

TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Spencer, Iowa

April, 2024



To Know, Love and Share Christ



Pastor Renae's April Message

Are you a Worrier or a Prayer Warrior?

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42

Even Martha, a devoted Jesus follower fell prey to worry. This verse is my "Go To" verse when I find myself worrying. This story of Martha running around preparing the meal and fretting about why her sister is not helping her is such a great story.

Mary sits at the feet of Jesus listening to His precious Words. I love this reminder from Christ Jesus.. " Mary has chosen what is better..."

My favorite neighbor friend who is 91 years old said, "I spent many years worrying about things and 99% of those worries never came to pass."

Is worry something that consumes your thoughts?

I would invite you to become a Prayer Warrior and open God's word when you find yourself filled with worry. God has much to say in scripture about this.

Here are some of my favorites:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to the Lord. Philippians 4:6

Humble yourselves, there, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. John 14:27

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. Psalm 55:22

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Grace and peace from our God who is our precious Prince of Peace.

United in Christ,

Rev. Renae Behrends

TRINITY PRESCHOOL CONCERT—COOKIES NEEDED



On Wednesday, April 10 Trinity Preschool will present their spring concert at 6:30 pm, followed by refreshments. Volunteers are needed to provide cookies. If you would like to help out, please sign up in the narthex or call the parish office.

BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Renae is leading a weekly Bible Study on the Book of Romans. Romans is a great book to help us understand the promises of Christ and the righteousness and hope we can depend on. Please join us after worship each Sunday for this informative Bible Study.

TRINITY VISIONARY TASK FORCE

Trinity's Visionary Task Force Team will meet on Sunday, April 14.. This team includes members of ALL ages who are interested in sharing ideas for the future growth of Trinity. The task force meets quarterly to discuss and brainstorm for new innovative ideas to bring to the parish council for approval. If you have any questions or are interested in being a part of this Task Force Team, please contact Pastor Renae.

INSPIRATIONAL BIBLE STORIES COME TO LIFE AT RIVIERA THEATRE

The Riviera Theatre in Emmetsburg is excited to present inspirational stories from the Bible as depicted by the famous Sight and Sound Theater in Branson, Missouri. For nearly 15 years the Sight and Sound Theater has presented stories from the Bible in their spectacular theater productions.

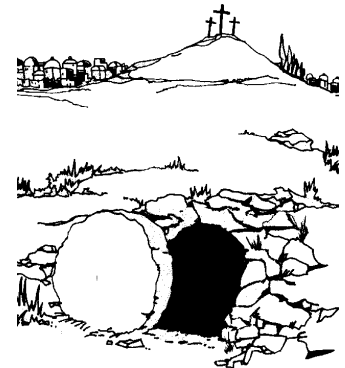
Recently, the Riviera Theatre in Emmetsburg has purchased the rights to show these productions on film at their theater. The first show will be Moses, beginning on Easter Sunday and running through the month of April. A new theater production will be shown on film each month, on Sundays at 5:00 pm.

All area churches are invited to attend and enjoy these productions. There is no admission fee to attend these films, but a free-will donation will be accepted. The Riviera Theatre is located at 2209 Main Street, Emmetsburg.

April Calendar of Events

EASTER

3 Wed	6:00 pm	Confirmation / Meal at Faith Lutheran Church
7 Sun	8:10 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 10:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal Sunday Worship Sunday School Bible Study
10 Wed	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Confirmation / Meal at Faith Lutheran Church Trinity Preschool Spring Concert
14 Sun	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:45 am 10:45 am	Sunday Worship Sunday School Bible Study Visionary Task Force Meeting
17 Wed	6:00 pm	Confirmation / Meal at Faith Lutheran Church
18 Thurs	9:30 am	Ruth Circle
21 Sun	8:10 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 10:45 am 10:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal Sunday Worship Sunday School Bible Study Parish Council Meeting
24 Wed	6:00 pm	Confirmation / Meal at Faith Lutheran Church
28 Sun	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:45 am	Sunday Worship Sunday School Bible Study



He Is Risen!



