

# Trinity Tidings - March 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church



203 N. Harth Ave.

**Sharing God's Word.  
Doing God's Work.**







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## YOUTUBE

You can now view all Sunday worship services on our YouTube channel! Just search for *Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA* or click on the link on our website!



## FOOD PANTRY

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month is Boxed/Bagged Rice and Boxed Potatoes. (Mashed, au gratin, scalloped etc.) Donations can be brought to Trinity.



## EMAIL ADDRESS



If you are currently receiving the Trinity Tidings in the mail and would like to receive it electronically, please contact the church office. Also, we send out "e-news"

that will be delivered to your inbox weekly! If you have not received this and would like to, please let the office know your email address.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



**IS YOUR INFO UP TO DATE?**

Have you moved? Did you disconnect your land line? Did you change your email 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 let us know when you have an address change, email change, marital status change, etc. If you are on Facebook or Twitter, or look under "Forms" on our website, you can find a new information change form on our page. Check it out!

## CARE TEAM

If you or someone you know is hospitalized, please contact the church office to let us know. Thank you from Trinity's Care Team.





## PASTOR'S NOTES

**“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son to die for us, so that whoever believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life.” – John 3:16**



### **Friends in Christ,**

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! – The above picture is a random snapshot of my desk. As I was seeking God’s guidance on how to best equip you for your daily walk, I glanced at this corner of my desk that is pictured above. And all of the sudden it struck me, there on the corner of my desk sits everything I hold dear to my heart; my family pictures, my little wooden cross and my “love” rock (what isn’t in the picture is the cup that says; “the moment you realize ... this is my circus and these are my monkey and my raggedy old but faithful flip-phone and my i-pod). But whether they are in the picture or not, all of those items, as mundane as they might be to you, are essential to my life and tell the story of who I am, and what’s on and in my heart.

For me, even though there are times, my family is in and on my heart. Each and every person that makes up what I call my family, challenges me in their very own way to be the best person I can possibly be for them. They also remind me that sometimes, I fail miserably. But even though I fail them at times, they give me a chance to confess and receive forgiveness. They also are a reminder in this season of Lent, that if God had a desk, Jesus’ picture would be on it, so would yours and mine, be. Wow!

Then there is the cross, it reminds me that my world is so much bigger, because of Christ’s sacrifice. Because of God’s love for me, God did not hesitate to do what Abraham was asked and didn’t have to do, sacrifice his son. That sacrifice changed the world, and impacted innumerable lives, one of them being mine. Because God trusts me enough to share the good news of Christ’s death, I have had the courage to share this little cross with people that pass through my life, some of them still living, some gone ahead, but all clinging to the hope that the cross holds today and tomorrow. Thanks be to God!

My “love” rock reminds me daily, that there isn’t a rock large enough in this world that will be able to separate me from the love God holds for me. But it also keeps me humble enough to be reminded that God moves the rock for people in my life, that I would like to entomb forever! He will remind me that all I am called to do is to “love your neighbor, as you love yourself.” Like it or not!

May you find daily reminders that “speak” to you without words, but imprint God’s message of love and defiant hope in your heart and life.

Journeying with you,  
Pastor Constanze





STAFF		
Rev. Dirk Hagmaier	Co-Pastor	256-2771
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier	Co-Pastor	256-2771
Sandy Rhode, AIM	Youth & Education Director	256-2771
Kate Shaw	Office Manager	256-2771
Lisa Gale	Office Assistant	256-2771
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Summer DuRandt	Preschool Director	256-2771
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CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS		
Jennifer Briggs	President	480-1870
Terry Schultz	Vice-President	270-2600
Joan Merager	Secretary	256-2296
Katie Nelson	Treasurer	556-0051

BOARD OF DEACONS		
Nancy Sabbe (19)	Chair/Worship and Music	256-3664
Heath Abraham (21)	Mission Momentum	480-3039
Linda Brick (20)	Sacraments & Services	256-2375
Patti Weber (20)	Life & Growth	480-3231
Chase Hanson (20)	Evangelical Outreach	480-2259

BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION		
Megan Schneider (21)	Elementary Education	480-4858
Carolyn Feige (19)	Chair/Continuing Education/Library	270-1320
Dana Hoff (20)	Youth Ministry	480-0047
Julie Jones (19)	Preschool & Early Childhood	256-2771
Adam Shaw (19)	Confirmation Education	270-4302
Sandy Rhode, AIM	Youth & Education Director	256-2771

BOARD OF TRUSTEES		
Keith Knutson (19)	Chair./Stewardship	256-3006
Randy VanRosendale (20)	Church/Sanctuary Property	256-9669
Wayne Halma (20)	Education Wing	291-2174
Steve Millage (21)	Development & Planning	677-9135
Elizabeth Molstad (20)	Insurance	482-8254

