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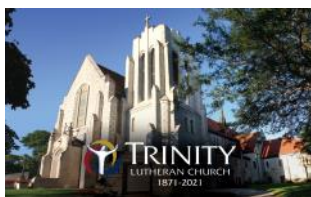
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The Trinity Connection informs the members of Trinity Lutheran Church about the church's mission, and people, helping them to grow in faith and commitment to Jesus Christ.



FRONT PAGE: Trinity Sunday School kids participate in the annual Scripture Super Bowl!

So much of life these days seems to be about polarities.

It's either "*this*" or "*that*." It's "*Us*" vs. "*Them*." At the same time, many of us are longing for connection and a deeper meaning to our lives—for truth beyond the politics, assumptions and narratives that divide us.

This Lent at Trinity, I invite you to explore with us the ways that God is present **in between**. Using familiar stories from the Gospel of Luke, we will examine binaries like 'faith & works,' or 'rest & growth,' or 'grief & hope.' We are going to look for the nuance and complexity and **in between** where God is often found.

Our journey this Lent at TLC will include weekend worship, Wednesday evening services and powerful Holy Week gatherings. But this year, we are also inviting all of Trinity to join in a Daily Scripture Challenge. Together we are going to read thru the Gospel of Luke using a daily guide put together by Pastor Hanson. You can do this alone or join with others in discussion groups. I really hope you will take this challenge and see the fruit it will bear in your life.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5 with imposition of ashes at 1:30 & 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. And check out the many other ways we plan to serve, learn and be church together this Lent at Trinity. Our series, "Everything [in] Between," is for people living in a

divided world. It's for all who seek a spiritual life that engages with complexity instead of avoiding it. It's for those who want to experience a God who shows up on the edges and everywhere in between.

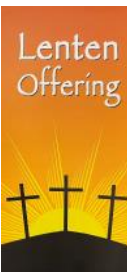
In Christ,  
**Pastor Dan Gerrietts**



**PASTOR DAN GERRIETTS**  
SENIOR PASTOR

## LENTEN OFFERING FOLDER SPECIAL LENT GIFT

Each Trinity household will receive a Lenten folder for a special offering during this season of "alms." All gifts benefit Trinity's ongoing ministry in our community. To make your gift online, go to [trinity-mc.org/give](http://trinity-mc.org/give). If you're unable to fill it with \$40, please give the amount that feels right for you.



## EASTER GARDEN & MEMORIALS

Please see the signup sheets located by the church office if you would like to remember or honor a loved one with an Easter plant. Plants can be purchased for \$15 each (Plant limit of 30 total). Remember or honor a loved one with an Easter memorial. You can also call the church office with your request. The Easter garden (and Easter memorial) deadline is March 28.







## LENT 2025

This year, we're letting the Gospel of Luke guide us through Lent. Beginning with Jesus setting his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51), this series flows through several familiar stories—the Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, the fruitless fig tree, the Lost Sheep, Zacchaeus, and more. In each narrative, Jesus intentionally highlights the cultural and political polarities of his time to emphasize the radical and inclusive love of God. Many of these stories mirror the divides we see in our families, churches and communities today.

This series is an invitation to approach these polarities with more faith, intention, and openness to others. Each weekly theme will explore two supposed binaries, like “rest & growth” or “grief & hope.” But life is often more nuanced and complex.

God is present [in] between.

## SERMON SERIES - WEEKENDS IN LENT



**1ST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
March 8-9, 2025



**3RD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
March 22-23, 2025



**2ND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
March 15-16, 2025



**4TH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
March 29-30, 2025



**5TH SUNDAY IN LENT** April 5-6, 2025

## JOURNEY WITH JESUS: Reading Luke Through Lent

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

The season of Lent is a great time to commit to spending time with God and tending our spiritual life. This Lenten season, we invite everyone at Trinity to read Scripture together as a spiritual discipline. Using the devotional *Journey with Jesus*, we will read the Gospel of Luke together, a chapter a day, along with other readings from the Bible that connect to Luke. Journal questions are provided to dig deeper and to reflect on the daily readings. For those interested, there will be a gathering at noon on Mondays during Lent in the Fellowship Hall to discuss and process the Scripture for the past week in community. People are encouraged to bring a lunch and to stay for whatever time their schedule allows.