**“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”**

John 3:16

April Parish Worship Ministries

With Bible readings to prepare for worship

ALTAR GUILD :
Becky Caswell

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of EASTER

To prepare for worship, please read:

Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 148

1 John 1:1—2:2 John 20:19-31

SERVERS: Harper Nolte

LECTOR: Ardith Rustad

C. ASSISTANT: Lisa Leonard

GREETERS: Andy & Bonnie Anderson

USHERS: Bob Bendlin, Randy Leonard

O. COUNTERS: Paul & Becky Caswell

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of EASTER

To prepare for worship, please read:

Acts 3:11-21 Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36-49

SERVERS: Sophia Porath

LECTOR: Tami Kroll

C. ASSISTANT: Dale Kroll

GREETERS: Merlyn & Sonna Winther

USHERS: Paul & Becky Caswell

O. COUNTERS: Steve & Tracy Licht

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of EASTER

To prepare for worship, please read:

Acts 4:1-12 Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

SERVERS: Nolan Kelley

LECTOR: Merlyn Winther

C. ASSISTANTS: Grant Leu

GREETERS: John & Marie Kelley

USHERS: Herb Kintigh, Guy Schurz

O. COUNTERS: Herb Kintigh, Guy Schurz

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of EASTER

To prepare for worship, please read:

Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 150

1 John 4:1-11 (12-21) John 15:1-8

SERVERS: Harper Nolte

LECTOR: Paul Caswell

C. ASSISTANTS: Jane Long

GREETERS: Paul & Becky Caswell

USHERS: Randy & Lisa Leonard

O. COUNTERS: Randy & Lisa Leonard

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
9:30 am**

Give Thanks to the LORD

1Chron 16:34

Stewardship Report - February, 2024

Income to date:	\$ 48,054
Expenses to date:	\$ (28,480)
Difference:	\$ 19,574

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QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENTS

The end of March marked the end of the first quarter of 2024. Quarterly giving statements are being prepared and will be emailed to you. For those of you without email, your statements will be sent in the mail.



Grand Ave

• COMMUNITY OUTREACH •

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.
UDMO

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

As more families are seeking assistance from local food pantries, donations of non-perishable food and personal care items are greatly needed. Items that are especially needed include: **Cereal, Oatmeal, Hamburger Helper, Canned Soups, Canned Fruits & Vegetables, Canned Ravioli & Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter & Jelly.** There is a container in the narthex where donated items may be placed. All items will be taken to GACO and UDMO.

Thank You Thank You Thank You

We would like to thank the following families for providing soup and milk for our Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers: **Anderson, Caswell, Ebeling, Gronemeyer, Kroll, Leonard, Leu, Nolte, Vander Linden and Winther.**



We also thank all those who served as readers for The Passion Story on Palm Sunday. They are: **Andy Anderson, Bonnie Anderson, Brian Behrends, Becky Caswell, Paul Caswell, Tami Kroll, Scott Nolte, Molly Vander Linden and our Senior Choir.**



Local Women's Group Helps Boost Upcoming Summer Program



Spencer Women of Today, a local non-profit organization, has awarded Trinity Preschool & Daycare \$300!

The check presentation in late March was the culmination of profits from SWOT's taco stand at the Clay County Fair last fall, according to Trinity's own Molly Vander Linden. Vander Linden, who serves in this women's

group, says SWOT disburses the annual taco stand profits among organizations throughout the Spencer community.

"Members vote to distribute donations and present the donations on a special night," Vander Linden said. Attending this year on March 12 with Vander Linden were Preschool Director Jody Kleve and Trinity Pastor Renae Behrends.

This year Spencer Women of Today donated \$12,000 between Trinity Preschool and several other organizations. Trinity's portion will be used to increase summer activities for school-age children in the Summer Program, according to Director Kleve.



PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

“Let Us Pray for One Another”



In our prayers during April, let us remember the following persons and causes in our intercessions:

- + **Jim Hoffman**, uncle of Lisa Leonard, as he recovers from surgery;
- + **Richard Peterson**, cousin of Andy Anderson;
- + **Leo Brownfield**, as he deals with health issues;
- + **Pete Gepson**, as he deals with health issues;
- + **Clem McLaughlin**, father of Tami Kroll, as he deals with health challenges;
- + **John Rasmussen**, brother-in-law of Andy Anderson, as he deals with health issues;
- + **Jim Smith**, as he undergoes medical testing;
- + **Stacie Smith**, friend of Pastor Renae, as she lives with terminal cancer;
- + **Merlyn Winther**, for comfort and healing;
- + Those in assisted living: **Ruth Chapman**;
- + The families of our parish: **Bendlin, Bertell and Brandt**;
- + Our college students: **Gage Garnatz, Griffin Garnatz, Jacob Gronemeyer, Benjamin Kroll, Natalie Kroll, Rebecca Licht and Camden Porath**;
- + Staff and students of Trinity Preschool & Daycare;
- + Directors and staff of Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps;
- + Residents of our community’s long term care facilities for health and peace;
- + Caregivers and workers who go above and beyond for our aged and infirm;
- + All members of our parish, that as we continue to rejoice in the mystery of the Resurrection, we may be empowered to live the new life given in Christ in our daily lives.

“ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ...” (1 Timothy 2:1)



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2024 Parish Worship Ministries – April to June

Date	Altar Guild	Lector	Greeters	Ushers	Offering Counters
April 7	Becky Caswell	Ardith Rustad	Andy & Bonnie Anderson	Bob Bendlin Randy Leonard	Paul & Becky Caswell
April 14	Becky Caswell	Tami Kroll	Merlyn & Sonna Winther	Paul & Becky Caswell	Steve & Tracy Licht
April 21	Becky Caswell	Merlyn Winther	John & Marie Kelley	Herb Kintigh Guy Schurz	Herb Kintigh Guy Schurz
April 28	Becky Caswell	Paul Caswell	Paul & Becky Caswell	Randy & Lisa Leonard	Randy & Lisa Leonard
May 5	Deb Garnatz	Scott Nolte	Scott & Tina Nolte	Dean Gronemeyer Cu Van Cao	Dean Gronemeyer Herb Kintigh
May 12	Deb Garnatz	Annette Ebeling	Deb Garnatz Kay Lamport	Brian Behrends Grant Leu	Kay Lamport DeLinda Leu
May 19	Deb Garnatz	Bonnie Anderson	Ron & Shelly McGuire	Bob Bendlin Ron McGuire	Steve Grell Walter Mantler
May 26	Deb Garnatz	Sonna Winther	Dean & Amy Gronemeyer	Randy & Lisa Leonard	Paul & Becky Caswell
June 2	Amy Gronemeyer	Andy Anderson	Merlyn & Sonna Winther	Dale Kroll Ben Kroll	Lynn & Nancy Heideman
June 9	Amy Gronemeyer	Brian Behrends	Randy & Lisa Leonard	Paul & Becky Caswell	Randy & Lisa Leonard
June 16	Amy Gronemeyer	DeLinda Leu	Grant & DeLinda Leu	Herb Kintigh Guy Schurz	Herb Kintigh Guy Schurz
June 23	Amy Gronemeyer	Tami Kroll	Dale & Tami Kroll	Leo Brownfield Scott Nolte	Kay Lamport DeLinda Leu
June 30	Amy Gronemeyer	Grant Leu	Andy & Bonnie Anderson	Dean Gronemeyer Cu Van Cao	Steve Grell Dean Gronemeyer

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

1. Remember, you will not be called to be reminded about your assigned dates.
2. Mark your assigned dates and/or your youth's assigned dates on your calendar.
3. If a conflict arises, switch dates with another or find a substitute. Inform the church office before Wednesday so the bulletin is correct. If you have any questions, please call the appropriate chairperson or the parish office.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!!!

Parish Council Meeting—February 18, 2024

"To Know, Love and Share Christ"

Present: President Dale Kroll, Secretary Lisa Leonard.

Excused: VP Grant Leu, Molly Vander Linden.

Absent: Steve Grell, Jane Long.

No Quorum

Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed.

Treasurer Report: Reviewed and discussed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Renae gave a briefing on her duties, activities and volunteering.

Parish Committees: Tabled.

Unfinished Business:

Communion Assistant Schedule was reviewed.

Capital Campaign / Fundraiser: Discussed priorities.

Updated Electrical Panel for Washer and Dryer: Tabled.

Souper Bowl Offering: \$357.93 was raised for the Van Wyk family.

New Business:

Elect Parish Council Officers: Tabled.

Review Chairpersons for Parish Committees: Tabled.

Midweek Lenten Services and Soup Suppers: Discussed.

Memorial Account: Ryan Porath has agreed to manage the Memorial funds.

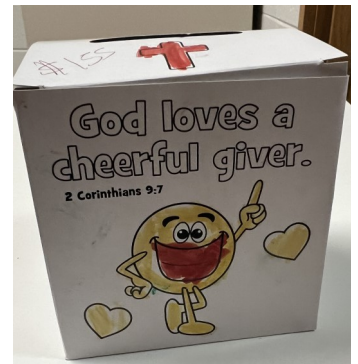
Banners through Concordia Supply: Tabled

Adjourned with prayer.

Minutes by Secretary,
Lisa Leonard

Random Acts of Kindness

Pastor Renae has been talking about the importance of kindness during God Time. Recently the school age kids collected money in order to buy ingredients to bake goodies for our neighbors. The kids helped Pastor bake brownies and prepare them to be delivered. Pastor Renae led the God Time school kids on a Random Act of Kindness Walk around the neighborhood, to hand out the brownies and Easter greetings.



The kids learned about baking and also learned about kindness and God's love, and that we love because God loved us so much that he gave his only begotten son.



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DEADLINE FOR MAY "TIDINGS" - APRIL 20

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