**Church Council meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship hall the second Tuesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend a council meeting, or contact any of the above leaders with any concerns, suggestions, or questions. We are here to serve you!**

**If you would like to participate in any of these opportunities, please feel free to contact the contact person listed. If you have an interest in an activity not listed, please contact the church office (256-2771).**

FOUNDATION COMMISSION		
Jennifer Briggs (18)	Vice-President	480-1870
Tom Farrell (17)	Treasurer	256-6777
Rob Thuringer (18)	Commission Member	480-0917
Nancy Kasuske (21)	Secretary	483-3199
Valerie Kuhl (20)	Chr./Commission Member	256-6882
Marc Molskness (19)	Commission Member	483-3561

CHOIRS		
<b>Vocal Directors:</b>		
Adult	Sandy Cole	256-3222
Chapel (Grades 9-12)	Virginia Lemme	483-3125
Chancel (Grades 5-8)	Emily Knuths	270-6269
Covenant (Grades 1-4)	Mary Hunter	256-3280
<b>Sunday School Choir Directors:</b>		
Preschool 1-Kindergarten	Tami Christiansen	480-0727
Grade 1-4	Stacey Riedel	256-3665
<b>Handbell Directors:</b>		
Epiphany	Diane Plack	256-3665
Jubliant	Sandy Cole	256-3222
<b>Celebration Team Director</b>	Virginia Lemme	483-3125

NOMINATING COMMITTEE		
Nancy Presuhn (18)	Congregational Delegate	256-3419
Mike Brooke (18)	Council Delegate	256-0245
Becky Brown (18)	Council Delegate	256-2509
Randy VanRosendale (19)	Congregational Delegate	256-9669
Karen Kalvig (20)	Congregational Delegate	256-2347
Tim Walburg (20)	Congregational Delegate	556-0103

FUNERAL COMMITTEE		
Sandy Cole		256-3222
Mary Hutchinson		256-0281
Nancy Miller		256-2145
Kay Johnson		256-4798
Sharol Bargmann		256-3865
Mary Cole		256-1543

MISCELLANEOUS		
Newsletter	Kate Shaw	256-2771
Mission of the Month	Ann Marie Rossing	256-3851
Prayer Chain	Pastor Constanze	256-2771
Video Communication	Roger Hillestad	256-4087
Trinity Women	Nancy Miller	256-2145
Wedding Coordinator	Robin Boldt	256-2771



# FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR SANDY



On **Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 10:45 a.m.**, the Middle School LYO Committee will meet in the Youth Room for their monthly meeting. On **Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.**, the NYG Youth/Adults will have a meeting in the Fellowship Hall to get the Spring Basket Raffle details finalized.

The Acolyte Schedule for this month is as follows: **3/4/18-8:45 a.m.**-McKenna Shaw/Megan Schouwenburg; **11:00 a.m.**-Zach Ryan/Trent Olson; **3/11/18-8:45 a.m.**-Chris Driscoll/Whitney Jencks; **11:00 a.m.**-Abby Rhode/Taryn Beck; **3/18/18-8:45 a.m.**-Braxton Gulbranson/\_\_\_\_\_; **11:00 a.m.**-Ali Vacanti/Breckyn Leighton; **3/25/18-8:45 a.m.**-McKenna Shaw/Megan Schouwenburg; **11:00 a.m.**-Abby Rhode/Renae Hass. **Seventh/Eighth Grade confirmands:** If you can help by Acolyting on the date that has a blank space, please call me at 270-9510!

On **Sunday, March 4, 2018**, we will honor the high school sophomores with a “Milestone Ministry” gift and blessing at both the **8:45 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.** Worship Services. At **10:00 a.m.**, Pastor Dirk will meet with the **high school sophomores and their parents** to have a time to do a learning activity together in the **Fireside Room**.

On **Sunday, March 11, 2018**, we will honor the Eighth grade students with a “Milestone Ministry” gift and blessing at both the **8:45 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.** Worship Services. At **10:00 a.m.**, Pastor Dirk will meet with the **Eighth grade students, parents and teachers** to have a time to do a learning activity together in the **Fireside Room**.

The Milestone Ministry Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.** in the Church Office.

We have 21 youth registered for Bible Camp this summer. The cost of camp has increased again this year with an average of \$500-\$525. I want to thank everyone who continues to come to the Lenten Soup Suppers each week for your support in helping our youth go to camp. A special thank you to the Service Groups, campers, parents, Confirmation Guides, and confirmands for all of their work with the Soup Suppers and delivering soup to the 19 shut-ins of our congregation.

On **Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.**, the Summer Ministry Committee will meet in the Church Office.

