

The Trinity Trends - April 2024

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Faith,

As we enter Holy Week this year, I have the impression that there is a deeper need for these pensive, reflective and soul-stripping days before us than ever. Our world is torn by violence, our nation is laden with lives that are struggling — some for day-to-day survival and some for inane acquisition and all for a way to make sense of the tailspin that civility and baseline respect has taken in our culture. Our communities and lives seem utterly void of holy purpose and hope. Into such a cauldron, a Messiah audaciously enters.

The same as always, Jesus plunges into our messed up realities and topsy-turvy priorities. With no thought for how we might reject him, he strips himself of pride and pretense, and dons a towel to wash our feet on Maundy Thursday. Bending low and grabbing hold of the part of our bodies that are most telling about how we live — our feet that take us to worship and to work and to play — Jesus sanctifies our feet and in the moment, hallows all our lives as his followers. We share the meal and know what comes next: betrayal and denial, and all manner of isolation and desertion — not on His part — but ours.

The next day — the worst day that is oddly called Good Friday — based on the outcome and not on the quality of that day for sure — it is the day of sobriety calling us to see if we have what it takes to meet him at the cross. Not even to go to the cross ourselves, but just to be there. To stand. To sit. To listen to the words spoken and sung. To pray. To tolerate the cost of our abundant life...his dying. Can you be there? Will you be there? At the cross?

Saturday always stands as a day of curious empty time. The grief of loss — the poignant reality of what we can do to God in our worst moments — the grief of awareness and facing ourselves. Facing God. Holding hope back with one hand (for we do know how the story ends), if we really want to be captured by the wave of joy that Easter can bring, we must allow the barrenness of hope-lost to descend to the pit of our soul: to be engulfed in the horror of dreams smashed to smithereens as the first disciples must have been. Aware of Peter's lost chance to claim kinship to the Master in the courtyard, we recount the time upon time we too have swallowed our testimony...slunk back from a chance to be hands and feet that made a life-giving difference.

What we do — or don't do — in this Holy Week will quite possibly allow the joy of Easter to catapult into our souls with a brilliance and earth-shaking impact — whether we approach the resurrection on Sabbath Eve at 5:30pm — when four of our young people are celebrating the Holy Sacrament of Baptism and making claim to their relationship with the Christ — or at Sunrise, when the garden is dark and the air is heavy and the plaintive tones of "Were You There?" bring us back there and then, only to be ushered into the daylight of His Easter Love slowly and gently. Whether you eat breakfast before or after you hear the trumpets and the bells and the jubilant songs of joy, whether you help find Easter eggs or color a picture with one of the youngsters in the Narthex and no matter how many hydrangeas and Easter Lilies you load into the car to carry home or to neighbors needing a physical reminder of Jesus' love, I pray the resonance of your voice calling out, "Christ is Risen Indeed" this Easter will swell your heart with love and peace and joy and perfect hope.

For we know. We know. We know that regardless of the state of our world and nation and communities, God's got this. God is about to do something that will upend our lives and cause us to shake our head in wonder and amazement. God is about to rend the heavens and renew the life of the world this Resurrection Sunday! God is about to do what we could never begin to imagine doing on our own: healing this world and building bridges across party lines and serving up holy purpose and hope on our Easter Breakfast plates!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed — Alleluia!

Pastor Bobbie





EASTER BINGO



Because Christ is Risen and we are people of hope, we are gifted with a special challenge this Easter Season — the opportunity to share this life in Christ we so dearly cherish with others. Recognizing that it is not the easiest thing in the world to invite someone into a faith relationship, your faith community has arranged a smorgasbord of events and activities that are easy to invite others to attend with you! Indeed, you can even make the invitation all about helping you: “Can you please come with me to exercise class so I can win Easter Bingo?” Imagine the fun you can have with this, while also introducing someone to the joys of a faith community! Along with every weekend worship service held during the month of April, the following events can be found on your enclosed “Bingo” Card! All events are free to all participants — some are underwritten as Thrivent Action Teams. If you don't know someone to bring with you to one of these events, ***please come anyway — it wouldn't be the same without YOU!***

Special Worship Services

Taizé Prayer on Wednesday, April 10th at 5:30pm. The Taizé style of sung prayer mirrors other forms of meditative or contemplative prayer. Discover how the music and prayer are simply the vehicle for you to still your mind and soul and sit with the Lord in solitude while surrounded by a community of faith, all intentionally making time and space for an encounter with God.