## HOLY WEEK

### PALM PASSION SUNDAY

*Celebrate Christ's triumphal entry with Palms, youth sing and help lead worship*

**April 12-13, 2025**

**shouting & silence**

### REJOICING SPIRITS SERVICE

*A special Holy Week worship service inclusive of all ages / abilities*

**April 16, 2025 at 5:00 PM**

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

*Recall the Last Supper, First Communion recognition*

**April 17, 2025 at 6:30 PM**

**power & humility**

### GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA

*Holy Week Cantata featuring Trinity's musicians and ensembles*

**April 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM**

**acceptance & resistance**

### EASTER SATURDAY

*A special Service of Light with readings and hymns celebrating Easter*

**April 19, 2025 at 5:00 PM**

### EASTER SUNDAY

*Traditional festival services with music, Holy Communion*

**April 20, 2025**

**9:30 AM & 10:30 AM**

**grief & hope**



## EASTER FOOD PROJECT

The Ministries Committee is asking for monetary donations to provide local, less fortunate individuals or families with a healthy Easter meal to enjoy. A donation of \$35 will feed a household of up to four people, \$70 will feed a household of eight people, and so forth. Give online or in person! If you prefer, you may mail your donation separately or with your offering to Trinity and indicate the amount for the Easter Food Project on the offering envelope. Easter Food Project Envelopes are also available at the church office. Funds will be collected through March 31. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving an Easter box, please call the church office.

The deadline for submission of recipients is March 31.

**You can also help by signing up to deliver food boxes to recipients on Saturday, April 12 in the morning. Please get in touch with the church office by March 31.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MARCH

In March, Sunday School students will finish studying the House on the Rock and begin a new lesson on Holy Week, studying Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Jesus' crucifixion and the resurrection. Students and Teachers get a break with Spring Break Week, March 10-14.



## THANK YOU TO ROSENCHOR!

Wartburg College's Rosenchor Choir (a student-led acapella group) visited Trinity Lutheran Church on February 16 for worship and a special concert at 2:00 PM. Thank you for sharing your time and talents, ladies!

## YOUTH LENTEN MEALS

Youth will be serving Wednesday night meals during the season of Lent. Free will donations to these meals support youth programming at Trinity! Thanks for your support!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MOM LENT BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays During Lent**

**6:00 AM / Cabin Coffee - Mason City**

Middle School moms are invited to Cabin Coffee in Mason City with Carol Dettmer

on Wednesday mornings during Lent from 6:00 - 7:00 AM to read and discuss the Lent Bible Study of Luke that is for all Trinity members. The first meeting will be on March 5 at 6:00AM. These morning meetings will help with accountability and provide fellowship. All members also have the option to review and discuss the Lent study with Pastor Daniel on Mondays at 12:00 PM at Trinity. No RSVP needed for either, just show up!



**S**unday School Annual Scripture Super Bowl was held on February 9 for Ages 3 - High School!





## WINTER JAM 2025

**Friday, March 21, 2025**

**4:30 PM / Trinity Lutheran Church Parking Lot**

All 7th-12th graders and their parents are welcome to attend Winter Jam in Des Moines at the Wells Fargo Arena on Friday, March 21. One van will leave Trinity at 4:30 PM, and a second vehicle may leave later if needed. We will return around midnight. This concert is a gathering of many Christian artists such as Colton Dixon, Anne Wilson, Skillet, KB, Newsong and many more. <https://www.jamtour.com/des-moines-ia/>.



Tickets cost \$15, and scholarships are available. Friends are welcome. We hope to ride in 1 or 2 vans, so please RSVP by email to [carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org](mailto:carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org) by Monday, March 17, so we can confirm 1 or 2 vans.



## TRINITY AT ROLLER CITY

**Saturday, March 22, 2025**

**1:00 - 4:00 PM / Roller City Skating Rink**

5th and 6th graders (as well as ALL Trinity members and friends) are welcome to skate at Roller City on Saturday, March 22! **Cost is \$5.00** per person for skating and rental, and scholarships are available. Please contact Carol Dettmer at [carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org](mailto:carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org) with any questions.

## SUMMER CAMP 2025

**Vacation Bible School / Day Camp**

**June 9-11, 2025**

**Age 3-K: 9:00 - 11:00 AM**

**Grades 1-6: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Bring sack lunch)**

**Cost: \$25 / child**



Camp Riverside counselors will lead. Bring a friend. Register online at [www.trinity-mc.org](http://www.trinity-mc.org) or stop in the office for a registration form. Please register by Wednesday, May 28.

### Special Events during Day Camp Week

**Middle School:** Monday, June 9 @ 7:00 PM, 662 East State St in Mason City

**Everyone:** Wednesday, June 11, 5:00 PM, Closing Celebration followed by supper at Trinity Lutheran Church. Mark your calendar!