The deadline for the Eighth grade confirmands with their Mentor Program is to have Worksheet #1, Worksheet #2, and an interview with the assigned Pastor by **Friday, March 23, 2018**. The deadline for Worksheet #3, Worksheet #4, a Statement of Faith and an interview with the other Pastor by **Friday, May 25, 2018**. The confirmands and Mentors need to attend two Worship Services together and turn in their two “Worship Notes” by **Sunday, September 9, 2018**.

On **Sunday, March 25, 2018 at the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.** Worship Services, the Second grade students will be honored and will receive their “Milestone Ministry” gift and blessing from the Milestone Ministry Committee. During the Sunday School hour at **10:00 a.m.**, all **Second grade students, their parents, and teachers** will meet in the Fireside Room to have a time to do a learning activity together with Pastor Constanze.

The following fifth/sixth grade youth will have their “First Communion” on **Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Maundy Thursday Service: Ainsley Allen, Angel Bruna, Kaden Drause, Ranick Fjerstad, Brayden Gust, Trey Hofeman, Ryker Johnke, Ryan Morse, Ellie Osthus, Macy Patch, Elaina Rhode, Katelyn Schouwenburg, Daveney Shaw, Gerrit Van Liere, and Jake Wieman.

There will be **no** Sunday School on **Sunday, April 1, 2018**. I encourage each of you to come to one of the Easter Worship Services either **7:00 a.m.**, **8:45 a.m.**, **11:00 a.m.** and come to the Easter Breakfast at **8:00 a.m.** that the High School youth is sponsoring.

**Seniors 2018!** Please turn in a **senior picture and a short resume** of your future plans to me for a special display that we are planning for you. Your promptness will be greatly appreciated!

-Sandy Rhode, Youth Director



# MARCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p><b>Sunday Schedule:</b>            8:00 am—Coffee Hour (Narthex)            8:45 am—Worship Traditional (S)            9:45 am—Coffee Hour (FH)            10:00 am—Sunday School            11:00 am—Worship Celebration (S)  <i>Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sat./Sun.</i></p>	<p><b>Lenten Wednesday Schedule:</b>            4:30 pm—Youth Bell Choir (SB)            5:00 pm—Epiphany Bell Choir (SB)            5:15 pm—Covenant Choir (FS)            5:30 pm—Soup Supper            5:50 pm—Chancel Choir (YR)            6:00 pm—Chapel Choir (S)            6:00 pm—Adult Choir (FS)            6:15 pm—Confirmation Small Group (various rooms)            7:00 pm—Lenten Worship Service            8:00 pm—Celebration Practice (S)</p>	<p><b>Council Schedule:</b>  <i>(2nd Tuesday of the month)</i>            1:00 pm—Finance Com. (CR)            5:15 pm—Precouncil (CR)            5:15 pm—Milestone Ministry Committee Mtg (CO)            5:45 pm—Executive Council (CR)            6:30 pm—Board of Trustees (FH)            6:30 pm—Board of Deacons (CR)            6:30 pm—Board of Ed (CO)            8:00 pm—Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>Room Codes:</b>            CO=Church Office            CR=Conference Room            FS=Fireside Room            FH= Fellowship Hall            S=Sanctuary            SB=Sanctuary Balcony            SR= Sonshine Room            YR=Youth Room</p>
<p>4  <b>**See Sunday Schedule</b>            8:45 am Traditional Service &amp; HS Sophomores Milestone            10:00 am HS Sophomores Milestone -(FS)            11:00 am Celebration Service &amp; HS Sophomores Milestone            12:00 pm Bridal Shower- (FH)            6:00 p.m Webelos 1- (YR)            6:30 pm Webelos 1- (YR)</p>	<p>5            8:00 am Sonshine            5:00 pm– 8:00 pm HSLYO Pizza Ranch Fundraiser            7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)</p> 	<p>6            8:00 am Sonshine            8:30 am Staff meeting            1:00 pm Quilting-(FH)            6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18)            6:30 pm Tiger Den 4 Mtg -(YR)</p>	<p>7            8:00 am Sonshine   <b>**See Lenten Wednesday Schedule</b></p>
<p>11    <b>**See Sunday Schedule</b>            8:45 am Traditional Service &amp; New Council Member Installation            11:00am Celebration Service &amp; New Council Member Installation            6:30 pm Webelos 1Mtg -(YR)</p>	<p>12            8:00 am Sonshine            4:00 pm Cancer Support Group- (Nicky's)            7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)</p>	<p>13            8:00 am Sonshine            8:30 am Staff meeting            1:00 pm Quilting-(FH)            6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18)</p> <p><b>**See Council Schedule</b></p> 	<p>14            8:00 am Sonshine            5:30 –6:45 pm Lenten Soup Supper- (FH)            6:15-6:45 pm 7-8th Grade Confirmation Small Groups            7:00 pm Lenten Worship Services</p> <p><b>**See Lenten Wednesday Schedule</b></p>
<p>18    <b>**Jingle Change</b>  <b>**See Sunday Schedule</b></p>	<p>19            8:00 am Sonshine            7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)</p>	<p>20            8:00 am Sonshine            8:00 am Preschool Conferences- (a.m. in CR, p.m. in FS)            8:30 am Staff meeting            9:00 am Mary Circle- (FH)            1:00 pm Quilting-(FH)            5:15 pm Summer Ministry Committee Mtg- (CO)            6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18)            6:30 pm Pack 5 Mtg -(FS)            7:00 pm Martha/Naomi Circle- (off-site)</p>	<p>21            8:00 am Sonshine            8:00 am Preschool Conferences- (FS)            9:00 am Ruth Circle (off-site)            12 :00 pm Foundation Mtg- (CR)            5:30 –6:45 pm Lenten Soup Supper- (FH)            6:15-6:45 pm 7-8th Grade Confirmation Small Groups            7:00 pm Lenten Worship Services  <b>**See Lenten Wednesday Schedule</b></p>
<p>25    <b>**See Sunday Schedule</b>            8:45 am Traditional Service &amp; Second Grade Milestone            10:00 am Second Grade Milestone -(FS )            11:00 am Celebration Service &amp; Second Grade Milestone</p>	<p>26            8:00 am Sonshine            7:00 pm Troop 5 Boy Scouts- (FH)</p>	<p>27            8:00 am Sonshine            8:30 am Staff meeting            1:00 pm Quilting-(FH)            5:30 pm Altar Guild Maundy Thursday Practice- (S)            6:00 pm MRT-LSS- (Room 18)            6:00 pm Pack 5 Mtg -(FS)</p>	<p>28            8:00 am Sonshine            5:30 –6:45 pm Lenten Soup Supper- (FH)            6:15-6:45 pm 7-8th Grade Confirmation Small Groups            7:00 pm Lenten Worship Services</p> <p><b>**See Lenten Wednesday Schedule</b></p>





