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Trinity Lutheran Church - Hildreth Nebraska - March Newsletter

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Ash Wednesday

By Louis Untermeyer

Shut out the light or let it filter through

These frowning aisles as penitentially

As though it walked in sackcloth. Let it be

Laid at the feet of all that ever grew

Twisted and false, like this rococo shrine

Where cupids smirk from candy clouds and where

The Lord, with polished nails and perfumed hair,

Performs a parody of the divine.

The candles hiss; the organ-pedals storm;

Writhing and dark, the columns leave the earth

To find a lonelier and darker height.

The church grows dingy while the human swarm

Struggles against the impenitent body's mirth.

Ashes to ashes. . . . Go. . . . Shut out the light.

Ways you can

- Sound Booth
- Stewardship Committee
- Teach Sunday School
- Choir
- Bell Choir

And so the light runs laughing from the town,

Pulling the sun with him along the roads

That shed their muddy rivers as he goads

Each blade of grass the ice had flattened down.

At every empty bush he stops to fling

Handfuls of birds with green and yellow throats;

While even the hens, uncertain of their notes,

Stir rusty vowels in attempts to sing.

He daubs the chestnut-tips with sudden reds

And throws an olive blush on naked hills

That hoped, somehow, to keep themselves in white.

Who calls for sackcloth now? He leaps and spreads

A carnival of color, gladly spills

His blood: the resurrection—and the light.

Trinity Lutheran Church

March

Worship Schedule

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March 2nd

9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Communion

March 5th

5:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Family Bible Study 6:15 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

March 9th

9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship

March 12th

5:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Family Bible Study 6:15 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Midweek Service

March 16th

9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship

March 19th

5:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Family Bible Study 6:15 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Midweek Service

March 23rd

9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Communion

March 26th

5:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Family Bible Study 6:15 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Midweek Service

March 30th

9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship

> Join Us Online

YouTube Trinity Lutheran Fellowship-Served annual meeting potluck dinner.

Youth: Robert will be committee chair.

Upcoming events

Ash Wednesday service March 5th @ 7:00 pm.

With no further business, Dale made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John seconded.

Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting March 3rd @ 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Schepker

Committee Reports

Education Committee Property Committee Youth Stewardship

Church Council Minutes

February 3, 2025

7:00 pm

Present: Nick Haack, Leah Cavanaugh, Jamie Boldt, Pastor Caroline Schenk, Dale Blum, John Harms,

Robert Stuehm, Reid Rosendahl, Cheryl Schepker via Zoom

Absent: Nick Bunger and Scott Schneider

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

Opening prayer-Pastor

John made a motion to approve the February agenda, seconded by Dale, motion carried.

John moved to approve January 2024 minutes, Dale seconded, the motion was unanimously carried.

Pastor's Report:

One baptism last month.

Family bible study to continue Wednesday nights, time will change to 6:00 pm during Lent.

The installation of new council members will be during church on February 9th

Old Business:

Sunday service streaming change, we will no longer be on Facebook. We will continue to be on YouTube until we find a secure site to stream on. More to come as a new site is found.

Pastor's salary: Dale made a motion to approve the Pastor's annual salary at \$49,000 plus \$15,000 housing allowance, John seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Financial Report-Dale gave the report. John moved to accept financial report, Jamie seconded motion, motion carried.

Discussion concerning School activities scheduled on Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings, which has traditionally been set aside for church and church functions. Nick H. will draw up a letter and have the council approve it at the next meeting.

Committee Reviews: Sunday, Feb. 9th there will be a list of committees and a description of each committee in the Narthex. It will be announced during church that anyone wanting off of a committee of wanting to join a committee they can sign up on the forms provided. Eucharistic committee will be reinstated, and a technology committee will be added.

Committee Reports:

Property-Discussed church repairs needed.

Education-May 4th will be the last day of Sunday school.

June 24-27th vacation bible school

June 15-20th confirmation camp



There will be a soup supper every Wednesday night at 6:15 pm during Lent.



March 5th at 2:00 pm. Lydia Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall.



The Cemetery Committee is accepting bids to mow Emmanuel and St. Peter's Cemeteries.

Contact Nick Bunger with any questions.

Trinity is also accepting bids to mow the church. You can contract Reid Rosendahl with any questions.

We are not completely off of
Facebook. We just won't be streaming our
worship services on our Facebook page. We
will still be posting about events happening at
the church.

We are looking into streaming our worship services on a more secure site and we will let you know when one is decided on.





During Lent Family Bible Study will be at 6:00 pm so that there is plenty of time to eat soup before Wednesday night worship.



This year during Wednesday night services our offering will be going to Lutheran World Relief. Lutheran World Relief is an international aid and development organization that partners with communities to help them develop productive and stable economies, improve resilience in the face of a changing climate, and respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises.



Easter flowers will be \$20 this year.
There are forms that you can fill out on the table in the Narthex. Please have those forms back to the office by
April 1st.

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A First Communion Class will be offered during Lent in on April 3rd and 10th at 6:30 pm. Please contact the office if you would be interested in this class. First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, April 17th, 2025.



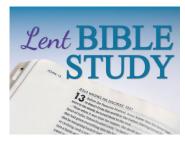
We are looking for people to help bake communion bread. This new recipe takes only 30 minutes and requires no starter. If you would be interested in helping bake the bread please contact Pastor Caroline or Alyson Morris.



Mark your calendars! Trinity's Vacation Bible School will be May 27th - 30th! VBS is open to all kids Preschool - 5th grade. Kids that are in 6th and 7th grade will be with Lydia Stuehm doing projects that help the church, the community, and those in need. If you would be willing to volunteer to help in any capacity, please let Leah or Kristi Rosendahl know.



Quilting Group will meet March 11th and 25th starting at 9:00 am. You do not need to know how to quilt.



Pastor Caroline is offering a bible study during Lent on Monday nights at 7:00 pm. This bible study will start March 10th. The Bible Study will go over the different Gospels' versions of Holy Week.



Confirmation Class meet every Wednesday night at 5:00 pm.

Youth Group will meet on Wednesday, April 2nd, at 7:30 pm. Youth Group are greeters and readers for church on March 9th and March 26th.

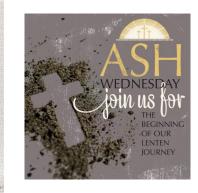




Adult Bible Study is watching The Chosen and using the accompanying bible study on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.



upcoming EVENTS



Ash Wednesday service will be March 5th at 7:00 pm.



Wednesday night Lent services will be at 7:00 pm.

March 5th - Ash Wednesday

March 12th

March 19th

March 26th

April 2nd

April 9th



Maundy Thursday worship service will be April 17th at 7:00 pm. This will also be First Communion.



It's that time of year again where the church needs a good day of cleaning. Please come and help us clean up inside and outside of the church on April 5th starting at 9:00 am.



Good Friday worship service will be April 18th at 7:00 pm.



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Easter Sunday is April 20th. Easter services will be at **6:00 am** and **10:30 am**.