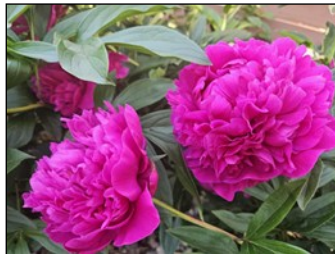


Deacon's Discourse

"Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me."

~Psalm 51:10

Spring is a season of renewal—flowers bloom, trees bud, and the world bursts back to life after a long (and this year, strange) winter. This transformation in nature is a powerful reminder of the renewal we can experience in our faith. Just as God brings new life to the earth, God is also at work bringing new life to our hearts, our church, and our community.



Renewal in Our Faith

Spring is a great time to reflect on our spiritual lives. Where do we see signs of growth? Are there areas where we feel stagnant or stuck? Just as a garden needs tending, our faith needs care—through prayer, worship, study, and service. Consider setting aside time this month to renew your connection with God, whether through a daily devotion, a walk in nature, or a conversation with a friend about faith. Psalm 51:10 reminds us that God desires to renew our hearts. When we bring our worries, regrets, and doubts before God, we can trust that God will plant seeds of grace and hope within us.

Renewal in Our Church

God is always doing something new! This season, take a moment to notice where God is bringing fresh energy to our congregation. Maybe it's in the laughter of children at Sunday school, a new Bible study, or a sense of deeper connection in worship. Where do you see God at work? How can we join in? Are you feeling called to lead a new study, service project, or fellowship opportunity?

Renewal in Our Community

Spring is also a time to reach out. Maybe there's someone in our community who needs encouragement, a helping hand, or simply an invitation to join us at church. Small acts of kindness—checking in on

a neighbor, volunteering, or sending a note of encouragement—can bring renewal to others. Perhaps you have an afternoon or evening free to visit one of our Bethel friends!

A Challenge for April

This month, challenge yourself to do one thing that renews your faith, one thing that deepens your connection to our church, and one thing that blesses someone else. Just as the world around us bursts into bloom, may our hearts also be filled with fresh joy and purpose in Christ.

As we enter our last half of Lent, we have a number of opportunities for you at Trinity. Whether it's joining the "Communion for ALL Ages" class in preparation for your 1st communion or as a refresh, you are welcome. New this year, we are also baking communion bread after the class! Palm Sunday you are invited to our second annual "Holy Week in an Hour" event, where we will gather together as a Trinity family between services to do a walk through of Holy Week as a reminder of its importance leading up to Easter Sunday. And, of course, we will have additional worship services during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. Again, you are welcome to all!

A Prayer for Renewal

God of Grace and Love,

As the world around us bursts into bloom, renew our hearts and spirits. Create in us clean hearts, and fill us with your joy and purpose. Help us to see your work in our lives, our church, and our community. May we be vessels of your love and agents of your renewal, bringing hope and kindness to those around us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Deacon Koren

Unapproved March Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church
 Church Council meeting
 Tuesday, March 11, 2025
 7:00 p.m.

President Kurt Christiansen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Voting members present: President Kurt Christiansen, Vice-president Virginia Lemme, Past president Tom Farrell (via telephone), Pastor Steven Lindley, Patti Weber-Board of Deacons, Dani Ruhd-Board of Faith Formation, Eric Anderson-Board of Trustees

Voting members absent: Deacon Koren Lindley

Nonvoting members present: Secretary Nancy Sabbe

Vice-president Virginia Lemme led a devotion titled "Catching People."

Pastor Steven Lindley opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion by Past President Tom Farrell, seconded by Patti Weber, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Anderson, seconded by Dani Ruhd, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025, council meeting and the special meeting on February 8, 2025, as printed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Past President Tom Farrell reported that giving in February totaled \$41,220.00 leaving a balance of \$6,701.64 income over the anticipated income budgeted through February in the 2025 Mission Plan. Motion by Vice-president Virginia Lemme, seconded by Eric Anderson, to acknowledge the Financial Report. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Pastor Steven Lindley reported

- A & M Mechanical has repaired the heater in the Narthex.
- The code and timer on the automatic door opener have been repaired. Going forward, the door will be locked except during office hours and worship times.

