gracie Trejo

3rd

June Borchers

5^{tr}

Bob Becker Kathie Hackney Aliya Nichols Tessa Pedersen Todd Suhr

6th

Larry Andreasen Lance Barcel Jr. Dianne Hellbusch Crystal Riley

7th

Kay Johnson Sallie Steinauer

8^{tl}

Don Daugaard Grady Gillespie Lucas Jensen Phil Johnson Karen Swoboda 9th

Dale Dicke
Louise Klug

10th

Nancy Lee Dan Mickey Emilee Robak Ashlynn Spulak

11th

Kenneth Andreasen Brad Mierau Cooper Tessendorf

12th

Jaz Ackerson Leslie Barcel Dennis Dubsky Miles Loveless Aubrey Siegrist Kathy Wemhoff Deb Zastera

13th

Cohen Calahan Jennifer Calahan John Cromwell Vern Hilmer Lexus Timm

14th

Ryder Booth
David Meister
Tucker Weitzenkamp
Ruth Woehrer

15th

Zuri Booth Brittany Shelden 16th

Boston Barcel Lynn Charipar Riggs Rodehorst

17th

Teri Kinzer
Marcie Larson
Ahren Uhlig

18th

Jed Gassen Dianne Korgie

20th

Adam Bice Zack Christensen Sydney Menke Abbie Tessendorf

21st

David Svoboda

22nd

Shannon Brownlow

23rd

Gre<mark>g</mark> Plugge Angela Ramaekers

 24^{th}

Kathy Perdue

25th

Deb Lutjens

26th

Sarah Birt Kayla Kildare Brekyn Reinke 27th

Mark Noonan Jan Spale

28th

John Ernst Landon Kush Hadley Merrill

29th

Pam Hain Donna Petersen Braxton Steyn

30th

Curtis Cutler Jo Gillette Katie Loseke

31st

Olivia Bell Brittyn Garrelts Christopher Shelden

Happiest Birthday Blessings to all!













advertise?

Info on
back page
Or
call the
church.

Want to

Trinity Kids' Ministries

March 2024

by Glenda Lundstrom

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Classes for Students and Parents Together

Wed. March 20, 7:20-8:00 PM & Sun. March 24, 9:00-9:45 AM, Fireside Room

The 5th Grade students, with their parents, have been invited to attend classes with Dr. Hall to learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion, how it originated, and what it means for us today. If you have not been invited, but would like to be included, call the church office and ask for Dr. Hall or Glenda to sign up.

Maundy Thursday, March 28, will be the first time these students will be joining the congregation in receiving this meal of grace. We look forward to this important event in their journey of faith and welcome them to the Lord's table!



Come Celebrate, Jesus is Alive!

Worship with your family. 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM



Mission

Thank You everyone who

purchased hygiene items for the Orphan Grain Train!

REMINDER: If you picked up an item card and have not yet brought the item to the church, it is not too late.

The return table in the foyer on the north wall will still be up through MARCH 11.

Sunday Mornings

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

Breakout

PEACE is our March theme.

Your friends are always welcome!

Lessons start out with those true stories from the Bible showing us how God brought peace to Abraham when he let go of what was fair and allowed Lot first choice of the land. Genesis 13: 5-18

We learn about Abigail, the kind and courageous wife of selfish Nabal. She helped David see how getting even with Nabal was not wise. God blessed David because of this; and David expressed his thankfulness. 1Samuel 25: 32-33

"if possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can. Romans 12:18, NIrV

Thanks be to God for the gift of the ultimate peace with God for us through Jesus!



Somehow, lesson in a tent is just more fun.

All Stars Breaks for Easter. Worship with your family!

Annual Meeting Notes*

*Unapproved

Submitted by Cheryl Brewer, Recording Secretary

On Sunday, February 25, 2024, 193 members were present for the annual Congregational Meeting, Doctor Patrick Hall gave the Opening Prayer and Council President, Ken Andreasen, called the meeting to order.

The motion carried to accept the minutes of the 2023 Congregational Meeting as written in the Annual Report Booklet.

The following reports were reviewed as printed in the Annual Report Booklet: Greq Eickmeier presented the Treasurer's Report. Greg stated that our 2023 Income exceeded the Expenses and our Total Offering for 2023 exceeded the Budgeted Offering. The 2023 Audit Report was reviewed which was submitted by a seven (7) member team.

