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C.S. Lewis is one of the greatest Christian writers and thinkers of the 20th century. Below are some of his thoughts on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Maundy Thursday

(On Holy Communion) "I find no difficulty in believing that the veil between the worlds, nowhere else (for me) so opaque to the intellect, is nowhere else so thin and permeable to divine operation. Here a hand from the hidden country touches not only my soul but my body. Here the prig, the don, the modern, in me have no privilege over the savage or the child. Here is big medicine and strong magic...the command, after all, was Take, eat: not Take, understand (Letters to Malcom)."

Good Friday

"God, who needs nothing, loves into existence wholly superfluous creatures in order that he may love and perfect them. He creates the universe, already foreseeing - or should we say 'seeing'? there are no tenses in God - the buzzing cloud of flies about the cross, the flayed back pressed against the uneven stake, the nails driven through the mesial nerves, the repeated incipient suffocation as the body droops, the repeated torture of back and arms as it is time after time, for breath's sake, hitched up. If I may dare the biological image, God is 'host' who deliberately creates His own parasites; causes us to be that we may exploit and 'take advantage of' Him. Herein is love. This is the diagram of Love Himself, the inventor of all loves (The Four Loves)."

Holy Saturday

"It ought to be noticed at this stage that the Christian doctrine, if accepted, involves a particular view of Death. There are two attitudes towards Death which the human mind naturally adopts. One is the lofty view, which reached its greatest intensity among the Stoics, that Death 'doesn't matter', that it is 'kind nature's signal for retreat', and that we ought to regard it with indifference. The other is the 'natural' point of view, implicit in nearly all private conversations on the subject, and in much modern thought about the survival of the human species, that Death is the greatest of all evils: Hobbes is perhaps the only philosopher who erected a system on this basis. The first idea simply negates, the second simply affirms, our instinct for self-preservation; neither throws any new light on Nature, and Christianity countenances neither. Its doctrine is subtler. On the one hand Death is the triumph of Satan, the punishment of the fall, and the last enemy. Christ shed tears at the grave of Lazarus and sweated blood in Gethsemane: the Life of Lives that was in Him detested this penal obscenity not less than we do, but more. On the other hand, only he who loses his life will save it. We are baptized into the death of Christ, and it is the remedy for the fall. Death is, in fact, what some modern people call 'ambivalent'. It is Satan's great weapon and also God's great weapon: it is holy and unholy; our supreme disgrace and our only hope; the thing Christ came to conquer and the means by which He conquered. (Miracles)."

April

Worship Schedule

April 2nd

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday
Service
First Communion

April 3rd

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

April 5th

Easter Sunrise Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

April 12th

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

April 19th

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
Rogation Sunday

April 26th

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Join Us
Online

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MAUNDY
Thursday

Maundy Thursday and First Communion
is April 2nd at 7:00 pm.



GOOD
Friday

Good Friday is April 3rd at 7:00 pm..



EASTER
Sunday

Easter Sunday is April 5th.

Easter Sunrise service is at 6:00 am.

Children's Sunday School at 9:30 am.

Easter service at 10:30 am.



Easter Sunday Breakfast will be served at 9:00 am.
The High School Youth will be serving breakfast
casseroles and cinnamon rolls.

Church Council Minutes

March 2, 2026

7:00pm

Present: Cheryl Schepker, Pastor Caroline, Reid Rosendahl, Nick Bunger, Leah Cavanaugh, Robert Stuehm, Jamie Boldt, Tracy Lindau, Jacob Harms, Ben Bunger

Absent: Scott Schneider

Visitors:

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Jamie Boldt

Opening prayer-Pastor

Cheryl made a motion to approve the February agenda, seconded by Tracy, motion carried.

February 2026 minutes read. Nick motioned to approve, Robert seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Pastor's Report: February had 1 funeral.

Ash Wed service was well attended.

Easter is April 5th. We will have 2 services

Baptism April 12th.

Rogation Sunday, April 19th with Potluck

No Confirmation classes or family bible study during lent.

Discussion about interest in new member classes.

All committee meetings will be changed to March 22nd @ 9am

Old Business:

Council works in progress:

2nd roof bid coming

New custodian: Received one bid. Bidding closed. We will hire Carla Wilson, to start June 1st.

March 14th Spring clean up at church.

New Business:

Financial Report-Ben gave the report. Nick moved to accept financial report, Reid seconded motion, the motion carried.

Holy week, March 29th Palm Sunday

April 2nd 7:00pm Maundy Thursday

April 3rd 7:00pm Good Friday

April 5th Easter 6:00am and 10:30 Breakfast at 9:00am

Leah asked council for a scholarship from the BFFF fund to pay for PMA classes. Ben made a motion to approve scholarship, Robert seconded, council approved.

Grow Hildreth ask council's approval to place a food pantry box in the church parking lot. Council asked them to present a visual work up at the next council meeting.

Committee Reports

Property committee had one bid for new landscaping project, will get 1-2 more bids and bring to next month's meeting.

Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting April 6th @ 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Schepker

Church Council Minutes

February 2, 2026

7:00pm

Present: Cheryl Schepker, Pastor Caroline, Reid Rosendahl, Nick Bunger, Leah Cavanaugh, Robert Stuehm, Scott Schneider, Jamie Boldt, Tracy Lindau, Jacob Harms, Ben Bunger

Absent:

Visitors:

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by Jamie Boldt

Opening prayer-Nick Bunger

Nick made a motion to approve the February agenda, seconded by Reid, motion carried.

