

Deacon's Discourse

"These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."
Deuteronomy 6:6-7

These verses have been my guiding verses for my work in and outside of the church for many years. God laid them on my heart back at my home church in Wisconsin when we started a preschool and Family Faith Night. They continued to lead me into seminary and in my internship, as well as through my first call in Omaha. To this day, they continue to guide me here at Trinity because they are a continual reminder of what God has called me to do in this season of life.

These verses remind us of the importance of sharing God's word and love with others. We are all God's people, and we were made by God to be in community with one another, to love and care for one another, to mentor one another, and to live through the ups and downs that each season of life brings us. Sometimes this may seem like "work" or be challenging, but more often than not it is deeply rewarding for all involved.

Last month we had an awesome event called Bingo Bash. I am still marveling as I look back at the pictures and talk with others about how the Spirit was at work that day. We had all ages on board for an afternoon of fun, but it was so much more than that. Relationships were renewed, some were built from the ground up, and so much joy and laughter was present. Watching people of all ages win prizes, share prizes with others and dig in (it was time for dessert after all!), or simply win a prize and gift it to another person who hadn't won, was heartwarming and truly what I imagine God's intentions for our life together to look like at times.

A couple weeks after Bingo Bash, we had a wonderful council retreat up at Lake Poinsett. The boards were given time to vision and dream for the 2024 year at Trinity. As I sat with the Board of Education members, we again recalled Bingo Bash. We also discovered that God has been telling each of us that Trinity needs to experience more of this intergenerational community time. Within seconds, we were all

on board to continue seeking out God's intentions for the year and make time and space for these community gatherings.

In the coming months, you will notice more opportunities to be together as God's family, and I pray that you will join us. Once or twice a month, there will be a Sunday School class who will be bringing an activity in to the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 am and extending an invitation to their parents and their Trinity family to bring glory to God together through this activity (don't worry, you can still drink your coffee/tea and snack while participating ☺). In March, they will be making cards for the nursing home residents. Please join them, talk with them, listen to them, and make a card. They want to get to know you and they have so much to learn from you. (Secret: you might learn a thing or two from them too.) On Palm Sunday, we will have "Holy Week in an Hour" during the Sunday School hour. We are inviting all ages to gather in the Fellowship Hall to remember the importance of Holy Week and look ahead to what we can all expect as the week progresses. Again, please join in and show each other that you all have a place in our Trinity family.

God made us for each other to be in community as well as to go out in the world to share God's love. Let's jump in and embrace life together, one gathering at a time.

Deacon Koren

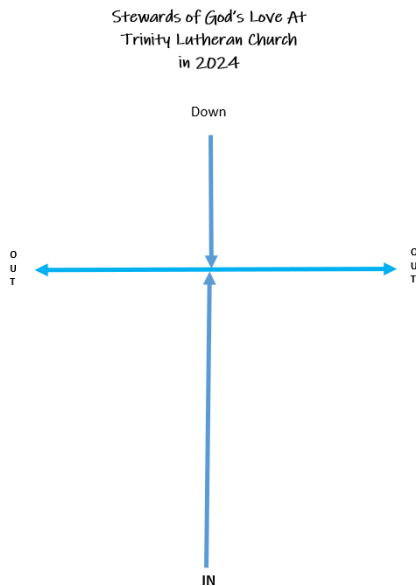




Stewardship Committee

Your Trinity stewardship committee has been making plans for a year-long stewardship emphasis for 2024, and pondering how this can help our Trinity family better love God and love our neighbors. The stewardship committee is chaired by trustee, Walker Ruhd. Other members of the current stewardship committee include Pastor Steve, Danny Brown, Beth Delzer, Eric Anderson, and Tom Farrell. If you feel a calling to join this group, please reach out to Walker Ruhd.

We will be utilizing a resource created by the ELCA entitled “Stewards of God’s Love,” and we will have a unique focus for each quarter. We are planning to kick off this theme with our first quarterly activity in March. On Sunday, March 10th, our worship service will be based on this theme, and Pastor Steve’s message will focus on the lectionary text of John 3:16. The foundation for this stewardship emphasis is pictured in the graphic below.