- The hand soap dispensers were not working and have been replaced with automatic dispensers.
- Dana Hoff and Walker Ruhd helped with the cleaning when custodian Andrea Liddell was out.
- Deacon Koren Lindley has a new laptop.
- The staff will receive CPR training on March 20. It will include instruction for AED use.
- He asked that cleaning and/or maintenance issues be reported to the office.
- The new bowl for the baptismal font will be ready in a week or two.
- The Ash Wednesday service went well.
- The Celebrate inserts are available to the congregation for the next two years thanks to a generous gift.
- The cantors are a great addition to the traditional service.
- He will be gone on June 8 and 15. As a result, communion will be scheduled for the first, second and fifth Sundays in June.
- Confirmation students are assisting with the soup suppers and Lenten services.
- The High School Youth are collecting personal care items for Jack's Cupboard at SDSU.
- Men's ministry resumed in March, and a Lenten book study began on March 10.
- An initial invitation to participate in vision planning and creating a new mission statement has been sent to potential participants.
- He has received some requests for pastoral care from nonmembers. These are balanced against requests from members.
- His cohort has met. The material is intense, but the spirit is working through and within the group.

Deacon Koren Lindley submitted a written report.

- She and Pastor Rebecca Breddin from St. John Lutheran continue their outreach to students at DSU—"meeting the students where they are."

President Kurt Christiansen reported.

- Thank you messages were received from St. Dymas and Lutheran Outdoors for the Mission of the Month donations. Thank you letters were also received from Bethel Lutheran Home and the Samaritan's Purse.

Vice-president Virginia Lemme had no report.

Unapproved March Council Meeting Minutes

Dani Ruhd reported for the Board of Faith Formation.

- The Board met after church on Sunday. They discussed upcoming events and dates.
- There will be no brunch after the Sunrise Service on Easter, but the Board will provide treats and coffee.
- They voted to make a donation to Lake Central's Baccalaureate service.
- Plans for vacation Bible school are ongoing.
- They are beginning to plan for the National Youth Gathering in 2027.
- The Preschool's new playground equipment will be installed after school is dismissed for the summer. The plan includes removing the wood chips and replacing them with turf.

Patti Weber reported for the Board of Deacons.

- Some keys on the Steinway piano in the sanctuary need repair. Bob's Piano has provided an estimate of \$875 for this work. Payment will come from the repair line item in the Mission Plan.
- 110 were served at the soup supper on Ash Wednesday.
- Letters for Sunday coffee in April have been sent.
- Tami Christiansen is making arrangements for music at all services.
- The Maundy Thursday service is ready. The Good Friday service will be announced later.
- Karen Giles will be checking with those providing home communion as to their availability on Easter Sunday. If they are not available on Easter Sunday, home communion will be offered on April 27. She is arranging for pastor/s to fill in for Pastor Steve when he is away in June.
- Trinity will serve the Gathering Meal at the Methodist Church on June 16.
- Jingle change collected in February totaled \$181.09. The total for March was \$169.53.
- The Board discussed redoing the website.

Eric Anderson reported for the Board of Trustees.

- Deacon Koren Lindley has a new laptop.
- Marie Millage has submitted an application for a Star Grant from the South Dakota synod to help cover the expense of replacing sidewalks. Jack Poncelet has submitted a bid for about \$4,800. Eric Anderson will contact him about scheduling this work.
- Instead of a fall clean-up, they will plan for a spring cleaning to take place after Easter.

- Walker Ruhd, maintenance supervisor, will be invited to attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees quarterly to give an update on maintenance issues.

TEAM BUILDING

Council members were asked to respond to the following: One year from now, what will you congratulate yourself for?