Beach Worship on Sunday, April 14 at 7:30pm. We gather just south of Manatee Public Beach for prayer, song and Holy Communion. Look for our flag and sign. Check our Facebook page to learn if weather postpones worship.

Healing Service on Wednesday, April 17th, 5:30pm. This service provides an atmosphere in which healing of hurt, brokenness or pain can begin through reunion with God.

Fun and Fitness

Contemplative Mat Yoga, every April Friday at 7:30am. Pastor Bobbie combines breath, prayer and yoga poses on the mat with scripture and devotion - a class you will feel comfortable in - even if you have no previous yoga experience!

Contemplative Chair Yoga, Sundays: 4/7 at 3pm, 4/14 & 4/21 at 12:30pm; All Thursdays in April at 3:15pm. Also led by Pastor Bobbie, this yoga is an option for those who wish to remain standing or seated for their yoga practice!

Exercise Class, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:30am, except 4/16 & 18. Christine Harte, fitness trainer, adjusts weight training workouts to individual needs!

Zumba by Gonzalo Thursday, April 18th at 5:30pm. No one leads a better Zumba experience! He invites us to “dance like you are on vacation and no one knows you!”

Community Impact

Nehemiah Action, Monday, April 29th, 6:30pm, location TBA. This is the biggest annual event of S.T.R.E.A.M., our Manatee County Social Justice Ministry! We will meet with local officials and ask for their commitments to address specific Mental Health issues affecting youth. Carpool available. RSVP to church.

Feast and Fellowship

Hymn Sing for your Supper, Wednesday, April 3rd at 5:30pm. Enjoy Publix fried chicken and salad followed by an old-fashioned hymn sing. RSVP to church.

Team Trivia, Saturday April 6th at 6:45pm. Bring a team (up to 5 players) or let us place you on one. Questions will come from a variety of categories, including some kids would know. Potluck at 6:15. Trivia starts at 6:45. There will be Prizes!! RSVP to church.

Thrivent Lunch, Noon on Sunday, April 7th. Come feast with friends, meet Kim Frye and hear all the cool stuff Thrivent Financial can help you accomplish...AND...how our church and community benefit! RSVP to church

Dinner and A Concert, Friday, April 12th at 6pm. Following a pot luck meal, we'll move into the sanctuary to enjoy a special program created by Edgar Bower, our Music Co-Director.

Not So Picasso!, Saturday, April 13th at 6:30pm: paint, fun and fellowship. Bring snacks and a favorite beverage. Create something special with Amanda Arquette's tips and guidance! No previous experience necessary!

Tables of Games, Sunday, April 21st, 3pm: BYOG or come learn a new 1! From dominoes to Mahjong, cards to checkers — come for fun and games and great fellowship. RSVP to church.

Beach Picnic, Wednesday, April 24th at Bayfront Pavilion, AMI, BBQ at 6pm. We'll provide the protein. Please bring salads or snacks or sides! RSVP to church.

Karaoke, Friday, April 26th, 6pm. Whether you have rehearsed a piece to sing or simply want to join in from your seat, you'll enjoy this evening of music and song. Last time, there was dancing in the aisles, too! Sandwiches provided at 6! RSVP to church.

Faith Formation

Kid's Nite Out, Saturday, April 20th at 6:15pm. All kids are invited to come enjoy games, or a movie or other kid-friendly activity. We provide a light kids' dinner. RSVP to the church. Parent/guardian asked to stay with children 3 and under.



Dear Friends,

Did you know that every Tuesday morning the kids at our Tree of Life Preschool come into our sanctuary for chapel? They spend about 15 minutes singing songs like "This Little Light of Mine," listening to stories based on the Bible, and saying simple prayers. There are other fun activities, too. Let me tell you what we did

during chapel on one recent Tuesday.