The four themes we will be building upon for the year are Down, In, Out, and our response, as a faith community. The first theme we will focus on is the Down theme. When we practice stewardship in this way, we are making the sign of the cross. God makes the first vertical line **DOWN**; we follow by moving **IN** to the center, and then **OUT** to our neighbors on either side both near and far.

We form a cross with our lives, and through our faith we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Watch for more information from your stewardship committee.

Note: Due to the council retreat, there was no February council meeting. There are no minutes to publish this month.

Remaining Lenten Schedule

3/6, 3/13 & 3/20-

Soup Suppers @ 5:30 pm

Midweek Worship @ 6:30 pm

3/17- Communion Class (all ages) @ 3 pm

3/24- Palm Sunday Worship @ 8:45 am & 11 am

Holy Week Event @ 10-10:45 am (No SS)

3/28- Maundy Thursday Worship @ 6:30 pm

3/29- Good Friday Worship @ 6:30 pm

3/31- Sunrise Service @ 7 am

Brunch to follow

Easter Worship @ 8:45 am & 11 am



Lenten Greetings!

Save the dates for Trinity Lenten Soup Suppers:

March 6, 2024 - Lent Wednesday

March 13, 2024 - Lent Wednesday

March 20, 2024 - Lent Wednesday

Serving time will be from 5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Join us for fellowship and the Lenten Service!

Patti Weber

Deacon of Life & Growth



Summer Camp Scholarships Available

\$200 per student

Contact Deacon Koren for scholarship information.

LOSD registration is happening now!

Check out camp schedules and information, including another scholarship option from LOSD at <https://www.losd.org/>

Custodian Position Available

Trinity's church council is working to fill our open parttime custodial position. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Steve. A hiring committee has been appointed and is working to interview and recommend a candidate for Executive Committee approval.



Thank you to Roger Moose, Susan Williams and Bobbi and Ron Janke for delivering home communion in February.



Trinity Lutheran Church
203 N. Harth Ave.
Madison, SD 57042

03.10.24
2 PM -5 PM

Trinity Lutheran and Madison United Methodist Churches are holding a fundraiser for Kendra Paulson on March 10th from 2pm to 5pm. We will be having a "freewill" offering for a slice of pie and ice cream as well as a silent auction. (We will be posting pictures soon of the items!) Kendra is a member of Trinity and a beloved former preschool teacher at Trinity Pre-school and is currently the Office Administrator at United Methodist. She is also the wife of John and mom of Atley (8th grade), Melia (5th grade), and Renn (3rd grade) who attend Madison schools. Kendra has been putting everything into fighting cancer, but her journey is not over yet. As she continues immunotherapy and begins radiation, Kendra will continue to need our financial and prayerful support. Thank you!



Left and Above: Soup suppers are a highlight of the Lenten season. Dedicated service group workers serve the Lord with gladness by helping in the kitchen and the serving line on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Youth help in the serving line as well. A good time was had by all.

Serve the
LORD
with
GLADNESS

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday		
03 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM • 3:00PM–4:00PM Funeral for Larry Ahrendt : Sanctuary • 4:00PM–5:00PM Luncheon : Fellowship Hall 	04 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00PM–2:00PM Piano Tuning : Sanctuary • 7:00PM–8:00PM Scouts Meeting : Youth Room ; BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Women's Book Study : Fireside Room 	05 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 12:00PM–1:00PM Board of Trustees Meeting : Fireside Room • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18
10 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jingle Change • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM • 2:00PM–5:00PM Pie Social & Silent Auction Fundraiser for Kendra Paulson : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:30PM Men's Group : Fireside Room 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Women's Book Study : Fireside Room ; Scouts Meeting : Youth Room 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 12:00PM–1:00PM Finance Meeting : Zoom • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18 • 7:00PM–9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall
17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM • 3:00PM–4:00PM Communion Class : Sanctuary 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00AM–11:59PM No Preschool–Conferences • 8:00AM–5:00PM Preschool Conferences : Conference Room • 7:00PM–8:00PM Women's Book Study : Fireside Room ; BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Scouts Meeting : Youth Room 	19 <i>Spring Begins</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00AM–11:59PM No Preschool–Conferences • 8:00AM–5:00PM Preschool Conferences : Conference Room • 9:30AM–11:00AM Mary Circle : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18 • 7:00PM–8:00PM Martha/Naomi Circle : Fellowship Hall
24 <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour & Holy Week in an Hour : Fellowship Hall • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Women's Book Study : Fireside Room ; BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Scouts Meeting : Youth Room 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18
31 <i>Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00AM–8:00AM Sunrise Worship : Sanctuary • 8:00AM–9:00AM Easter Brunch : Fellowship Hall • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 		