OLD BUSINESS

President Kurt Christiansen reported that conversations regarding the recruiting and training of recording technicians continue. He shadowed Kaden Krusemark on Ash Wednesday and handled the recording and livestream of the service on Sunday, March 9. Pastor Steve Lindley will message the High School Youth about this opportunity.

Windows in the Education Wing need to be replaced. Eric Anderson has contacted Madison Window and Glass about a bid for this work but has not received a reply.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Eric Anderson, seconded by Dani Ruhd, to appoint Rachel Waagmeester to the Board of Faith Formation in the position of Preschool and Early Childhood Faith Formation. Motion carried.

Motion by Dani Ruhd, seconded by Patti Weber, to approve Pastor Lindley's 2025 housing allowance request. The request does not impact the 2025 Mission Plan. Motion carried.

Motion by Patti Weber, seconded by Vice-president Virginia Lemme, to move forward with establishing a venmo account for Trinity. It was noted that the Preschool's venmo account is working well, and that people appreciate the convenience of using venmo to make payments. Motion carried.

Pastor Steven Lindley introduced a change to the way the monthly financial status will be reported. The report will show the year-to-date regular offering received and the amount of regular offering that was budgeted for during that time period in the Mission Plan.

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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays Home Communion on the 4th Sunday		01 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM Pack 5 Committee Meeting : Fireside Room
06 <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 w/Everson Waagmeester Baptism : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM • 3:00PM–5:00PM Communion Class & Breadmaking : Sanctuary, Kitchen 	07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30PM–9:00PM Congregational Lenten Book Study : Fellowship Hall 	08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall
13 <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jingle Change • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour/Holy Week in 1 Hr. : Fellowship Hall • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM • 6:00PM–7:30PM Men's Group : Fellowship Hall 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30PM–9:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM–11:00AM Mary Circle : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 11:30AM–5:00PM Organ Tuning : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Finance Meeting : Zoom • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–6:45PM Board of Deacons Meeting : Fire-side Room • 7:00PM–9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall
20 <i>Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00AM–8:00AM Easter Sunrise Service : Sanctuary • 8:00AM–8:45AM Easter Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • No Regular Coffee Hour • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	21 <i>Easter Monday</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Closed • No Preschool • 7:30PM–9:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall
27 <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 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30PM–9:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall

2025

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>02</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00PM–5:30PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM Lenten Soup Supper : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:00PM Lenten Evening Prayer : Sanctuary • 7:00PM–7:45PM Adult Choir Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room • 7:00PM–7:30PM High School Choir : Fireside Room 	<p>03</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Webelo Den Meeting : Fireside Room • 6:30PM–7:30PM Bear Den Meeting : Youth Room 	<p>04</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>05</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall
<p>09</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00PM–5:45PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM Lenten Soup Supper : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:00PM Lenten Evening Prayer : Sanctuary • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Webelo Den Meeting : Fireside Room • 6:30PM–7:30PM Bear Den Meeting : Youth Room 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>12</p>
<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00AM–6:00PM Sunflower Seed Sorting : Youth Room • 5:00PM–5:30PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:45PM–6:20PM Adult Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 6:00PM–7:00PM High School Choir : Sanctuary • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room 	<p>17 <i>Maundy Thursday</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Maundy Thursday Worship w/1st Communion : Sanctuary 	<p>18 <i>Good Friday</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Preschool • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study • 6:30PM–7:30PM Good Friday Worship : Sanctuary 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00AM–10:30AM Decorating : Narthex, Sanctuary
<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00PM–5:45PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30AM–11:00AM TR A.M. Pre-school Spring Program : Sanctuary • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 3:00PM–3:30PM TR P.M. Pre-school Spring Program : Sanctuary • 6:30PM–7:30PM Pack 5 Meeting: Advancement : Fellowship Hall ; Bear Den Meeting : Youth Room 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>26</p>
<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00PM–5:45PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room 			

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

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Motion by Past president Tom Farrell, seconded by Dani Ruhd, to schedule the April Council meeting for Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the process for replacing the windows in the Education Wing. Two motions were made and withdrawn. Motion by Dani Ruhd, seconded by Patti Weber, that the Council approve pursuing bids for the window replacement in the Education Wing, and further, that the donations received for the 2025 Lenten soup suppers be designated for this purpose. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Past president Tom Farrell. Seconded by Dani Ruhd. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Sabbe, Secretary

Lenten Soup Suppers



The remaining family hosting dates are listed in the schedule below. Your family group leaders will be contacting you to help furnish food or work on your designated date. This is a special fellowship during the Lenten Season and we are looking forward to your family sharing this time with us.

