

Trinity Lutheran Church

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April 2026

Upcoming Events

Thursday April 2nd

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thur.

Friday April 3rd

7:00 p.m. Good Friday

Saturday April 4th

5:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday April 5th

9:15 Easter Breakfast

10:30 Easter Worship

Monday April 6th

5:30p.m. TLCD Board

7:00 p.m. BLDG & GRNDS

Sunday April 12th

7:00 p.m. Council

Tuesday April 14th

2:00 p.m. TLF Council

Wednesday April 15th

9:30 a.m. Friendship Circle

Sunday April 19th

9:45 a.m. Confirmation Rec.

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Meal

Monday April 20th

7:00 p.m. Rebecca Circle

Wednesday April 29th

6:00 p.m. Final Wednesday

Monthly Events

12:10 p.m. Tuesdays

Bible Study in the Library

5:15 p.m. Wednesdays

KICKS & Confirmation

EASTER MODE: ACTIVATED



Lent is over... and yes that means the “Alleluia” is BACK. After 40 days of reflection, we step into the Easter season, not just one Sunday, but 50 full days of celebration. Think of it this way: if Lent was the quiet, reflective playlist... Easter is the upbeat, windows-down, sunshine kind of vibe.

Fun Fact #1: Easter is actually the longest season in

the church year. That’s right longer than Lent. The celebration doesn’t end with Easter Sunday... it’s just getting started.

Fun Fact #2: Early Christians greeted each other during Easter with: “Christ is risen!” And the response? “He is risen indeed!”

But here’s the real question:

What does Easter look like in real life?

It’s easy to celebrate for one day. New clothes, great music, maybe even a sugar rush from chocolate eggs. But Easter season invites us into something bigger something that lasts.

It’s about:

- Choosing hope when things feel uncertain
- Finding light in ordinary, everyday moments
- Remembering that new beginnings aren’t just a spring thing they’re a God thing

Because resurrection isn’t just something that happened.

It’s something that still happens.

So this month, here’s a simple challenge:

Look for one “new life” moment each day. A fresh start. A repaired relationship. A small win. A reminder that God is still moving. You might be surprised how often you find it.

Welcome to Easter season. It’s not just a day it’s a way of living. Alleluia is back... let’s use it.

Council Highlights

- The theme for VBS this year is "Emerald Crossing", where kids will learn there is a God who cares for them. (Dates TBA)
- Final Wednesday is Back and will be held on April 29th, in the fellowship hall

Thank You

Thank you to our members who help to keep Trinity beautiful!

- Thank you to Terry Stueder and his employees for tree trimming on east side in addition to plaque removal/ installation.
- Thank you to Dave and Susan Holste for repairing the fabric on the plaque background.
- Thank you to Dave Holste for installing the brick border near the new parking area.

Treasure Report

February 28, 2026

Unified Budget Receipts	
Regular Offerings	\$23,979.98
Thrivent Choice Dollars	—
Other Revenue	<u>\$ 196.19</u>
Total Receipts	\$24,176.17
Expenditures through	
01/31/2026	<u>\$26,668.52</u>
Over(Short) of Actual Expenses	<u>\$(2,492.35)</u>

Coming Soon

Midweek Worship Warriors – Starting This May!

We are excited to introduce Midweek Worship Warriors, a new adult Bible study centered on faith, Scripture, and Lutheranism.

Join us on May 6th and May 20th at 6:30 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church as we begin this meaningful journey together. This study is open to all adults who are interested in deepening their faith, growing in their understanding of Scripture, and exploring what it means to live as Lutherans in today's world.

As we look ahead, we hope this group will continue to grow and connect alongside the KICKS midweek program, creating intentional time for adult fellowship and spiritual growth. Small groups play an important role in nurturing our faith, building relationships, and encouraging one another. We hope you'll join us as we grow together in Christ!

For more information talk to Kristy Jerke or Rachel Kitch.

Confirmation Reception – April 19

You are warmly invited to join us on Sunday, April 19th at 9:45 AM for a joyful reception honoring our 2026 confirmands, Kamryn Garrett and Jacquelyn Kitch.