2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	02 • 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall
06 • 5:15PM–6:00PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM Lenten Soup Supper : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–6:20PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal : Fire-side Room • 6:30PM–7:30PM Lenten Evening Prayer Worship : Sanctuary	07 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Den 2 Meeting : Youth Room ; Webelo & Bear Den Meetings : Fellowship Hall	08 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	09
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27 • 5:15PM–6:00PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 6:30PM–7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal : Fellowship Hall	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Den 2 Meeting : Youth Room ; Webelo & Bear Den Meetings : Fellowship Hall ; Maundy Thursday Worship : Sanctuary	29 <i>Good Friday</i> • No Preschool • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study • 6:30PM–7:30PM Good Friday Tenebrae Worship : Sanctuary	30

Music Ministry Contacts

Sunday School Choir (Grades 1–5)
Stacey Riedel 605-270-1233

Cherub Choir Ages (Preschool & Kindergarten)
Tami Christiansen 605-480-0727

Epiphany Bell Choir (high school & adults)
Diane Plack 605-270-0691

Chancel Choir (Grades 5–8)
Tami Christiansen 605-480-0727
Jennifer Briggs 605-480-1870

Adult Choir
Diane Plack 605-270-0691

Deacon for Worship & Music/Celebration Team
Virginia Lemme 605-270-1845

Membership Information

Is your info. up-to-date?

Have you moved? Did you disconnect your land-line? Did you change your e-mail address? Did you get married? Did you have a baby? Did you get a divorce? Do you wonder why the church has not been connecting with you? Please notify the church office when you have an address change, e-mail change, marital status change, etc. or update the information on your Realm account.



Financial Response as of 1/31/2024

The year-to-date statistics are:	
Your General Fund Offering	\$30,356.21
Expenses	<u>\$34,583.61</u>
Expenses over Offering	(\$ 4,227.40)

Worship Assistant Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to take care of the various aspects of worship. To volunteer, please contact the church office at 605-256-2771 or officemanager@tlcmadison.com. You may also use the sign-up sheet located in the narthex. Thank you.

MUSIC REMINDERS

March 6-	6:30 pm Cherub choir (Midweek Worship)
March 10-	11 am. Cherub choir
March 24-	11 am. SS 1-5 (Palm Sunday)
March 29-	6:30 pm Both Cherub and SS 1-5 (Good Fri Worship)
April 21-	845 am. Cherub choir
April 28-	845 am SS 1-5



Cherub= Pre1, Pre2, Kindergarten Classes
SS 1-5= 1st-5th Grade Classes

Holy Week in an Hour

When: Sunday, March 24th
Time: 10-10:45 am
Who: **EVERYONE!!!**




*In lieu of Sunday School, parent(s) are asked to attend this event with their child(ren)

Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we prepare our hearts to enter Holy Week! We will gather as Trinity family to explore this special week together in small groups. We all have gifts to share and something new to learn!

Join us for
Communion For All Ages

Taking communion for the 1st time? Want a refresher? This class is for you!
A one hour class about why and how we take part in communion!



When: Sunday, March 17th
Where: Trinity Sanctuary
Time: 3-4 pm

*We do ask that children 8th grade and under bring a parent.

Come to Church this Sunday

Separate Opportunities for Women & Men



Come to NeSoDak and take a minute to unwind and dive deeper into your relationship with God. There will be good food, good company, easy conversation, and no house chores! We will have guest Deacon Koren Lindley guiding us through this retreat as we Find Joy in the Ordinary.

This is a time to refocus and pull together some tricks to keep your focus. We will use a prayer labyrinth, guided activities, and a chance to just be. It will surely be a good time for all by the cozy fire before the routines switch again for late spring and summer.

