

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 21ST  
THIRD SUNDAY MEAL  
TLF SOUP FUNDRAISER

# The Trumpet

APRIL 2024

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This past month we focused on the days of Lent & Holy Week. We broke down scripture & each day and their meanings to us as Lutherans. Here several kids at KICKS made beeswax candles, as we lit the candles in darkness we talked about Jesus being the light of the world.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Isaiah 9:2

*I was a stranger and you welcomed me* (Matthew 25:35c)

Imagine if you will for a moment that you've arrived at church for worship and as you're walking toward the door, you see someone you don't know. What do you do? Do you greet them warmly? Stare at them coldly? Or just quickly walk in the door without saying anything and hoping they don't try to engage you in any type of conversation?

Or what about this scenario; you're in the door, you've said hello to the usher and picked up a copy of the bulletin and head over to your normal spot only to find that there's someone else already sitting there. Someone you don't know. A stranger! What do you do now? Greet them warmly and welcome them, maybe ask them if they have any questions about the service? Do you stare at them and then walk off in a huff and go sit somewhere else? Or do you simply tell them that they need to move because that's your spot? Now, what if that person is wearing jeans and a sweatshirt that have seen better days? Or has pink hair? Or tattoos? Or all of it? What if that person has a companion animal?

How we treat those who are strangers to us can tell someone a lot about not only who we are as a congregation, but who we are as children of God. What do we do to make people feel welcome among us? Is there something more that we can do? Whether that stranger is someone who just happened to stop in on their way through town, new to the area and looking for a place to feel welcome or not so new and simply needing to connect or even reconnect with a loving God; their first impression begins even before they walk in the door.

And before you get too worried about where this is going, I can assure you that even in the short time that I've been here I haven't seen any signs that our congregation is any type of an exclusive club that requires proof of family association going back at least three generations before we acknowledge your presence. But even the most welcoming congregation should look at what they do for those new faces and even those faces we haven't seen in a while to let them know that they are welcome, and we are blessed to have them with us, even if it's only once.

That welcome might mean simply saying hello, explaining something in the bulletin or making sure someone knows how to get to the restroom. And even if they're simply passing through, they need to feel that they're welcome back the next time they're passing through. We need to remember that it is through our hands, our smiles, and our words that we not only welcome people to join us in worship but welcome them into God's love.

And we do this, not because we just want a full church, but because our calling is to love God and love people. We reach them with love, bring them with grace, teach them the truth and send them out to share God's love with the world, so that others may feel the same welcome that they were given.

*And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'* (Matthew 25:40)

*Pastor Jay*

## Council Highlights

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President – John Krug

Vice-President – Lynn Fleske

Secretary – Christi Penka

Worship – Rhonda Anshutz

Education – Open

Ministry – Ruth Lanterman

Operations – Randy Wetzel

- The adult and child Sunday School classes are now using Sola Ministry material.
- Ministry team is still looking for ad team volunteers, as well as one volunteer for the Memorial team .

### Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report February 29, 2024

	For the Month	Year-to-date 2024	Year-to-date 2023	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	24,080.16	41,796.16	46,292.75	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	516.00	516.00	216.00	
Other Revenue	153.87	425.96	3,397.66	
Total Receipts	24,750.03	42,738.12	49,906.41	
Expenditures through 02/29/2024	22,866.71	48,607.46	38,264.17	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	1,883.32	(5,869.34)	11,642.24	
Budget Receipts:		Year-to-date 2024	Year-to-date 2023	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2023
Average per Sunday (8 Sundays in 2024 ) (9 Sundays in 2023)		5,224.52	5,143.64	80.88
Total Unified Budget Receipts		41,796.16	46,292.75	(4,496.59)
Budget Requirements		57,665.83	54,219.33	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		(15,869.67)	(7,926.58)	

# Trinity Ladies Fellowship

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## Rebecca Circle

Rebecca circle met March 18th in the church parlor. We had 11 ladies present. We enjoyed a sharing time and catching up on prayer needs. Cindy Smith led our Bible study. The scripture study was on Luke 15 :11- 32 the story of the prodigal son. We had lots of discussion on this parable from the viewpoint of the father, son, brother and God.

We had a short business meeting where we discussed our Annual fundraiser for the year. This will be April 21st after the 10:30 church service. We will be serving the well-known "POTATO SOUP" and PIES!! For a Free Will Offering. We hope to see you there. Our hostess were Kay Melton and Ro Ann Button. They served a delicious dessert, chocolates, nuts and tea.

Our next meeting will be April 15th at 7 PM in the parlor.

*"Blessed is  
she who has  
believed that  
the Lord  
would fulfill  
his promises  
to her!"*

*Luke 1:45*

## Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met March 20h with twelve ladies present. The items from TLF Council were discussed. The ladies were reminded of the items needed for the collections for the next several months. Darla Clarke was hostess and she also presented the Bible study on Bathsheba. The next Friendship Circle meeting will be April 17th at 9:30 in the church library. All Trinity ladies and their friends are welcome to attend the Friendship Circle meetings which are held in the church library at 9:30 AM on the third Wednesday of the month. Kathy Ahlvers will be hostess and Darla will continue the Bible study on Bathsheba.

## Trinity Quilters

Trinity quilters continue to meet at least 3 times a month. We could use more help with tying the quilts. These can be taken home and tied at your convenience. It only requires taking one stitch and tying a knot in the thread. We would be glad to show you how simple this is. Our quilting dates for April are Tuesday, April 11, April 25 and Thursday, April 25.

If you are interested in getting involved with the women of Trinity, please contact Cindy Smith or Ruth Lanterman. There are many different areas to get involved in.



## Missions

PASTOR PICH CHIM & ALWM CAMBODIA

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Cambodia has a population of nearly 17 million people, with 18 different people groups. It is 83%

Buddhist and only 2% Christian. The country is still recovering from the devastation wrought by Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge from 1975-1979, and the subsequent civil war that extended into the 1990's. In contrast to its neighbors, Cambodia has a constitutional monarchy with freedom of religion. there is great opportunity for ministry! Currently ALWM Cambodia includes more than 12 ministries including house churches, the Island Mission School, and the new mission school in Preh Vihear. In May 2023, we dedicated the new school in Preh Vihear Province, which has 160+ students in grades 6-9. In addition, there are 50 cell groups in a neighboring country. Cell group ministry, as well as children and youth ministry are all very effective and bearing fruit, as does their Rice and Wells ministry. ALWM sponsored the first national youth gathering for ALWM Cambodia in 2018, and the second one will be in November, 2023.



There are many opportunities for partnership with this vibrant ministry! For more information write [pastorbill@alwm.org](mailto:pastorbill@alwm.org).

## Trinity Ladies Fellowship

Annual Soup Fundraiser

Sunday, April 21, 2024 Serving starts at 11:30 a.m.  
(following 10:30 Worship Service)

Carry Outs Available

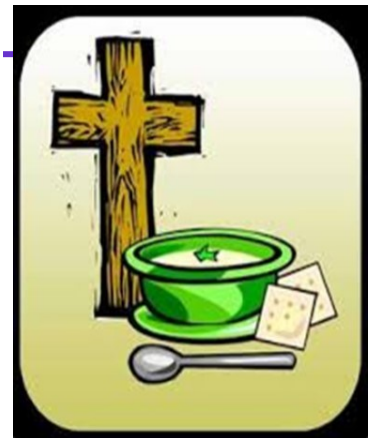
Cream of Potato Soup Carrots, Celery & Crackers

Slice of homemade Pie

Freewill donations

Checks can be made to TLF

All proceeds will go to Missions



## Schedule of Events

- } April 3-KICKS
- } April 10-KICKS
- } April 17-KICKS
- } April 24-FINAL KICKS

**When the time is  
right, I, the Lord,  
will make it  
happen  
Isaiah 60:22**

Wow! I can't believe we only have a month of KICKS left. It seems like we just started. This also means school is almost out and warmer weather is coming.

As we are looking into the summer and how we will impact the children throughout these months, we have been pondering the thoughts of doing a 4 day vbs. Of course to begin doing this again we need all hands on deck. It will take volunteers, to help work stations. This can be as a leader in crafts, bible lesson, games, preschool, snack or as a leader of a specific age group.

If you are able to help serve any of these areas please contact Rachel Kitch.

## Little Blessings Preschool

We had a blast doing a scavenger hunt and gathering items like tree bark, rocks, and twigs and putting our little treasures in buckets. It is so amazing that these simple gifts from God can put the biggest smile on a child's face.

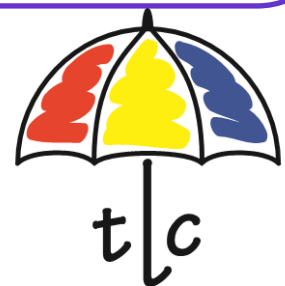
The children made palms and waved their palm branches as we read the story "The True King" from our children's bible.

Our Easter party involved butterflies that the children could fly and of course an Easter Egg Hunt.

Little Blessings has a preschool registration booth for the 2024/2025 school year at the Event Center planned for Wednesday April 10 from 1:00 to 6:30 if you know of anyone interested.

Blessings,

Diana Welshonse



Trinity Lutheran Church

DISCOVERIES AFTER-SCHOOL/SUMMER PROGRAM  
& LITTLE BLESSINGS PRE-SCHOOL

## Scholarships



The Endowment Fund committee of Trinity Lutheran church announces that scholarship applications for students attending college next fall are available in the church office, the overflow area.

Scholarships are open to members of Trinity Lutheran Church who are furthering their education. Completed applications should be returned to the church office no later than April 15th.

### Senior Spotlight

We would like to Spotlight you in the May's Trumpet! Just give us a little write up on what you have been doing in high school or college and what your plans are after you graduate. Also include a photo of yourself in jpg format. **This is for all seniors whether you are a high school or college student. *Deadline is April 15th.***

# Thank You!

Dear Trinity Ladies Fellowship,

I can't thank you enough for sharing your love with our neighbors in need. Right now, your generosity is saving lives and bringing hope to communities in some of the poorest parts of the world. Thank you again for your love, compassion, and care.

Blessings, Daniel Speckhard, Lutheran World Relief

**The Social Concerns team would like to thank the following people for giving of their time and talents to volunteer at our local food bank during the month of March: Ruth Stietz, Dick & Judy Dunn, Perry & Krista Smith, Judi Brack Johnson, Suzanne Schmidt, Donna Krug, Charlie & Deanna Swank and Carolyn Nelson.**

**"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve". Mark 10:45**

**God's Blessings, Social Concerns Team**

I would like to thank the Friendship Meal team for preparing the frozen, "ready to be served" meals that are available to be given to our members, neighbors, or friends in their time of need. Those of you who give of your time and talents are very much appreciated.

Ruth Lanterman

# Prayer Page for April 2024

## WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

### **Resident of Azria of GB**

Sam Spece

Allen Ukens

Homer Kruckenburg

Les Stewart

### **Resident of Riverbend of GB**

Ladine Hartman

### **Resident of Brookdale**

Helen Wetzel

Joyce Nagel

### **Residents Out-of-Town:**

Nancy Soeken, Hutchinson

Wilma Steadman, La Crosse

Marie Schepmann,  
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, Larned

Deon Lupton, Larned

Betty Barnard, Larned

Alene Clarke, Manhattan

## **MISSION PARTNERS**

Barton Co. Association of Churches

Core Community-Journey to Resolve  
pOVERty

Oaks Indian Mission, Oaks, OK

Barton Co. Emergency Aid

Awakening Lives to World Mis-  
sions

Dakota Boys & Girls Racnch

Star of Hope

## MEMBERS CURRENTLY NEEDING HEALING:

Cindy Smith, Brian Kitch, Mike Girton, Kasey Kennedy, Gerald Postlethwaite, &  
Carolyn Humburg

## CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Leann Wegele, Ron & Janice Ensle, Vicki Boxberger, Alene Clarke, Sheryl Corn

Delores Schneidewind, Lola Michael, Dottie Anderson, Les Stewart,

Robert Rowland, Marlene & Mak Brack, Patti Klima, & Kathy Delimont

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE CURRENTLY IN OUR MILITARY:

Kelly Vogel, Army (grandson of Deloris Schneidewind)