Come celebrate this special milestone, share in their joy, and offer your encouragement as they take this important step in their faith journey. Let us come together as a church family to celebrate, support, and give thanks for these young women and their growing faith!

April Devotions: Living as Easter People

As we journey through April in the light of Easter, we are reminded of the new life, hope, and renewal we have in Christ. Take a moment each week to reflect on God's Word and how it is speaking into your life.

Week 1

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
2 Corinthians 5:17

Reflection Question: Where is God inviting me to embrace new life and let go of the past?

Week 2

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

Reflection Question: How is Christ's resurrection shaping the hope I carry each day?

Week 3

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."
John 15:5

Reflection Question: What helps me stay connected to Christ in my daily life?

Week 4

"The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear?" Psalm 27:1

Reflection Question: Where do I need to trust God's light over my fears?

New Mission Spotlight

Have you ever wondered what it looks like to live out your faith beyond Sunday morning?

Meet our new mission partners: Tartu Academy and Home for Hope, serving in Estonia, a small Northern European country tucked between Russia and the Baltic Sea. Fun fact: it's one of the least religious countries in the world, thanks in part to 50 years of Soviet rule when churches were closed and generations grew up without hearing the Gospel. Today, only 12% of Estonians are connected to a Christian church, making this a truly unreached mission field in Europe.

What they do:

Tartu Academy trains pastors, chaplains, and Christian leaders to rebuild what was lost.

Home for Hope, opened in 2019, provides community, support, and a safe space for people to encounter faith for the first time.

Why it matters to us:

As Lutherans, we believe faith is meant to be taught, lived, and shared.

Supporting these ministries means we help:

- Raise up new leaders
- Rebuild faith in a place where it nearly vanished
- Create spaces for people to experience God's grace

Takeaway:

Mission work isn't always far away, it can happen in beautiful, modern countries where people simply don't know Jesus yet. And now, we get to be part of changing that.

Even where faith feels forgotten... hope is growing again.

What's Happening At Trinity

- ◆ We're excited to announce that we will be creating a new pictorial directory for our church family! This will be a wonderful way to help us put names with faces and stay connected as a community. Photos will be taken at Shane Portrait Studio, and we will be sharing available dates and times soon. Please be on the lookout for sign-up opportunities so you can reserve a time that works best for you and your family. We encourage everyone to participate—whether you're new or have been part of our congregation for years, you are an important part of our church family! Stay tuned for more details coming soon!
- ◆ Beginning the weekend following Easter, we will be locking the church doors 5 minutes after worship starts as part of our ongoing security measures. If you arrive after this time, please use the west elevator entrance or the ramp doors to enter the building. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us keep our church family safe.
- ◆ Looking for more information? Please stop by the welcome table in the gathering area to find Trinity calendars, Council Minutes, upcoming events, and other helpful resources related to Trinity Lutheran Church.
- ◆ Join us on Sunday, April 19th for our monthly fellowship meal! What to bring: A–K: Main dish or side, L–Z: Side or dessert. Our fellowship meal takes place every third Sunday of the month, and everyone is invited! And don't worry... if you forget to bring a dish, that's okay too. We'd still love for you to join us at the table. The most important thing is being together.

Family Fun Night

Final Wednesday Family Night is BACK! Mark your calendars for April 29th and join us in the fellowship hall for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship! We're kicking things off with a picnic-style meal—hot dogs and chips will be provided. We invite everyone attending to bring a side dish or dessert to share, so come ready to enjoy a great variety of treats together. After we eat, stick around for intergenerational games and activities that are sure to bring laughter and connection. This is a night designed for everyone—kids, parents, grandparents, and everyone in between. So gather up the whole family and come be part of a joyful evening together. We can't wait to see you there!

Church Update

We are excited to share some news from our church history project!

This summer, **Michele Brack** will be working on bringing our church records back into digital form, helping us preserve and organize our history for years to come.

We are also **looking for a computer wiz** to assist with this project. If you enjoy technology and want to help keep our church history alive and accessible, we would love your help!

If you're interested or want to learn more, please reach out to Michele.