Interested? Sign up at this link:

<https://www.losd.org/womensretreat>

Medary Conference WELCA Spring Gathering

Medary Conference WELCA Spring Gathering is on Saturday, April 6 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Flandreau from 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. The theme is Community—Where Friends Gather.

One Year to Live Men's Retreat in May

Gentlemen, you are invited to prayerfully consider participating with other men of Trinity in a May retreat called, "One Year to Live." Pastor Steve attended a One Year to Live (OYTL) as a participant in 2010, and it was a life-transforming experience. He has since served on staff at multiple other OYTL retreats, and will once again be on staff at the May retreat at Good Earth Village near Spring Valley, MN on May 3-5, 2024. The spiritual growth that happens at a OYTL, and the connections that are made, is like nothing else you have likely experienced.

For more information about the retreat, including the brochure, online registration and video testimonies, go to: lutheranmeninmission.org/Experiences/One Year To Live or via this QR Code.

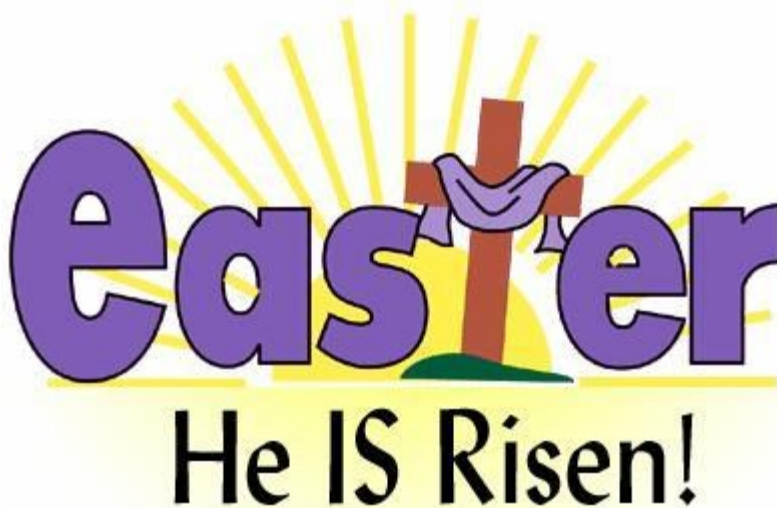


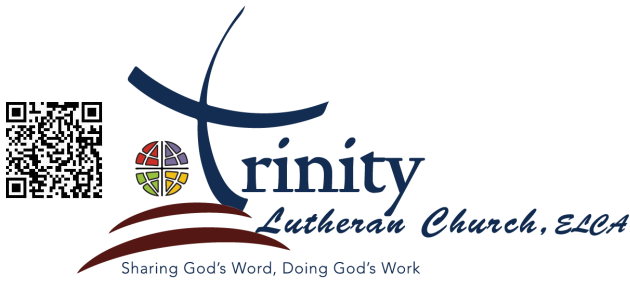
Please note space is limited. So register early to reserve your spot.

This event is brought to you by **Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM)** in collaboration with **Good Earth Village** and the **SE MN Lutheran Men in Mission Board**.

Feel free to contact Pastor Steve for more information at:

pastorsteve.tlc@gmail.com
402.840.8163





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Return Service Requested

Financial Giving Options

- Checks can be mailed to the church.
- Credit cards can be processed in the church office.
- The church website (www.tlcmadison.com) allows for one-time or recurring donations using a checking/savings account or a credit/debit card.
- The Electronic Giving option through Vanco can also be initialized by filling out an application form in the church office.
- If you should have questions with any of these options or would like to discuss which one is the best option for you, please call Alex at the church office at 605-256-2771.

Mission of the Month

The March Mission of the Month is the Trinity Caring Fund. This fund is for our pastor to assist people in the community with emergency needs.

Gifts may be designated on offering envelopes to Mission of the Month Fund.

Food Pantry

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month for March is rice/boxed potatoes. Diapers and baby wipes are also requested.

Congregational Information

Deaths: Jesse Bruns on February 20

Baptisms: Beckham Storm on February 4

Weddings: none

Pastoral Care

If you are in need of pastoral care or know someone who is, please contact Pastor Steve or the church office.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH