



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 6-7, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church  
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## *Second Sunday of Easter*

April 6, 2024—5:00 p.m.

April 7, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

\*Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

### ***Wandering Heart: "Here's My Heart"***

*In this final week of our series, we come full circle with Peter. He has dropped his nets, walked on water, professed his faith, been rebuked, received footwashing, denied Jesus, and run to the tomb. And now, Jesus once again meets him at the shoreline where Peter is casting his nets. Jesus offers abundant nourishment and also a new command: "Feed my sheep." Then he turns to Peter and asks three times, "Do you love me?" It's as if Jesus says, "Here's my heart," which washes over Peter's three denials like a healing balm.*

*No matter how far we wander, may we entrust our hearts to God. No matter if our faith is strong or weak, what we can give is our love.*

***Welcome to Trinity!*** We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

***We love having small children in worship!*** Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. A **unstaffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

***Handicapped Seating*** is reserved in the pew located in front of the Technical booth.

***Large print bulletins and listening devices*** are available from the ushers.

***Activity Bags*** are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.

**Our Mission** *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

### **Serving in Worship This Weekend**

<b>Pastor</b>	Dan Gerriettes Daniel Hanson
<b>Organist</b>	Jodi Korth
<b>Greeters</b>	Gary and Vicki Wattnem
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Kevin Hendrikson Gary & Sharon Lindgren
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Patty Flatness, Jim & Nancy Fingalsen
9:00 a.m.	Kathy Dobrzynski, Audrey Warner
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Patty Flatness
9:00 a.m.	Kirk Hardcastle
<b>Technical Support</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Sophia Fitzgerald, Colton Hesley Carter Rockwell
<b>Worship Transportation</b>	
	Travis Hesley, Cliff Rossler
<b>Ushers</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Penny Bennett, Bob VerBrugge
10:30 a.m.	Dan Clarke, Larry and Nancy Carroll Kay Larson, Ron Moeller

# GATHERING

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Confession and Forgiveness

P For the last seven weeks we have been following the life and faith of Peter. Despite being one of Jesus' most loyal disciples, Peter still made mistakes. He was faithful and messy, humble and afraid, loving and cautious. Friends, we're a lot like Peter. Despite our faith, we make mistakes. Despite our belief, we carry unbelief. Despite our love, we can cause hurt. So like Peter, let us return to God in prayer, confessing the truth of our lives. God's grace does not stop with that humble yet fearful disciple. God's grace reaches all the way to us. Let us pray:

### **C Gracious God,**

**Like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink.**  
**You tell us your truth and we push it away.**  
**We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance.**  
**We profess our faith and deny it three times.**  
**We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence.**  
**Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith.**  
**Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination.**  
**Call us out of the boat once more.**  
**We are eager to return to you.**  
**With humble hearts we pray, amen.**

P Friends, the first time that Peter saw Jesus after the crucifixion, Jesus asked him three times, "Do you love me?" This repetition was not because Jesus doubted Peter's word. This repetition was Jesus offering Peter grace. You see, the last time Jesus and Peter were together, Peter said three times, "I do not know that man." So when Jesus returned, he asked Peter, "Do you love me?" And in that moment, he allowed Peter to turn his denials into love. Friends, the grace of our God knows no end. When we stumble, when we fall, when we deny God or cause harm, Jesus meets us where we are and offers us a second chance. So rest in this good news.

Does God love you? Yes, yes, yes. God loves you.  
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love that never ends.

**C Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW 807

**\*Greeting**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection.  
By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power  
of the resurrection in all that we say and do,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

**Children's Sermon** (9am)

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

**Psalm 133**

L How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!

**C It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.**

L It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**C For there the LORD ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.**



**P** The Holy Gospel according to John the twenty-first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel: John 21:1-19**

**P** After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.”<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”<sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.”<sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dan Gerrietts**

**Hymn of the Day**

*We Walk by Faith*

ELW 635

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**C We believe in a God who shows up in our lives—  
surprising and catching us off-guard in the best of ways.**

**We believe in a God who cares for God’s people—  
a shepherd who longs for her sheep to be fed and tended.**

**We believe in a God who took on flesh—  
a God whose love changed the world as we know it.**

**We believe that this here-and-now God invites us out of the boat,  
calling ordinary people like Peter, like us, into a life of service and community.**

**And so we give our hearts. We give our whole hearts and nothing less. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

P God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**\*Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**MEAL**

**Announcements**

## Offering

Text to Give is available at Trinity!  
Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.  
Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.  
Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



## \*Offertory

### *We Praise You, O God*

ELW 870

*We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We Lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

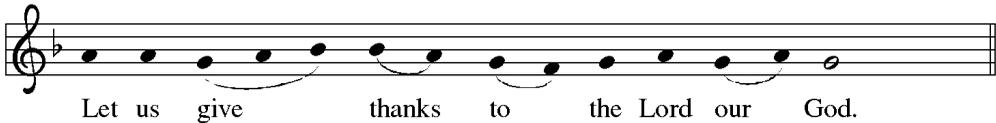
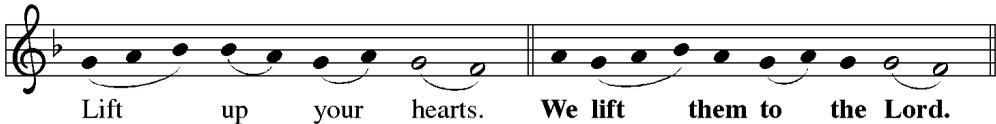
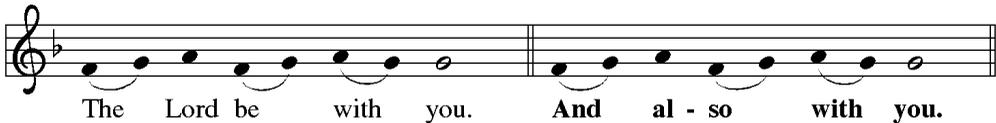
## \*Offering Prayer

P Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

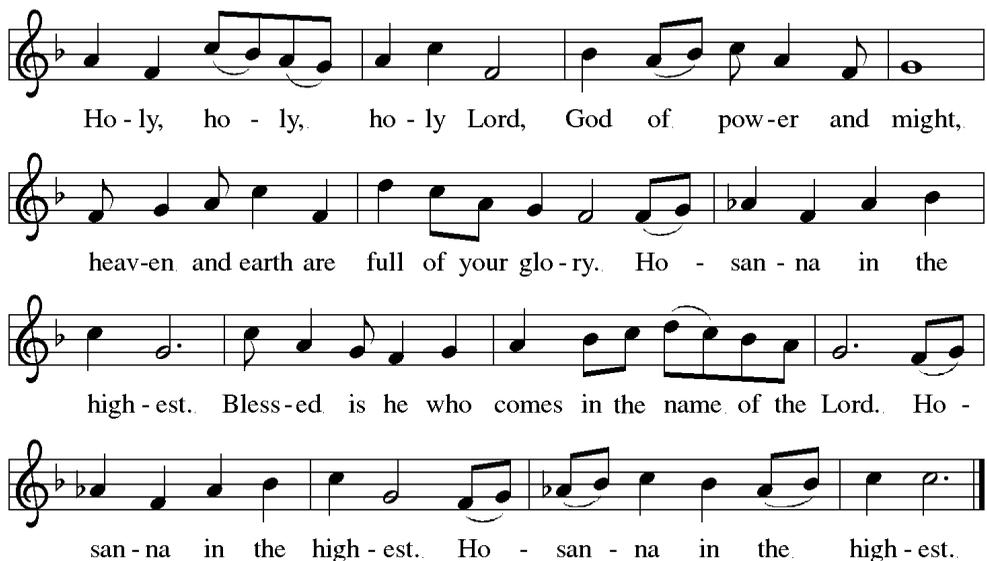
## \*Great Thanksgiving

ELW pg. 129



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ELW pg.130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### \*Words of Institution

### \*Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Invitation to the Table

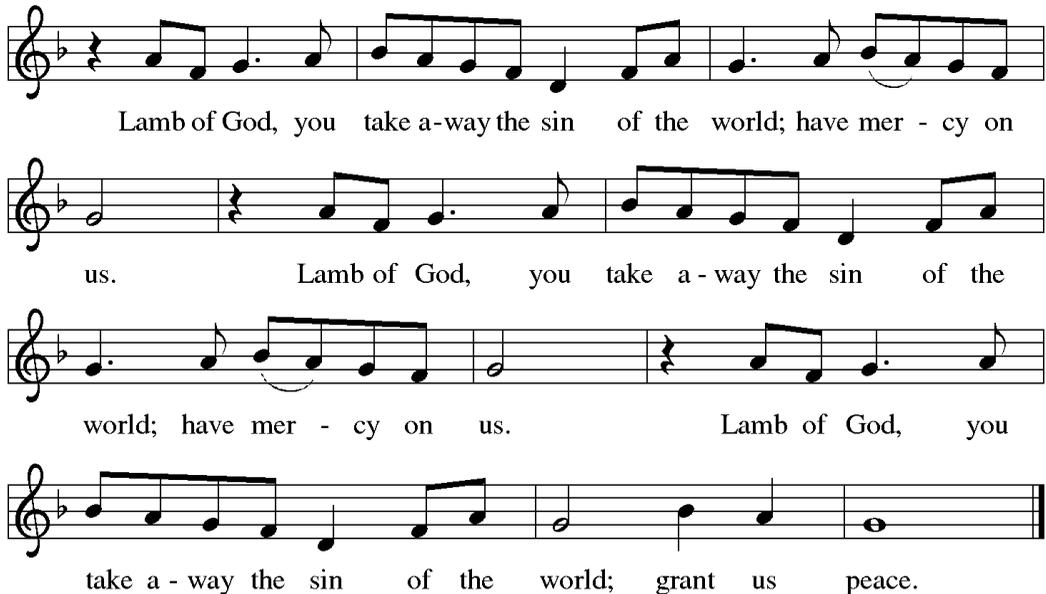
### Communion

*All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that come in the sharing of this bread and wine are welcome to commune with us today. Ushers will direct you from the outside aisles to one of the stations in the front of the sanctuary, where you may kneel at the rail. You will return to your seat by the center aisle. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.*

*If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in communion today, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.*

### Lamb of God

ELW pg. 135



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

### Communion Hymns

*Come to the Table*  
*Now the Green Blade Rises*

ELW 481

ELW 379

## **\*Prayer after Communion**

P Shepherd God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

## SENDING

### **\*Blessing**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

C Amen.

### **\* Sending Hymn**

*Thine is The Glory*

ELW 376

### **\*Sending**

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

### **Postlude**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Artwork** for the colored bulletins are in appreciation of the **volunteers** who staff **Trinity's Welcome Center**.

The bulletin cover is "Feed My Sheep" by Nicolette Penaranda | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)

**Card Shower for LaVonne Willford**—LaVonne will be turning **99 on April 19th**. If you know LaVonne and would like to send her a birthday greeting you can mail it to: LaVonne Willford, 302 2nd St., Rm. 224, Mason City, IA.

**LaVonne is our oldest baptized member of Trinity**. She was baptized on October 23, 1928 by Pastor Wigdahl. That's pretty amazing!

**Lydia Bible Study** will meet on **Wed. April 10 at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 208**. We meet for treats, conversation and then continue with the Bible Study. Lydia uses the Gather Magazine for their Bible Study. All are welcome to join us.

**WELCA Bible Study** meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month and will meet on **Thursday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 208**. Rev. Dr. Norma Cook Everist will lead the study on "*Seventy Images of Grace in the Epistles*—the April session will focus on "*More Images Than We Can Imagine*." This will be an interactive Bible Study with meaning for our daily lives. Women of all ages are invited to attend.

## New Member Class

**Sunday, April 14 at 1:30 p.m. or Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m.**

(Choose one session) **6:30 PM** | Fellowship Hall

Are you looking for a church home? A place to belong? Are you exploring whether Trinity might be the right community for you to connect and grow deeper? Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads an interactive class session for those exploring membership or wondering if Trinity is right for them. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Learn more about the worship life, mission commitments, and faith expressions that ground us. Take a tour of the building. Meet other people. Childcare is available by request. **Please contact the church office.** **New Members will be Received on Sunday, May 12th at the 9:00 a.m. service** with a reception during coffee fellowship time.

## Prayer Mentor Worship & Gathering—**Sunday, April 14th**

All 5th-6th graders and their Prayer Mentors are encouraged to meet in the Gathering Space before the 9:00 AM service to attend worship and the fellowship time after the service. (If students leave for Sunday School, that is okay.) This multi-generational ministry nurtures young believers and models a prayerful life. If you'd like to be a Prayer Mentor next year, please get in touch with Carol Dettmer at [carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org](mailto:carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org).

## *Wednesday Night Alive*

**April 10, 2024**

**Meal is at 6pm**

*Baked Spaghetti, Salad & Dessert*

Free Will Offering

**Programming begins at 6:30**

- **Fear of Nature Fear of Nature** presented by Heather Hucka - "Don't touch that, it's dangerous"... "Does that bite?"... "I am afraid of..." For being a part of nature, we sure are fearful of it! Have you ever stopped to wonder why? And more importantly, how that fear is keeping you from connecting to God's creations? Heather Hucka is the Conservation Education Manager for Cerro Gordo County Conservation. (*Gathering Space*)
- **Living Well in the Midst of Grief & Loss** (April 3, 10, 17 & 24)  
This class will give you an opportunity to explore how grief and loss impact your heart, soul, strength and mind. Facilitated by Linda Vold, Retired Therapist & Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse. (*Rm. 300*)
- **Trinity Choir**— meet in the Choir Room
- **Kindergarten - Grade 6**  
students will come to *the 2nd floor* and learn new things from talented Trinity adults with a new activity each week.
- **Confirmation : Grades 7 & 8** Students will meet together from 6:30 – 7:45 pm - experience small group and large group learning as they study for their confirmation.
- **Flame: Grades 9-12**—meet in the Youth Rm.

**WELCA Spring Salad Luncheon** will be on Saturday, April 13th from 8:30 to Noon at Our Saviours Lutheran Church. The speaker will be Nancy Jewell who is the Freedom Inn His Grace, executive director, who will be sharing information about the Beacon Hope Shine Here—low barrier warming shelter in Mason City. To make a reservation, contact Nancy Nielsen at 641-420-6562 by April 10.

## TLC OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **Worship Greeter** – Greet worshippers as they enter the building for weekend and midweek services. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Usher** – Distribute bulletins, welcome, collect offering, usher people for communion. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Readers** – Read the lessons for weekend services. Lessons provided a week prior to reading. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Communion Servers**— Assist Pastors with Communion distribution during worship services. Training available. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Worship Transportation** – Assist Region 2 Transit driver in picking up those needing a ride to Sunday worship. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Community Kitchen Volunteers**—Trinity provides volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at the Community Kitchen, *either the 1st Monday of each month from 9-1:00 and the 4th Wednesday of each month from 4-6:30 p.m.* See the bulletin boards by the church office.
- **Help at Affordables**—Trinity provides volunteers to help sort donated clothing at Affordables on the **2nd Wednesday of each month from 9-11:00 a.m.**

For more worship serving opportunities, go to [trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers](http://trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers)

**Rejoicing Spirits—Wednesday, April 17 / 5:00 PM / Fellowship Hall** Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities. Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus through camp style music, interactive skit, and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, April 8

9:00 a.m. Lectio Divina (Rm. 322)  
 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild (Rm. 300)  
 6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, April 9

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)  
 Noon Staff Meeting  
 4:15 p.m. NordKor Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)  
 6:15 p.m. Women's Ministry Cabinet (Rm. 300)

### Wednesday, April 10

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Library)  
 9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle (Rm. 208)  
 6:00 p.m. WNA Meal  
 6:30 p.m. WNA Programming

### Thursday, April 11

8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)  
 9:30 a.m. WELCA Bible Study (Rm. 208)  
 10:30 a.m. Clappers Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
 7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

### Saturday, April 13

8:30 a.m.-Noon WELCA Spring Salad Luncheon at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Mason City  
 5:00 p.m. **Worship Service**

### Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Health Cabinet Mtg. (Rm. 300)  
 9:00 a.m. **Worship Service**  
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**  
 1:30 p.m. Belong and Grow Membership Class (Fellowship Hall)

**LUNCH AND LEARN—Funeral Pre-Planning and Tour Thursday, April 18 / 12:00 PM / Fellowship Hall**  
 Tyler Schaefer, Prearrangement Specialist and Funeral Director at Major Erickson, will discuss the importance of discussing funeral arrangements in advance and give us a tour of the newly remodeled Major Erickson Funeral Home. Sandwiches, potato salad, and bars will be served for a free-will offering. **Please sign up on the bulletin board by the church offices by April 16th.**

Copies of **Christ in Our Home** for **April, May & June** are available to pick up by the office and welcome desk.