# MARCH CALENDAR

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

<p>1 8:00 am Sonshine 11:30 am Lenten Bible Study- (FH)</p> 	<p>2 6:45 am Men's Group- (FH) 8:00 am Sonshine</p>	<p>3 6:00 pm Worship -(FH)</p>
<p>8 8:00 am Sonshine 8:30 am Worship Committee Mtg- (CR) 11:30 am Lenten Bible Study- (FH)</p> 	<p>9 6:45 am Men's Group- (FH) 8:00 am Sonshine</p>	<p>10 10:00 am Millage Birthday Party- (FH) 12:30-5:30 pm MS LYO—Skate City- Sioux Falls 6:00 pm Worship -(FH)</p>
<p>15 8:00 am—No Sonshine Preschool 11:30 am Lenten Bible Study- (FH)</p> 	<p>16 6:45 am Men's Group- (FH) 8:00 am—No Sonshine Preschool</p>	<p>17 5:00 pm Pottluck 6:00 pm Worship - (FH)</p> 
<p>22 8:00 am Sonshine 11:30 am Lenten Bible Study- (FH) 1:00 pm Kairos Mentor Program Mtg. -(CO) 6:00 pm Alter Guild Mtg- Stripping/Veiling Alter -(S) 7:00 pm Prairie Piecemakers Quilt outGuild -(FH)</p> 	<p>23 6:45 am Men's Group- (FH) 8:00 am Sonshine</p>	<p>24 1:00 pm Deliver Easter Gifts to Shut Ins- (FH) 6:00 pm Worship - (FH)</p>
<p>29</p>  <p>8:00 am Sonshine 11:30 am Lenten Bible Study- (FH) 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service &amp; Fifth Grade 1st Communion &amp; Milestone</p> 	<p>30</p>  <p>6:45 am Men's Group- (FH) 8:00 am Sonshine- NO PRESCHOOL 6:30 pm Tenebrae Service</p>	<p>31 9:00 am Easter Sunrise Practice/ Breakfast Set-up -(FH &amp; S)</p> <p>No Saturday Evening Worship</p>



# TRINITY YOUTH NEWS

## MIDDLE SCHOOL LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (MSLYO-GRADE 6-8)-

**March 10, 2018-12:30-5:30 p.m.-** Skate City in Sioux Falls. \$5.00 to skate from 12:30– 5:30 p.m. Meet at the church and bring money for snacks. Eat lunch before you come!

**March 24, 2018-1:00 p.m.-** Meet at church to deliver Easter gifts to the Trinity shut-in friends.

## HIGH SCHOOL LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (HSLYO-GRADE 9-12

**March 5, 2018-5:00-8:00 p.m. -** Pizza Ranch Fundraiser. We will receive a percentage of the dine-in and carry-out orders. Please plan to join us for supper with your family! This is a fundraiser for the NYG trip to Houston, TX.

**March 31, 2018-9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon-** We will be practicing and setting up for the Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast.

**April 1, 2018-7:00 a.m.-** Easter Sunrise Service led by the high school youth. **8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.-** Easter Breakfast served by the high school youth going to the NYG trip.







## HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or a family member are no longer able to get to worship or if you desire to share the gifts of the communion, with those no longer able to worship at “church”, please contact the church office. Thank you for considering this ministry as a way to serve or a way to receive His love through those who bring the communion elements to you.  
- Board of Deacons



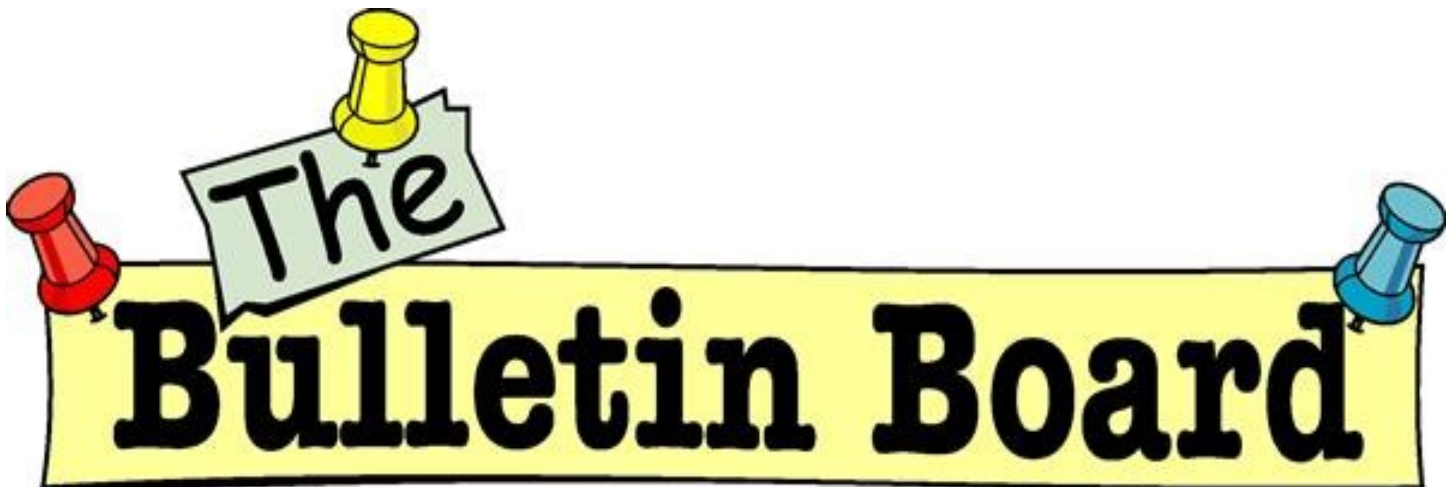
### Homebound Holy Communion

Thank you to the following people that helped serve Home Communion month of February! David and Ann Marie Rossing, Ron and Bobbi Janke, Susan Williams, Cindy and Doug Nielsen, Nancy Jensen-Miller, and Linda Brick.



## BULLETIN BOARD NEWS

Please Check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for the latest Missionary updates, thank-you's, and other bits of information!





## DO YOU KNOW?

If **you** are in this picture or know someone that is, please stop by the church office!!

### Confirmation Class of 1978



## FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Fall/ Winter Services

**Saturday Evening Service— In the Fellowship Hall**

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday Worship Services— In the Sanctuary**

8:45 am - Traditional Service

11:00 am - Celebration Service





# MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH

## MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

**Freedom to express our faith in Jesus Christ and worship openly is a gift of our freedom in this great nation.**

This is not the case around much of the world today. We hear very little about the physical persecution, restriction of religious practices, and martyrdom of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering every day. According to a study conducted by The Independent Center for Studies on New Religions based in Turin, Italy, Christians were the most persecuted religious group in the world in 2016. The report stated that 90,000 Christians were killed last year (this number is down from 105,000 in 2015). This figure means that approximately one person is killed every six minutes for their faith in Christ. Additionally, an estimated 500 to 600 million Christians were prevented from practicing their faith in countries restricting Christian beliefs. We all recall with horror, the graphic beheading of the 21 Coptic Christian men on a beach a couple of years ago. This practice is still occurring in different forms and countries around the world.

Voice of the Martyrs is a ministry, begun over 50 years ago, serving persecuted Christians in over 60 restricted or hostile nations around the globe including Iran, Syria, North Korea and parts of Africa and Asia. VOM provides food, shelter, basic health care, clothing, education, job training, microbusiness tools, legal assistance, safe houses and support for families impoverished by abuse and persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

VOM's mission is: **“Serving Christians through practical and spiritual assistance and leading other members of the Body of Christ into fellowship with them”.**

In response to this question asked of VOM, “What is the greatest need right now”, the answer given by those served in this ministry was, “It is **prayer**. . .”

PLEASE remember to PRAY for our brothers and sisters in Christ and thank God for the witness they are to the world for the faith they have in Jesus.

As the Mission of the Month of March **and during the season of Lent**, consider what you might give up as you consider the sacrifices others are making to help share the Good News of Jesus and help alleviate some of the suffering of these people of faith. Needless to say, your financial gift would be most appreciated to support those in need. [www.persecution.com/aboutvom](http://www.persecution.com/aboutvom)

*“. . .remember those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.”  
Hebrews 13:3b*







## TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

# Trinity Lutheran Preschool

Wow, this school year continues to fly by; it must be because we are having so much fun! We have been going strong since coming back in January. We learned about winter and the Arctic/Antarctic. The students especially loved studying the animals! We learned which animals live where, what they eat, how they move, and even did an ice/blubber experiment to see how fat keeps animals warm in icy, cold waters. Blubber is cool! In February we have been focusing on love and kindness and; just started learning about nutrition and how to make healthy choices. We also turned our pretend center into a vet clinic, because animals need to stay healthy, too!

Thank you to all of you who registered for preschool for the 2018-2019 school year. We are full with waiting lists! Our open house/registration was a complete success. Miss Kim and I are blown away by the number of parents who want to share their children with us; it really is such a warm, fuzzy feeling. We are blessed!

Miss Summer





# TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL





# PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER

March 5, 2018-5:00-8:00 p.m.

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## COAT DRIVE

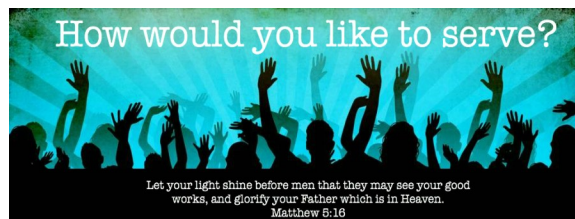
Do you have a coat that you no longer need and someone else could use? Adult coat, youth coat, etc.? Trinity Lutheran Church will be having a coat drive during the Palm Sunday services on March 24 and March 25. We are accepting gently used coats which will be donated to the clothing room at St. John's Lutheran Church in Madison. Please consider donating a coat!



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are in need of your time and talents as a Worship Assistant! Greeters, Lectors, Communion Assistants, and Ushers are needed.

**\*\* Sign-ups are available in the Narthex or by contacting Kate or Lisa in the church office at 256-2771 or by email: [officemanager@tlcmadison.com](mailto:officemanager@tlcmadison.com). \*\***







# FOUNDATION NEWS

## Trinity Memorials January, 2018

**In Memory of Pearl Albertson**

Jon and Mary Hunter  
Marv and Sandy Rhode

**In Memory of Neva Bush**

Marv and Sandy Rhode

**In Memory of Wallace Downs**

Marv and Sandy Rhode

**In Memory of Ron Lauck**

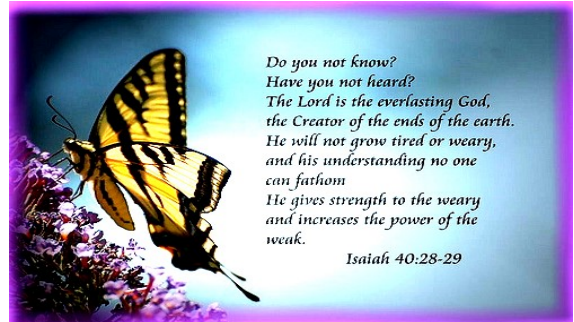
Bev Kraft



# CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Baptisms: None

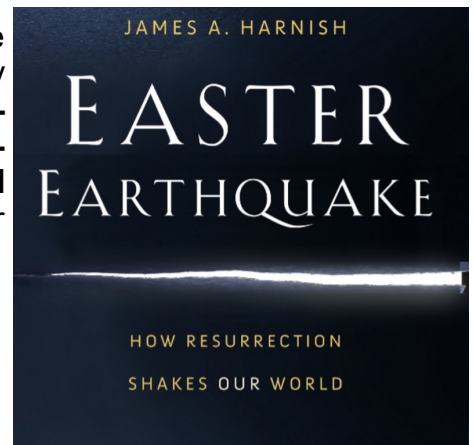
Deaths: Shirley Todd



# LENTEN BOOK STUDY

**Is your plate too full already to take on yet another commitment?** – I get that! That’s why I would like to invite you to join me for my **Facebook live Lenten Book Study**. My schedule is crazy too. But I’ll try to be **live every Sunday evening around 8:00 pm starting February 18**, and you will be able to join me then from the comfort of your home or wherever you are, or you can watch the episode at another time that better fits your schedule. In addition, I will be “live” every morning for just a few minutes to start our day! More of a **traditionalist?** Join me on **Thursdays at 11:30 am, starting February 15, in the Fireside Room** at Trinity. The **book is called “Easter Earthquake”**, you may contact me to place an order for \$15.00 total

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## FEBRUARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
February 13, 2018  
8:00 P.M.

The church council recited Trinity's Mission Statement; **"Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work."**

President Jennifer Briggs called the February council meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. She began the meeting by going around the table and having everyone introduce themselves as there are four new council members, Heath Abraham, Steve Millage, and Megan Schneider and Terry Schultz. President Briggs "Welcomed" our new members.  
Members absent and excused were Adam Shaw and Terry Schultz.

Our Treasurer, Katie Nelson was in attendance and provided an overview of her reports and explained how to read them. She encouraged if anyone has questions during any month, just e-mail her and she is quick to report back to the council member.  
President Briggs asked for a motion to approve the financial report and Patti Weber made the motion and Elizabeth Molstad seconded. Motion passed.

Devotions were led by Pastor Constanze by reporting on her book study "Easter Earthquake." She reported how all things shift in an earthquake and we can have many shifts in our lives. She is encouraging us to re-think how we are the church. She would like to invite us to join her Facebook live Lenten Book Study. It will be live every Sunday evening around 8:00 p.m. starting on February 18<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to join from the comfort of your home; or wherever you are, or you can watch the episode at another time that better fits your schedule. You may join her on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. starting on February 15<sup>th</sup> in the Fireside Room at Trinity. She commented how privileged we are to openly share the cross.

Pastor Dirk reported on an e-mail he received from Mark Jensen (son of Betty Jensen) on his missionary work. He said they need our prayers, as there are difficult times for them in their work; and also his wife Rose as she works with prisoners.

The council minutes from January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were presented and President Briggs asked for a motion to approve which was made by Nancy Sabbe and seconded by Patti Weber. Motion passed.

The 131<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting minutes were presented and a motion to approve for them to be published was made by Keith Knutson and seconded by Randy VanRosendale. Motion passed.

### **STAFF REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY:**

#### **Pastor Constanze reported:**

Pastor welcomed Megan, Steve, and Heath and Terry as new council members.  
She encouraged members to attend the SD Synod Assembly June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sioux Falls. We can send 5 members, so please come and join the group as it is a colorful experience.  
No council meeting in June, but boards may meet.

#### **Pastor Dirk reported:**

Pastor Dirk asked Keith Knutson for his opinion on the SD Synod and he reported you learn a lot about both sides of the church and it is a much bigger mission, and they have good Bible studies and he encourages people to attend.  
He encouraged us to attend the Lenten worship services for the Biblical series that the synod encourages us to use.

#### **Sandy Rhode reported:**

There will be a number of Milestone Ministries in March  
The 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students, their parents, and mentors met on February 7<sup>th</sup>  
February 4<sup>th</sup> was 1<sup>st</sup> communion retreat for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and one 6<sup>th</sup> grade student  
She thanked the people who attended the Valentine's Dinner and to the youth who decorated and served the meal. This was a money raiser for youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer.  
8<sup>th</sup> graders small groups will be delivering soup to our shut-ins on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.  
She will be working on summer ministry soon.



# FEBRUARY COUNCIL MINUTES CONT.

**President Jennifer Briggs reported:**

A Capital Campaign Team is being organized with Jona Schmidt as our Campaign Chair. The campaign will take place April 14<sup>th</sup> thru May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustee Board Chairman Keith Knutson reported:**

An Stewardship committee has been authorized to work on Stewardship planning  
The copier bill will be put on auto pay to avoid late charges  
The trustees discussed the MIF loan options, scheduling and drawing up plans  
Authorized paying the bills  
Discussion for the coming year will be Technology, Capital planning, ReCap Inventory, and a construction committee

**Deacon Board Chairman Nancy Sabbe reported:**

**Worship & Music:** Summer worship – one service at 9:30 a.m. and they are looking into Worship at The Lakes

**Mission Momentum:** \$413.60 was raised for the Union Gospel Mission and a 130.60 of this offering was jingle change. February mission of the month is for the TL Care Fund and March mission of the month will be the Voice of the Martyrs.

**Life & Growth:** We have a leader opening. Letters have been sent to the groups for the soup suppers and for the coffee hour in March. They will be looking at the groups and may make some adjustments.

**Services & Sacraments:** They are adding more members to home communion and need volunteers for receiving and giving. We always need ushers, greeters, lectors, communion assistants.

**Evangelical Outreach:** working on ads for Easter

**Parish Education Board Chairman Carolyn Feige reported:**

Confirmation mentors, mentees and confirmation students and parents met February 7<sup>th</sup>  
58 were served for the Valentines Dinner on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and the youth did a wonderful job!  
The National Youth Gathering which will be in June the rooms are booked, bus reserved, chaperones are “on board” but we still need to raise more funds.