First, we admired a picture showing Jesus carrying a sheep over his shoulders. After agreeing that sheep are adorable and sweet, we talked about how Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-18) who takes care of us just like a shepherd takes care of the sheep.

Next, the kids learned that if one sheep happens to wander away and get lost, the good shepherd will go searching and never stop until that sheep gets rescued (Luke 15:3-7). Then I told the kids that I had hidden five pictures of sheep in various places around the sanctuary, and they could help find them. They did a great job of hunting for the sheep and bringing them back into the fold safe and sound. Super fun! The kids always have a good time, and I enjoy watching them grow spiritually every week.

Did you know that Trinity folks are always welcome to come to chapel with the kids? It starts Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. You can sit with the kids and participate in the songs and prayer, or even help with the activities. You can contact me for more information or just drop by on Tuesday morning.

Peace + blessings,

Pastor Kerri



Music Notes

As this issue of Trends "goes to press," Edgar is busy working with his music groups to prepare for all the soulful, moving, wonderful and joyous music of Holy Week and Easter.

Many thanks to all who play or sing now under the amazing leadership and guidance of Edgar, Sergei Glushkov, and Larry Bauer. Your commitment to sharing your talents always enhance our worship experiences at Trinity.

April is Edgar's last month as Trinity's Co-Director until the fall. Join with him in making a "joyful noise unto the Lord" with voice or instruments. Rehearsals are Tuesdays - check the calendar.

Ann Hockin, Music Co-Director, leads our Praise Team and TLC Singers May through October. Thank you, Ann!

Edgar J. Bower TLC Music Co-Director

From Tree Of Life Preschool & Daycare Director, Shawna Clark:

April means we have two months left of the 2023-2024 school year! Our students have learned so much! Weekly class themes in April:

- 1st** Spring
- 8th** Life cycles
- 15th** April Showers "bring May flowers"
- 22nd** Space
- 29th** Zoo



April's Color is Purple; Shape is Oval; and our Value is Responsibility. Kids who learn to be responsible early in life are more likely to be successful as adults. Positive outcomes from teaching this to youngsters include:

- ♦ a sense of satisfaction
- ♦ a feeling of accomplishment
- ♦ boosting a child's morale
- ♦ building trust and respect for among their peers and family

For a preschooler to become independent as they grow older, instilling a sense of responsibility in them is essential. Teaching them about responsibility also gives them an understanding of right from wrong, and the desire to do what needs doing, when it must be done. Being responsible for specific roles or tasks also gives youngsters an opportunity to show they're dependable. and that they may be trusted to make the right choices.

S. T. R. E. A. M.
Stronger Together Reaching Equality Across Manatee

Important Gatherings Around This Year's Mental Health Initiatives!

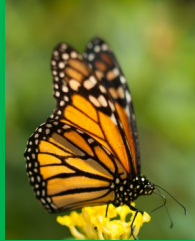
Monday, April 8th Rally, 6:30pm At this event, final decisions will be made about what S.T.R.E.A.M. will ask local officials to do in the coming year. The location for the rally will be announced soon. All are invited to be present. Rides and carpools will be arranged.

Monday, April 29th, 6:30pm "Nehemiah Action" is the biggest event of the year for our Social Justice Ministry! We meet with local officials and ask for their commitments to address the Mental Health issues we wish to see advanced for Manatee County citizens. The location will be announced soon. Rides and carpools from church will be arranged.

Please contact Pastor Kerri or the Church Office for more information or to let us know you will attend.

Clip out this Bingo Card. Keep track of the squares you fill when you bring a guest with you to a “qualifying” worship service or activity. Plan to come to all our events to fellowship and meet new folks, even if you do not have a guest joining you. April at Trinity will be a month filled with fun and food and special times to gather as a faith community.

Share God’s Transforming Love at Trinity with



EASTER BINGO

To participate, bring a guest with you to:

<p>Worship</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Time _____</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Chair Yoga</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Time _____</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Worship</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Time _____</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Hymn Sing for Your Supper 5:30pm</p> <p>Wednesday, April 3rd</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Dinner and a Concert 6pm</p> <p>Friday, April 12th</p> <p>Guest _____</p>
<p>Not So Picasso! 6:30pm</p> <p>Saturday, April 13th</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Worship</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Time _____</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>KNO 6:30pm</p> <p>Saturday, April 20th</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Worship</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Time _____</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Tues/Thurs Exercise 9:30am</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Guest _____</p>
<p>Trivia 6:30pm</p> <p>Saturday, April 6th</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Worship</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Time _____</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>This space is free!</p>  <p>Christ is Risen Indeed!</p>	<p>Mat Yoga</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Time _____</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Worship</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Time _____</p> <p>Guest _____</p>
<p>Worship</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Time _____</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Karaoke 6pm</p> <p>Friday, April 26th</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Zumba 5:30pm</p> <p>Thursday, April 18th</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Beach Picnic 6pm</p> <p>Wednesday, April 24th</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Worship</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Time _____</p> <p>Guest _____</p>
<p>Thrivent Lunch Noon</p> <p>Sunday, April 7th</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Tables of Games 3pm</p> <p>Sunday, April 21st</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Worship</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Time _____</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Worship</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Time _____</p> <p>Guest _____</p>	<p>Nehemiah Action 6:30pm</p> <p>Monday, April 29th</p> <p>Guest _____</p>

HOW EASTER BINGO WORKS:

- + Individuals of all ages, members or friends of TLC can have a card and play.
- + During April, bring guests with you to any of the Trinity Activities on the card.
- + Completed "BINGO" cards are returned to the Church by Sunday, May 5th.
- + "BINGO WINNERS" are celebrated on Mother's Day Weekend (May 11th and 12th) and prizes awarded (prizes must be claimed by 12/31/24)
- + **Prizes:** Hike on the Little Manatee River led by Guide Lynnette Werning
Dolphin-Seekers Boat Ride by Captain Garry Weston
Gourmet Meal prepared by Chef Darrell
plus Kid-oriented prizes!



Qualifying Activities to "Bring a Guest":

Worship: Any Weekend service at 5:30pm Saturday, 8, 9 or 10:45am Sunday



Beach Worship on Sunday, April 14 at 7:30pm

Taizé Prayer on Wednesday, April 10th at 5:30pm

Healing Service on Wednesday, April 17th, 5:30pm

Get Moving!

Contemplative Chair Yoga, Sun, 4/7@3pm; 4/14, 4/21@12:30pm

Contemplative Chair Yoga, All Thursdays in April @ 3:15pm

Contemplative Mat Yoga, Fridays 7:30am in April

Exercise Class Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30am, except 4/16 & 18

Zumba by Gonzalo Thursday, April 18th at 5:30pm

Feast and Fellowship—Hymn Sing for your Supper, Wed. April 3rd at 5:30pm

Trivia, Saturday April 6th at 6:45pm

Thrivent Lunch, Noon on Sunday, April 7th

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Karaoke, Friday, April 26th, 6pm

Faith Formation—Kid's Nite Out, Saturday, April 20th at 6:15pm

Community Impact—Nehemiah Action, April 29th, 6:30pm, with S.T.R.E.A.M.,
our justice ministry in Manatee County

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
EASTER BINGO ACTIVITIES CODED IN RED!	1	2	Office Closed this week in Observance of Easter			4	5
	1pm Quilters 8pm AA	9:30am Exercise 4pm Sun. Praise Team 5pm Trinity Singers 6:30pm Trinity Ringers	5:30pm Hymn Sing for your Supper 7pm Green Team 8:30pm AA	9:30am Exercise 3:15pm Contemplative CHAIR Yoga 6:30pm GriefShare	7:30am Yoga	4pm Sat. Praise Team 4:30pm J-O-Y for all ages 5:30pm Worship 6:15pm Potluck & Team Trivia	
7 8am Traditional Worship 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Faith Formation for all ages 10:45am Traditional Worship 12pm Thrivent Lunch 3pm Cont. CHAIR Yoga	8 10am-12 Office Hours 1pm Quilters 6:30pm S.T.R.E.A.M. Rally 8pm AA	9 9am-12 Office Hours 9:30am Exercise 4pm Sun. Praise Team 5pm Trinity Singers 6:30pm Trinity Ringers	10 Office Closed 5:30pm Taize Worship 8:30pm AA	11 9am-12 Office Hours 9am Serve at ODB 9:30am Exercise 3:15pm Contemplative CHAIR Yoga 6:30pm GriefShare	12 7:30am Yoga 9am -12 Office Hours 6pm Dinner & Concert	13 4pm Sat. Praise Team Rehearse 4:30pm J-O-Y for all ages 5:30pm Worship 6:30pm Not So Picasso painting with Amanda	
14 8am Traditional Worship 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Faith Formation for all ages 10:45am Traditional Worship 12:30pm Cont. CHAIR Yoga 7:30pm Beach Worship	15 10am-12 Office Hours 1pm Quilters 8pm AA	16 9am-12 Office Hours 4pm Sun. Praise Team 5pm Trinity Singers 5:30pm Chef's Class 6:30pm Trinity Ringers	17 Office Closed 5:30pm Service of Healing 7pm Church Council 8:30pm AA	18 9am-12 Office Hours 3:15pm Contemplative CHAIR Yoga 5pm Chat & Chew 5:30pm Zumba 6:30pm GriefShare	19 7:30am Yoga 9am -12 Office Hours 6pm Karaoke	20 4pm Sat. Praise Team Rehearse 4:30pm J-O-Y for all ages 5:30pm Celebration Worship 6:15pm Kid's Night Out!	
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28 8am Traditional Worship 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Faith Formation for all ages 10:45am Traditional Worship	29 10am-12 Office Hours 1pm Quilters 6:30pm S.T.R.E.A.M. Nehemiah Action 8pm AA	30 9am-12 Office Hours 9:30am Exercise 4pm Sun. Praise Team 5pm Trinity Singers 6:30pm Trinity Ringers	Fill Your Easter Bingo Card by Inviting Guests to TLC Worship and Activities! Return your completed cards to church by Sunday, May 5th. Bingo winners will be celebrated and prizes awarded on Mother's Day weekend, May 11th - 12th!				

April Birthdays

- 4/01 Susan Hullett
- 4/02 Clifton Michaelsen
- 4/03 Rachel Kronmann, Ann Terhardt
- 4/04 Benjamin Reiss
- 4/08 Barbara Schamell
- 4/11 Linda Haack, Sawyer Daughtry, Laura Reiss, Yvonne Houston, Eliza Frees
- 4/12 Arnie Thompson
- 4/14 Peter Procyk, Susan McInnis
- 4/15 Deborah Federsel
- 4/17 David Cozzette, Terry Terhardt, Kim Crawford
- 4/19 Bettie Stang



- 4/21 Amber Monroe, Pam Melville-Dellis
- 4/22 Brett Peterson, Marlyn Thornton, Sandra Dugan
- 4/23 Barbara Wolf
- 4/25 Lorraine Heidelberg, Lauren Grubb
- 4/28 Gwin Wilburn

April Anniversaries

- 4/01 Mark Dellis & Pam Melville-Dellis
- 4/04 LeRoy & Linda Barth
- 4/26 Jim Spangberg & Anne Marie Crawley
- 4/28 John & Marianne Moyer



MINISTRY CORNER

More Ways to Serve, Support and Fellowship Together!

Chef Darrell's Class: Tuesday, April 16th, 5:30pm.

You're invited to learn how to prepare and then enjoy a dinner including the delicious entrée Chef Darrell will demonstrate.

All are welcome to join in. Seating is limited to the first 15 people who sign up in the Narthex. \$20 per person



Feeding Empty Little Tummies, Manatee County's original program to provide meals to children



whenever school is not in session is Trinity's Lenten focus. When this issue of Trends was printed, we were in the final week of Lent and do not know how much money was raised from our Lenten calendar giving, nor what the final food collection was.

However, as you can see from these photos, you have once again responded with hundreds of items to help 1800 homeless or food insecure students



in our community.

Thank you for your generosity.

Serve the Hot Meal at Our Daily Bread, Thursday, April 11th, 9-11:30am. Please sign up in the Narthex for this monthly ministry to assist ODB in serving those in our community who are homeless or food-insecure.

Ladies' Chat & Chew: Thursday, April 18th, 5pm, at Riverhouse Waterfront Restaurant, 995 Riverside Dr. in Palmetto. RSVP please to: pattybeenuddy@gmail or 941-758-4610. Everyone is invited!!

Here's a "Green" Update: Thanks to the hard work of our Green Team, we have fully transitioned into using glass communion cups at all regular, weekly worship services! Thank you, also, to everyone who serves before and after worship to keep those glasses clean, sanitized and readied for use.

We are excited about our new water fountain / bottle refill station in the hallway near the church office! We invite you to bring your own refillable water bottle and fill it with chilled, filtered water. Using this fountain keeps plastic bottles out of landfills, helping our environment. The meter above the bottle-fill displays how many plastic bottles we have replaced with environmentally-friendly containers!



Thank you to those whose financial gifts have made these important "Green" steps possible already!

Next Green Team meeting: Wednesday, April 3rd, 7pm.



Trinity sponsors a grief recovery group that meets Thursdays at 6:30pm.

If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, this group helps to find healing and hope. GriefShare is a faith-based approach to dealing with grief. Everyone is invited to be part of this support group.

GriefShare will meet until May 23rd, excluding Maundy Thursday (March 28th). You are welcome to come any time to discover if this group is helpful to you to find healing and hope. To register, use a Blue Form at worship, or email or call the church office: TrinityLutheranSecretary@gmail.com or (941)747-3081. Suggested donation for course materials: \$20.

Ministry Team Table

Care Team:	Carole Pletcher	941-448-7644
Eucharistic Ministers Team:	Pastor Bobbie	941-243-9473
Faith Formation Team:	Pastor Bobbie	941-243-9473
Finance/Stewardship Team:	David Cozzette	941-755-9700
Green Team:	Barbara and Cliff Michaelsen	941-896-2740
Growing Young Team:	Pastor Kerri	941-301-0691
Homebound Visiting Team:	Jan Smith	941-448-9647
Julliana's Team:	Pat Benson	941-758-4610
Mutual Ministry Team:	Dale Haack	941-374-0899
Property Team:	Doug Roper	941-526-9536
S.T.R.E.A.M.:	Larry Helberg	941-845-4257
Teddy Bear Ministry:	Barb Schamell	941-794-5708

To know more about any of these teams, please contact the Leader named above.

Do you have passion for a ministry that is not already happening at Trinity? Form a new team! For more info on "how to's", please talk to Pastor B!

Enhance Your Giving

Would you like to ease the cash flow issues of our faith community? Would you appreciate knowing that your giving is being received and put to use even when you are out of town? Trinity provides the opportunity to receive your weekly or monthly offering electronically! There are two ways you can give on-line. One is to instruct your bank to send your regular offering check each week or month to the church. This is usually a free service provided by your banking institution. You can also use the QR Code below with your mobile device to access our website and click on the "Giving" button to go to a secure portal. Or you can visit our website directly on your computer: www.TLCbradenton.com. There you can set up a recurring gift weekly or monthly, and you can change your gift amount at any time. You can use a credit or debit card or bank account. You can direct your gift to the General Fund or any special fund or activity, as you wish. There is a minimal fee to the church for this convenience. Need help or have questions? Contact the church office!



"Noisy Offering" The last weekend of each month we collect a "noisy offering" of coins and rustling paper to support our many neighbors in need who are served by Our Daily Bread. You may also drop off your gifts at the Church Office. Thank you!



Contributing Stocks, Bonds and RMDs

If you seek ways to gift 501(c)(3) organizations, please consider gifting Trinity. We established an account for just that purpose. Please contact our Church Office for more details and the forms to do so. Thank you.