January 2026 minutes read. Nick motioned to approve, Tracy seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor was absent the last of January due to the passing of her grandfather.

Ash Wednesday service will be February 18th at 7:00pm, soup supper at 6:00pm

Easter is April 5th.

Clayton Schubert's funeral Feb 7th

No Confirmation classes or family bible study during Lent.

Old Business: Council expectations, print out received of council duties during services and during funerals.

Council works in progress:

2nd roof bid coming this week.

Coffee bar update Cabinets to be ordered this week.

Security grant

Committee presidents: Fellowship-Cheryl Schepker, Youth-Jacob Harms, Education-Tracy Lindau, Worship-Robert Stuehm, Property- Reid Rosendahl, Cemetery- Nick Bunger, Outreach-Scott Schneider, Stewardship-Ben Bunger

We will have all committees meet in the months that have 5 Sundays. This year those months are March, May, August and November. March 29th will be the first all committee meeting day in the fellowship hall immediately after church.

New Business:

Financial Report-Ben gave the report. Cheryl moved to accept financial report, Robert seconded motion, the motion carried.

Custodian-Our current custodian was let go on January 1st. Bids are being taken for the position. Bidding will end on March 1st, 2026.

Spring clean up is scheduled March 14th at 9:00am.

Exec committee had met prior to council meeting, and discussed giving Pastor 2 additional Sunday vacation days in leu of bereavement time off.

Cheryl moved to give Pastor 2 extra vacation Sundays, Nick seconded the motion, the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

Cemetery committee- updated plot details given.

Discussed need for a nominating committee.

Council to serve Ash Wednesday soup supper, Feb 18th.

Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting March 2nd @ 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:57

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Schepker



Trinity is now accepting mowing bids for 2026. For mowing at the church contact Reid Rosendahl. Bids for the church are due to the office by April 10th.

For mowing at the cemeteries contact Nick Bunger. Bids for the cemetery are due by April 15th.

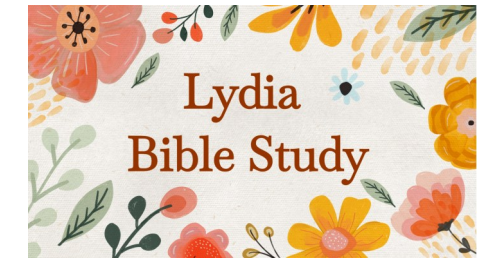


Rogation Sunday will be April 19th. If you would like Pastor Caroline to visit your fields for a blessing please get ahold of her to schedule a time.



April 22nd, the Confirmation and High School kids will be picking up trash on 31B Spur.

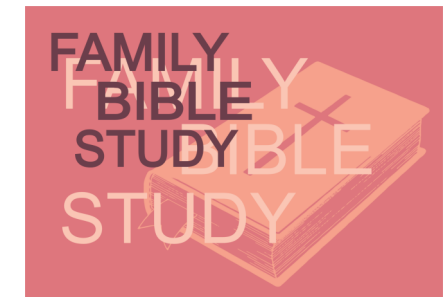
Snacks will be provided at 4:00 pm at the church and we will head out at 4:30 pm. Please bring gloves to wear. If you would like to volunteer and help out on this day please let Leah know!



Lydia Bible Study meets April 1st and May 6th at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Confirmation Classes resume on April 8th at 5:00 pm. The last day of Confirmation Classes will be May 13th.



Family Bible Study will resume on April 8th at 6:30 pm. This Bible Study is making its way through the bible and they are currently talking about Solomon.



Pew-Side Picks

Have you read a great book, watched an amazing movie, or listened to an eye-opening podcast? Let us know so that we can share with everyone. We will have a column in the next Trumpeter with recommendations from our congregation.



Confirmation Sunday is May 24th.
Congratulations to our confirmands:

- Wyatt Gottsch
- Ellie Blank
- Augustus Haack
- Jordan Burki
- Alexis Garrett
- Dax Knaus
- Marley Thorell
- Kolby Hansen
- Levi Johson



Committees will meet on May 31st at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you are part of multiple committees please join one of your committees that needs attention.

If you would like to join a committee or learn more about what a committee does please join one of these meetings or speak with the council representative.



Vacation Bible School will be June 2nd-5th starting at 9:30 am. This is for Preschool - 8th Grade. We are also looking for volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Cavanaugh or Kristi Rosendahl.



The office will be closed on May 25th in observation of Memorial Day.



Confirmation Camp will be June 14th - 19th. The kids will be attending Sullivan Hills Camp near Lodgepole. Please let Leah know when you get your kids signed up!



The last day of Sunday School before Summer Break is May 3rd. The kids will be playing the bells during church that day.



Senior Sunday will be May 3rd during worship.

We will be celebrating the following seniors in our congregation:

- Isaac Haack
- Eldon Haack
- Brooke Casper
- Tate Hinrichs



Family Bible Study will have a pizza party and watch the movie *David* on May 6th at 6:30 pm. This will be the last time Family Bible Study meets until next fall.



Adult Sunday School is watching *The Chosen* on Sundays at 9:30 am.

- May**
Worship Schedule
- May 3rd**
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
Communion
- May 10th**
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
- May 17th**
10:30 am Worship
- May 24th**
10:30 am Worship
Confirmation
Pentecost
Communion
- May 31st**
10:30 am Worship