We are continuing to research a stand to display confirmation pictures

The voted to give MHS Baccalaureate \$275.00

Summer Ministry dates are:

Preschool Bible School June 3<sup>rd</sup> thru June 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm  
Day Camp July 23<sup>rd</sup> thru July 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 -3:00pm

A motion to approve the Nominating Committee’s recommendation of Rob Thuringer for the Foundation Commission was made by Nancy Sabbe and seconded by Carolyn Feige. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by President Briggs.

Next council meeting will be March 13, 2018.

February treats were provided by the Deacons.

March treats will be provided by the Parish Ed.

April treats will be provided by the Officers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Merager, Council Secretary







## PERSONAL CARE MISSION KITS

### Turning Ordinary Items into Extraordinary Gifts

When Lutheran World Relief distributes Personal Care Kits, it is often to people who are dealing with some of life's most difficult situations –the aftermath of earthquakes and floods, fleeing home to escape violence and living in extreme poverty. We can't control when disasters strike and we can't end poverty overnight, but we can provide ordinary gifts of comfort to help others know that they haven't been forsaken by the world.

The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to begin anew, starting with a bath. You can share God's grace and love by providing this simple comfort. Bags are available in the Narthex on Sunday mornings and in the church office during the week. Stop by, pick one up and fill it with items on the list attached to the bag and then return it to the "Lutheran World Relief" bin in the narthen by Rally Sunday, September 9 - or anytime before then.

Personal Care Kit contents:

- 1 light to medium weight bath towel (dark color preferred, max 52"x27")
- 3 full-sized bars of soap in original wrappers
- 1 adult-sized toothbrush in original packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

Note: Wide-toothed combs will be purchased and one will be added to each kit.

If you prefer not to shop and would rather make a donation to cover the cost of a kit, that's fine too! Each Personal Care Kit is valued at \$10. Donations may be left in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Trinity Lutheran Church**, Memo: **Mission Kits**.

## EASTER GARDEN

Families are invited to help beautify the church sanctuary for Easter by furnishing a spring plant for the garden. It's a way of acknowledging loved ones, by giving this gift of a plant in memory of or as an honorarium for someone. A list of memorials/honorariums will be printed in the Easter Bulletin. Drop the form off at the church office or in the offering plate by March 25th. Please have your plant at the church by Saturday morning, March 31st. You may pick up your plant after the 11:00 Service.





# BETHEL FOUNDATION DINNER

**Bethel Foundation Dinner is Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**



The Bethel Foundation Dinner and Auction for Bethel Lutheran Home is on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at the Dakota Prairie Playhouse, 1205 N. Washington Avenue, Madison, SD. The Silent Dessert Auction begins at 5:30 pm and the Dinner and Live Auction is at 6:30 pm. This year is a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Foundation supporting the Bethel Lutheran Home, 1988 – 2018. All dinner and auction proceeds go to support the ongoing ministries of Bethel Lutheran Home and quality of care of Bethel Community residents. Tickets for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bethel Foundation Dinner and Auction are \$35 per person and \$280 for a table of eight. Reserve your table/ticket by Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> to ensure a place. Contact Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation 605-256-4539 or [rosie@bethelcommunity.com](mailto:rosie@bethelcommunity.com)

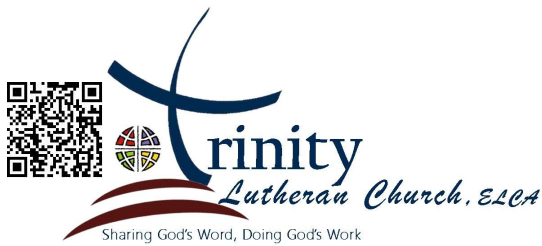
Partner congregations and members are invited to provide a dessert for our silent dessert auction, a themed basket, or another item for the live auction. Items for the live auction should be something new, a vacation, tickets to professional games or an antique item. Please contact Rosie Jamison regarding your interest and generous donation.



## MARY CIRCLE

Mary Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, March 20 @ 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Joyce Richter and Carol Petri will be your Hostesses.





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## LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

### Lenten Worship Services

March 7, 14, and 21

5:30 PM Soup Supper

6:15 PM Confirmation Small Group

7 PM Worship using the Holden Evening Prayer

### Maundy Thursday

March 29

7 PM Worship with Communion and First Communion

### Good Friday

March 30

Tenebrae Service at 6:30 PM

### Easter Sunday

April 1

Sunrise Service with Communion at 7 AM

Breakfast 8 AM-11 AM

Traditional Service with Communion at 8:45 AM

No Sunday School

Celebration Service with Communion at 11 AM