TLC Mission Endowed Fund Impacts Future

Gifts to the Trinity Mission Endowed Fund help it grow to provide more and more investment income we can use to gift ministries in our community. You can donate to our Mission Endowed Fund at any time of the year. The gifts accrue to grow the principal in the fund, and the annual disbursements have a target of 3%. Please note "Mission Endowed Fund" on your gift.

Stewardship Up-Date

General Fund: January-February 2024

Offerings/Income: \$ 51,867.43

Expenses Paid:	
Building Maintenance	1,040.71
Copier Maintenance	1,639.82
Custodial/Supplies	669.51
Electricity	1,633.29
Insurance-Liability	2,284.96
Lawn Maintenance	542.00
Office Expense	580.63
Postage	720.00
Telephone/Internet	682.26
Water/Waste	507.67
Christian Education	183.90
Evangelism	37.25
Stewardship	592.34
Worship & Music	569.00
Synod Benevolence	3,333.34
Staff	50,511.78
Total Expenses:	\$ 65,528.46

General Fund Balance: - \$13,661.03

Summary: Thank you for helping to fund the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church! Our budgeted offerings are significantly below previous years, in part due to the loss of several generous givers who have recently entered eternal rest. Your Stewardship Team invites you to prayerfully consider a one time or on-going additionally gift to be used toward our daily ministry expenses.

Thank you for your generous giving!

Your Stewardship Team

Praise and Pinch Form

As a congregation, we are committed to voicing our praises and "not sitting on our pinches"! To be a healthy, faithful community, we need to be open with one another about what we expect in all areas of our life together. If there is anything in our community life that brings you joy or causes you to be concerned, please share your feelings and questions. Thank you for taking the time to communicate about the ways we are doing well in our ministry together at Trinity, and the areas that need attention. Please mail this form to the church office.

Praise: _____

Pinch: _____

A specific question I would like answered: _____

Name _____ (If you would like a direct response to your Praise or Pinch)


Mutual Ministry Team Members: Dale Haack, Chair, Dave Gleeson, and Pastor Blackburn.

We Pray for:

Paula Abrams
 Julie Adams for Larry Adams, Ellen Crawford, Jeffrey Caputo
 Connie & Dennis Alkire for Julie Manson Evelyn Balon, and for Jan Pearson
 Pat Benson and Kathy Calello and for their brothers, Ron, Jay and Don
 Andy Bradley
 Kathy & Sam Calello for Phil Nobile and John Rego
 Lori Carbary for sister, Cheryl Mason
 Erika Chabra for Brenda Savy, Fred & Heidi Chabra and Inga Bruce
 Ann Courter for Roger Raddatz's call process and for healing of Ann's wrists
 Nadine Cozzette for mother, Betty Kushner
 Kim Crawford for Susan Hobstein
 Judy D'Amico for granddaughter, Allison
 Gail Darga for Liane, Michael & Theresa, Joyce, Gail C., Christine, Helen, Bob & Lucette, Maryann, Joyce Snyder
 Liane Darga and for Gail Darga, Joyce Snyder, Susan Snyder, and for safe travel for Gail & Liane
 Tom & Cathy Dougherty for Brittany Dougherty and Becky Gillette
 Naomi Duttarar for her daughter
 Joe & Sue Greenwell for Heather Ashler
 Linda & Dale Haack for Raymond Haack and Dennis Dow
 Larry & Rita Helberg for son, Thomas, and for peace and wonder on earth
 Thomas Helberg for Paola Helberg
 Rod & Lee Helgenset for Bob and Larry
 Gonzalo & Ana Hernandez for Joe, Marcus and Anthony
 Susan Hullett and for Ziggy, Rex, Scott, Kevin, Christiana
 Sharon Jones for son, Chris Dunaway
 Joyce Kajtaniak for granddaughter, Raelin Kajtaniak, and mom, Bernadine Ray
 Carroll Klingensmith for nephew, Bill Hillis
 Bill Krahling for wife, Loretta
 Bill and Dee Kribs for Rose Parker, Diane Urban
 Karen Kuebler for Lucille Baber
 Larry & Mugs Major for Larry's sister, Michelle Behrends
 Becky Mannon
 Ginger Marcinko, and brother Alan and his wife, Nanci, Williamson