Lane Wilson, Marine (grandson/Judy Messersmith)

Austin Anschutz, Army Aviation (grandson/Merle & Liz Klima)

Adam Watkins, Joshua Helm, Army, (grandson/great grandson/Wilma Steadman)

## RELATIVES AND FRIENDS NEEDING HEALING:

Pat Dirks (mother/Darla Clarke)

Danine Smith (sister/Darla Clarke)

Vickie Owston (daughter/Joyce Nagel)

Nick Okeson (friend/Anne Linenberger)

Connie Petersen (cousin/ Bev Juergensen)

Roberta Holden (Judy Messersmith)

Cirus Feil, Ashley Corn, Jessie & Creed Rodri-  
quez; Rachel Corn & Family (family/Steve &  
Sheryl Corn)

Janet Meyers, Jasmnka Jevtic Fiso & Otto  
(friends/ Steve & Sheryl Corn)

Carl Zollman (father/Carla Maneth)

Garret Reed, son of Stan & Kelly Reed (friend/  
Dorothy & Doug Quade)

Rob Smith, Lynn Smith (BiL/sister/Kathy Delimont)

Darwin Folkerts, Donita & Don O'Hearn (Deanna  
Swank)

Erika Kohart (friend/Vicki Boxberger)

Mary Ann Leroy (friend/Vicki Boxberger)

Pam Merten (friend/Vicki Boxberger)

Linda Stone (Sister/Vicki Anderson)

Mary McGee (sister/Cindy Smith)

Sharon Hutchison (cousin/Vicki Anderson)

Evette Aguilera ( Friend Ruth Lanterman)

Marty Becker (Member Emmanuel Lutheran)

*Daniel Klima (Son of Merle & Liz Klima)*

*Karen Monroe (Judi Brack-Johnson)*

*Robert Roth (Friend, Judi Brack-Johnson)*

*Kathy Henry (friend/Judi Brack-Johnson)*

*Hennie Harris (cousin/Judi Brack-Johnson)*

*Laurie Schaffer (Friend of Christi Penka)*

*Sandra Geschwenter (Friend of Christi Penka)*

*John Maneth(Friend of Penkas)*

*Kim Feulner (cousin of Chrisit Penka)*

*Cathy Bell (Friend of Penkas)*

*Philip Donecker, Travis Milsap, Chris Haberman,*

*Brian Breese (Friend of Penka's)*

*Annabella Davis (friend/Deloris Schneidewind)*

*Laurie White; Rhonda Feldman (friends /Marty  
Schloemer)*

*Gunner Jackson (family friend/Kim Kummer)*

*Chelsea VanVeleet (friend of Kim Kummer)*

*John Winter (friend of Kummer's)*

*Jamie Howard (Niece of Ruth Stietz)*

*Roger Suchy (Brother/Connie Belt)*

*James Michael (son/Lola Michael)*

*LaDesha Clark, Todd Clark, Janie Mooneyham,*

*Arvella Kirkhart (all family of Tom Kirkhart)*

*Linda Essmiller (friend of ArNell Briel)*

*Jim New (friend of Hofeling)*

*Caryl Francis Niednes(daughter-in-law/Clara  
Niedens)*



# April 2024

**Sunday**      **Monday**      **Tuesday**      **Wednesday**      **Thursday**      **Friday**      **Saturday**

	<b>1</b> 5:30 p.m. TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	<b>2</b> 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	<b>3</b> 5:30 p.m. KICKS	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
<b>7</b> 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>8</b> 2:00 p.m. TLF Council	<b>9</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting 12:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Council	<b>10</b> 2:00 p.m. Pastor@Riverbend 5:30 p.m. KICKS	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
<b>14</b> 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>15</b> 7:00 p.m. Rebecca Circle	<b>16</b> 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	<b>17</b> 9:30 a.m. Friendship Circle 5:30 p.m. KICKS	<b>18</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
<b>21</b> 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 3rd Sunday Meal-TLF Soup Fundraiser	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting 12:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Endowment	<b>24</b> 2:00 p.m. Pastor@Riverbend 5:30 p.m. KICKS	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
<b>28</b> 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

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