**Grades 1 - 6:** Thursday, June 12, Field Trip to Camp Riverside in Story City, IA. More details coming soon!

## DONATIONS REQUESTED:

### CANDY FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT

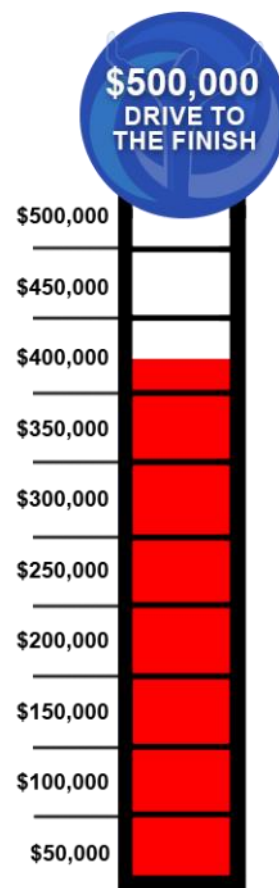
We are in need of candy donations for Trinity's Community Easter Egg Hunt. Donations of wrapped or plastic Easter eggs are greatly appreciated. We hope to fill 1,500 Easter Eggs. Please bring donations to the church office by **April 1**. Thank you!



## T150

### CONSTRUCTION LOAN

Trinity continues to pay on the remaining construction loan for the T150 building renovations, technology upgrades, and our mission project. Thanks to the ongoing generosity of many, we have been able to make loan payments from special gifts alone and not the general budget. Trinity's mission and outreach continue to be blessed by this \$4.5 million project. To make a gift, go to [trinity-mc.org/trinity-at-150](http://trinity-mc.org/trinity-at-150) or write "T150" on your check or envelope.



**Total Dollars Rec'd to Date - \$4,086,068**

**Loan Balance - \$144,839**

**Loan Interest Paid to Date - \$162,719**

### CAR SEAT THANK YOU

We are pleased to report that we exceeded our goal to purchase car seats for the Micronesian Community through Cerro Gordo Public Health! \$1165 was raised, which will purchase about 13 car seats. Thank you!

# WORSHIP TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

BY MICHELLE MURRAY

## LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US!



What does riding the bus to worship at Trinity entail? I took a ride last Sunday to see for myself, and I met some lovely people while doing so.

The bus pulled up to Trinity's entrance at 7:45 AM as volunteer Craig Remmen stood by the church office, making his last confirmation calls for a ride to church that morning. Randy Elsbernd, the driver of the day, had the bus warmed up and ready to roll. Craig and I chose back seats as Randy said we'd have about eight riders that morning. "A big part of the [volunteer's] job is figuring out who we're picking up and calling them," Remmen explained. Elsbernd studied his list of riders and yelled back to Remmen, "We'll pick up in the order they're listed."

One by one, Remmen called the riders to let them know they'd be the next pickup. The first rider was Carolyn Bethke, who said she's been riding the bus "ever since I moved from Dallas...a long time!" She'd recommend riding the bus to church as church is important to her. "I can pray to God, and I like to pray for my family and friends...and my cat!"

The bus offers a lot of room, and has the capability to help people with walkers and in wheelchairs. Elsbernd was very adept not only at driving, but jumping out to help people get into the bus if they needed the extra assistance. Remmen explained that this ministry used to consist of a van, but the handicap accessibility and a professional driver make a big difference. Remmen and Elsbernd greeted riders as they came into the bus and made them feel welcome...the first part of Trinity's radical hospitality.

Next up was Stan Olson, who was wearing a big fur cap that reminded me of one my dad used to wear. He also recommends the bus service. "It's nice!" he said. "I don't drive anymore." Even though he's lived in Iowa since 1931 and in Mason City since 1980, he said, "I never got used to the winters. It's nice to have a change of seasons...and I just put up with the winters." We had a fun conversation, and he told me I had a nice smile. A reminder of my father and a compliment. Not bad for early on a Sunday morning!

Denice Pinnske has also been riding the bus "for a while." She said she rides it because she likes going to church and buses are the only way she gets around.

Another stop and elegant and cheerful Glea Brunner entered the bus. "It's nice and warm and everybody is so lovely!" she said. "It works out so nicely for me." Brunner was driving until a few months ago when she quit because of her arthritis and declining coordination. "I've been riding a few months now and it means the world to me!" she exclaimed. "I miss driving, but this is just wonderful...just super! I love the people and I love the church."



DRIVER RANDY ELSBERND

Another rider, Sandra Willis, said she rides the bus to church because she has no car. "I've been riding a long time and I love going to church!" she said. "I usually don't miss it unless I'm sick." Since she's been going through chemo, she doesn't feel well some days. "I just wish it were summer," Willis said.

Another nice man, Stan Curry, was next on the pickup list. His reason for riding the bus: "I fell and the doctor suggested I don't drive anymore. I start therapy next week." He started riding the bus just this year and would recommend it to others.

Finally, the last passenger of the day, Sharon Heimbuch, entered on her wheelchair with the assistance of Elsbernd. "Hi Sharon!" the riders of the bus shouted. Her reply of course was





ELSBERND HELPING  
HEIMBUCH TO EXIT BUS

in song: "We're all in our places with bright shiny faces!" Suddenly, the people on the bus seemed like a family who is used to being together every Sunday.