Carol Meyer for Lincoln and Cameron Palmer
 Debi Miller and John Mathey, and for Gavin York, Sully York, Jenna Kolb, Grayson Parker
 Doug & Christine Montgomery for Ben Nelson
 Donna Monilaws for Kenneth Monilaws
 John Moyer for Marianne Moyer
 Deanna Nelson for Piper Sobczyk
 Krista Neumann for Michelle Decouteu and Rick Rathburn
 David Pederson
 Carole Pletcher
 Traci Pope and for Carole Pletcher, Jesse & Joey Yeatman
 Birgit Quam for John, Ryan, Marlige and Barry Simon
 Ilene Quick for daughter, Debbie Dutton
 Jeff Reises
 Mark & Candy Rinnert for friend, Lee Ann Hurlow
 Jean Shoemaker
 Jan & Jay Smith for son, Andy Bradley
 Karen Smith for Tony & Diane DeMichele
 Terry Terhardt
 Harriet Walters for Teddy Frilow, Kay Bigley, John Zanella, Rick Shick
 Connie Whitsett for grandson, Brandon Silcox, Lola Danis and Janet Brozovsky
 Ann Wikoff for the Klines and the Vests
 Jan Witte for sister, Shirley
 Ernest & Renee Woinovick for Gail Teed, Yvonne Sichler
 Chris & Barb Wolf for Rick Bogner, Andy & Riley Bradley
 Pat Zink, and Walter's family, Rick, Mary and Norma


Please note: This list is edited monthly. Please add names on a Blue Form, email the church, or submit on our website, bottom of homepage.



**Memorial Service for
 Lucille Hymes**
 will be held at Trinity
 on June 7, 2024, 11am.

Our Homebound:

Lucy Baber BD 8/21
 Brookdale Farmington Hills North
 27950 Drake Road
 Farmington Hills MI 48331
 Bobbie Dever BD 7/25
 603 63rd Avenue West Unit R14
 Bradenton FL 34207
 Virginia Duttarar BD 8/13
 10731 Old Tampa Road
 Parrish FL 34219
 Ann Guild BD 7/14
 The Woodlands
 1055 301 Blvd. E, Apt. 1017
 Bradenton FL 34203
 Lorraine Heidelberg BD 4/25
 6104 10th Avenue West
 Bradenton FL 34209
 Marvel Meister BD 7/20
 Freedom Village
 6410 21st Avenue West #324
 Bradenton FL 34209
 Lidya Taber BD 3/20
 15329 S. Lone Elm Road
 Olathe KS 66061
 Terry Terhardt BD 4/17
 Birchwood Health & Rehab
 3250 12th St, Rm 218W
 Sarasota FL 34237



We have a **Hearing Loop System** in our Sanctuary! To take advantage of this audio system, please sit in the center section of the sanctuary. Brochures about how to use the system with hearing devices are in the Narthex.

TLC Teddy Bears Trinity's bears share the message of God's love with all who are struggling or celebrating! 
 TLC bears show love and comfort across the country and even foreign places, thanks to TLC family and friends! Please share a bear with any who may need one. To replace, place \$10 in the offering, or drop off in the Church Office. Please note: "Bear."

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April 2024 Newsletter

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**Tree of Life Preschool & Daycare
Providing Pre-Kindergarten
Instruction and Christian Childcare for
6 weeks to 5 years old 941-747-1756**

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Barbara Shaner**

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Easter Season Begins Sunday, March 31st!
*Bring neighbors and friends to worship and our
many events and activities during April:*

- ◆ **Special worship services**
 - ◆ Fun and Fitness
 - ◆ Feast and Fellowship
 - ◆ Faith Formation
 - ◆ Community Impact

*See inside for full list and details.
Please RSVP to events involving food
to assure all will be fed.*

Trinity Weekly Worship Times

Saturdays: 5:30 pm
Celebration Worship

Sundays:

8:00am Traditional Worship
9:00am Contemporary Worship
10:45am Traditional Worship

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