Soup Supper Date	Group Leaders	Family of
4/2/2025	Beth Delzer	Peace
	Karen Kalvig	Peace
4/9/2025	Cheryl Iverson	Kindness
	Diane Plack	Kindness
	Lana Johnson	Patience
	Nancy Rook	Patience

April Coffee Hour



The April Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Family of Goodness. The Family Group Leaders, Carol Andersen and Tom & Joyce Farrell, will be contacting you. Your help is always appreciated. FYI – May Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Family of Faithfulness.

Medary Conference WELCA Spring Gathering

St. John Lutheran Church
122 N. Grant Ave.
Madison, SD

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Registration: 9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. \$12

Please join us for a day of Christian fellowship of Women.

Bible Study by Pastor Rebecca Breddin
Guest Speaker: Eden Schanzenbach, Community Engagement Director for Call to Freedom

General offering divided between St. Dymas Re-Entry Program and Lutheran Social Services (LSS)

Silent Auction proceeds to Call to Freedom

Communion for ALL Ages Class
Sunday, April 6, 2025

3 pm Education in Sanctuary
3:45/4 pm Breadmaking



NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials

In Honor of Dwayne and Edith Pecks' 64th Anniversary
Barb Pecks

In Memory of Edith Pecks
Mary Lingbeck and family

In Memory of John Basler
Linda Bruns

In Memory of Harold George
Carol and Gerald Petri

In Memory of Carol Verhey
Doug and Joan Merager



Easter Flowers

Wanted: Flowers/plants for the Easter garden around the cross on Easter morning. Please bring your flower or plant donation between 9 and 10:30 on Saturday morning, April 19. No lilies due to allergies. Please take them home right after the 11:00 service on Easter Day.



Thank you to Susan Williams, Ron & Bobbi Janke, Roger Moose, Karen Giles, Karen Kalvig, Jon & Mary Hunter, and Wade & Jennifer Briggs for serving Home Communion in March.



Financial Response as of 2/28/2025

The year-to-date statistics are:	
General Offering (YTD)	\$63,368.30
Budgeted General Offering (YTD)	\$56,666.66
Actual over Budgeted	\$6,701.64

Holy Week in an Hour

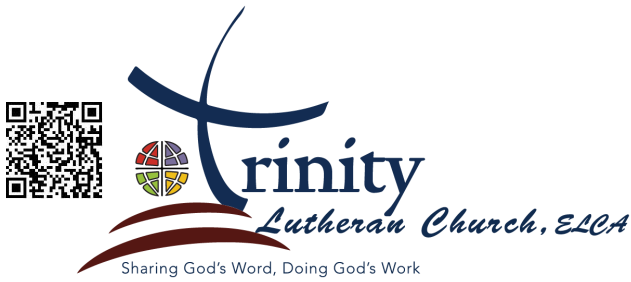
An Event for ALL Ages!

Sunday, April 13 in the Fellowship Hall
10-10:50 am

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

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





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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 April Mission of the Month is Church on the Street, Sioux Falls, a ministry with the unhoused led by Rev. Chris Matson, holding services where the people are – city parks, laundromats, or at the Multi-Cultural Center. *Gifts may be designated on offering envelopes/checks to Mission of the Month Fund. The Jingle Change collection on April 13 also supports the Mission of the Month.*

Food Pantry

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month for April is canned fruit. Diapers and baby wipes are also requested.

Congregational Information

Deaths: Harold George on March 9

Baptisms: none

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