Rod Rinne presented the Endowment Trust Fund Report and pointed out that Rex Davies, Sandra Jochens, Rod Rinne and Deb Svoboda have completed their terms on the Endowment Trust Board.

It is noted in the 2023 Annual Report Booklet that Pastor Brandon Foster took a Call in Minnesota and his last day at Trinity was August 27, 2023. Doctor Patrick Hall was hired in October 2023 to be Interim Lead Pastor.

Dr. Hall's report was viewed in the Annual Report Booklet.

Pastor Ollie Fulmer's report was viewed in the Annual Report Booklet. In 2023, along with preaching around 40 worship services and assisting in another 26 or so, he performed 3 baptisms, 1 wedding, 9 funeral services. He conducted 39 services in care facilities as well as 105 pastoral care visits to hospitals, care facilities & support calls. He is overseeing the Care Ministry Team at Trinity and is a facilitator in the Columbus Community's Alpha groups.

Staff, Committees and Organization reports in the Annual Report Booklet were reviewed.

Acknowledgments were made by Ken Andreasen on the outstanding work and support of the church staff. Ken also recognized the three (3) retiring Council members for their years of service: Pam Hain, Tricia Kersting and Melodee Pedersen. Kris Gernstein and Mike Kruse's terms also expired, but they are willing to stand for re-election.

New Business: The Church Council recommended the re-election of Kris Gernstein for his third and last 2-year term, Mike Kruse for his second 2-year term, and the election of Hillary Rasmussen to serve her first 2-year term on the church council. Motion carried.

The Endowment Trust Board of Trustees proposed to re-elect Rex Davies, Sandra Jochens, Ron Rinne and Deb Svoboda to another 3-year term. Motion carried.

Greg Eickmeier presented the Proposed 2024 Budget printed in the Annual Report. Motion carried to accept the 2024 Budget. Greg also thanked Judy Arndt and her staff for their efforts in putting together the Proposed 2024 Budget.

Dan Mickey provided a summary of the Call Team's process in their search for a new Lead Pastor. A motion was then made and seconded to extend a Letter of Call to Pastor Billy Czapla as Lead Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. A secret ballot vote was taken on this motion. A unanimous "Yes" vote was received to extend the Letter of Call to Pastor Czapla. A formal Call Letter will be sent to Pastor Czapla the week of February 26, 2024.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting. Pastor Hall closed in prayer.





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.



Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, March 8, 2024 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

For an appointment, contact Kyle Jensen at 402-910-0681 or go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter TrinityColumbus

Bring Donor Card or Photo ID Eat breakfast/lunch & drink plenty of water prior to donating blood.





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 ourselves.



Join us for refreshments and fellowship on

Sundays at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.



Provide a Meal for the Rescue Mission

1st Monday of the Month Sign up at Grand Central

Questions?
Call Michele in the
Church Office





If you have provided a dish for a funeral or special event recently, please pick up your dish. They will be available in the Fellowship Hall.

EASTER CHANCEL GARDEN

Remember or Honor a loved one by purchasing a plant and/or giving to Trinity's Memorial Fund. Order forms are available in the church office and in the pews.

Deadline for ordering is March 13, 2024.

Several options are available:

Easter Lily......\$12.50 each Mum.....\$17.50 each Kalanchoe....\$20.00 each Begonia......\$20.00 each Hydrangea ...\$37.00 each

Thank You to the Seasonal Decorating Committee for organizing and arranging the "Easter Chancel Garden."

FIRESIDE FAITH

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. // Fireside Room Began February 4 and continues March 3, 10, and 17

How (NOT) to Read the Bible

This new class in the Fireside Room will address difficult topics and issues that arise when many people read the Bible. Oftentimes they are mis-reading it and unnecessarily discouraged or confused about their faith. This resource from Dan Kimball is good news and can help us discover the Bible as more beautiful than we can imagine.

The class will be taught by Pastor Ollie along with video sessions.

HOW (NOT) TO READ THE BIBLE Making Sense of the ANTI-WOMEN, ANTI-SCIENCE, PRO-VIOLENCE, PRO-SLAVERY and Other Crazy Sending Parts of Scripture DAN KIMBALL

Guest Speaker at Services March 16 & 17

Jennifer Roush has worked in the pro-life world since 2012. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska Medical Center and has a background as a registered nurse. Jennifer has served in the past as a nurse sonographer and as the Director of Medical Services for Informed Choice of Iowa.

With her past front-line experience, Jennifer is passionate about serving women most at risk for abortion and helping them make a life choice. Her disarming belief that there is "no pit so deep, that God is not deeper still" empowers people to see beyond their present circumstances and create strategy for the future. She has spoken at many different



events and ministries including Focus on the Family and Breaking the Veil of Silence.

Jennifer currently serves as the Executive Director of the SperaVita Institute. SperaVita trains and coaches pregnancy centers nationally and internationally to reach and serve women at the highest risk for abortion. Jennifer and her husband, Troy, have four beautiful daughters.

Jennifer will be available after services to answer any questions.

Did vou know...

Normally, a distribution from your IRA is taxed as ordinary income. However, tax legislation made permanent this charitable giving opportunity for individuals 70 1/2 or older. You may make a direct distribution (up to \$100,000) from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as Trinity. Such qualified direct distributions to charity from your IRA are NOT subject to income tax. You will not receive a tax deduction for the distribution either. However, due to the tax law in effect since 2018, a large increase in the standard deduction will

Scenario A: Taxable



Scenario B: Non-Taxable



prohibit most taxpayers from deducting charitable contributions on their tax return. This makes the charitable distribution from your IRA even more appealing. For more information on how you and Trinity can benefit from a direct charitable distribution, contact your IRA administrator or tax preparer.

March 2024

Friday, March 1

6:30 Friday Men's Ministry

Saturday, March 2 5:30 Worship Service

Sunday, March 3

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

10:00 Worship Service

Monday, March 4

6:00 Ladies' Bible Study

Tuesday, March 5

3:00 Adult Confirmation Class 5:15 Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 6

5:00 Lenten Supper-Jr & Sr High

6:00 Mid Week Lenten Worship Service

7:15 Music Practice

7:20 Breakout (Grades 3-6)

7:20 Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8)

7:20 HS Impact (Grades 9-12)

Friday, March 8

6:30 Friday Men's Leaders Red Cross Blood Drive ~ Noon - 6:00

Saturday, March 9 5:30 Worship Service



Sunday, March 10

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

10:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, March 12

3:00 Adult Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 13

5:00 Lenten Supper-Jr & Sr High

6:00 Mid Week Lenten Worship Service

7:15 Music Practice

7:20 Breakout (Grades 3-6)

7:20 Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8)

7:20 HS Impact (Grades 9-12)

Saturday, March 16 5:30 Holy Communion Worship Service

Sunday, March 17

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

10:00 Holy Communion Worship Service

Monday, March 18

6:00 Ladies' Bible Study

Tuesday, March 19

3:00 Adult Confirmation Class 6:30 Council

Wednesday, March 20

5:00 Lenten Supper-Jr & Sr High

6:00 Mid Week Lenten Worship Service

7:15 Music Practice

7:20 Breakout (Grades 3-6)
1st Communion Class for 5th Graders
and Parents

7:20 Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8)

7:20 HS Impact (Grades 9-12)

Thursday, March 21

9:30 Widow's Group

Friday, March 22

6:30 Friday Men's Ministry 11:45 NAOMI's-Community Center

Saturday, March 23 5:30 Worship Service

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday Breakfast 9-10am & 11-Noon 9:00 Education Hour 1st Communion Class for 5th Graders and Parents

Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E. **10:00 Worship Service**

Tuesday, March 26

5:15 Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 27

NO SERVICES or CLASSES ~ HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, March 28

6:00 Holy Communion Worship Service 1st Communion ~ 5th Graders

Good Friday, March 29

12:00 Worship Service

6:00 Worship Service

Saturday, March 30 NO Worship Service

EASTER Sunday, March 31

7:00 Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 Holy Communion Worship Service

11:00 Holy Communion Worship Service



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

Classes Feb. 4, 11, 18 & March 3, 10, 17
No class Feb. 25
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.

*During Lent ~ 7:20 - 8:00 p.m.

Confirmation Class

Grades 7 - 8 The Outlet

6:30 - 7:45 P.M.

*During Lent ~ 7:20 - 8:00 p.m. High School Impact

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

*During Lent ~ 7:20 - 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.