However, this wasn't the case as this was Heimbuch's first time riding the bus!

She just recently started using a wheelchair as her knees were hurting so badly with bone on bone arthritis. "I couldn't walk down to the garage," she said, "and I've started physical therapy to get stronger."

Heimbuch explained that every Sunday she would "see this nice bus with nice people getting on and off," and it never occurred to her that she, too, could use this service. "I've been listening to church on the radio," Heimbuch said, "and this means I can come to church. A huge part of church is the community of believers being together!"

From the grateful riders to the welcoming volunteer to the competent and friendly bus driver, this transportation service to Trinity is a beautiful thing. If you are in need of a ride or if you'd like to be a volunteer from time to time, call the church office to help make arrangements. And be ready to start your Sunday morning off with a smile...and a warm ride in the winter.†



## AMAZING IOWA BOOK RELEASE

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**

**5:00 - 6:30 PM / Three Bells Books**

Michelle Murray, Connection writer and editor, has written her first book, *Amazing Iowa*, published by Reedy Press with a release date of March 15! Join her at her book release party at Three Bells Books in Mason City on Saturday, March 29 from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. This book, a labor of love about her home state, is full of stories and pictures of famous Iowans, state firsts, curios-

ities and oddities, sports figures and dark tales. She'll have a short program around 5:00 PM and be available to sign books, take pictures and share some snacks related to her book. Join this *Amazing* event!

## LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM / Capitol Hill Lutheran Church**

Join Lutheran Services in Iowa and the three Iowa ELCA bishops for the annual Lutheran Day on the Hill. This event is open to anyone who wants to advocate and help spread the word about the work that Lutheran Services in Iowa does. Participants will gather downtown at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church to learn about LSI advocacy and critical issues facing Iowa children, adults, and families. Then, we will have lunch and travel to the Iowa State Capitol to advocate directly with legislators. Pastor Daniel is organizing a charter bus or carpool (depending on group size) to leave from Trinity. Please sign up on the office board by March 3.



## CREATING YOUR LEGACY

You love Trinity Lutheran Church. You want to ensure it thrives and grows - and so do we! If you want to have a lasting impact beyond your lifetime, consider leaving a gift to Trinity in your will, trust, or by beneficiary designation. Already have Trinity in your plans? Please let us know so we can welcome you into Trinity's Legacy Community. For more information, please contact Pam Fike or Pastor Dan Gerriets.

Use this sample bequest language to ensure your gift is directed appropriately: "I hereby leave (percentage of estate/dollar amount/residue of my estate/percentage of residue) of my estate/trust to Trinity Lutheran Church, 213 N Pennsylvania Ave, Mason City, IA 50401, to be used in such a manner as outlined in the Legacy Fund policy (or designated for a specific purpose such as a particular memorial fund and/or ministry).

## TLC LEGACY FUND ANNOUNCES

### 2025 RECIPIENT

Each January, proceeds from the Trinity Legacy Fund are designated to a ministry(s) not supported by the general budget. This year's disbursement of \$2000 was directed to Trinity's Worship Transportation Ministry (WTM). The WTM provides rides to and from worship on a fully accessible bus staffed by volunteers who assist with loading, safety, and hospitality. It's an important and growing ministry to many in our community! Thanks to all who have invested in the Trinity Legacy Fund through their wills, memorials, and other gifts. These gifts will provide for God's mission at TLC for years to come. To learn more about the Legacy Fund, visit [trinity-mc.org/legacy](http://trinity-mc.org/legacy) or grab a flyer at the Welcome Center.



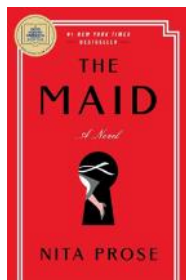
## ROTATING ART GALLERY ROBERT & ROSIE ALSBURY March - April 2025

Rosie Alsbury and her late husband Robert left their artistic mark on the northeast Iowa area and beyond. Robert became best known for his wildlife paintings but also captured rural and small-town charm in pencil drawings. Rosie pursued pottery and taught many classes at the MacNider Art Museum. Later in life, she took up painting in the abstract expressionist style. Come and check out their work on display in the Rotating Art Gallery in March and April.



## LIVING WELL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF AND LOSS

**Wednesdays in April and May** / Trinity Lutheran Church  
Living Well in the Midst of Grief & Loss is a four-week class that will give you an opportunity to explore how grief and loss impact your heart, soul, strength, and mind. We will have 4 sessions: Wednesdays, April 23 and 30, and May 7 and 14, at 2:00 PM. Please call the office if you are planning to attend so we can plan accordingly. This class is facilitated by Linda Vold, retired therapist, and Beverly Butler, Pastor of Spiritual Care.



## BOOK DISCUSSION

**Monday, March 10, 2025**

**1:00 PM** / The Gathering Space

Our March book is *The Maid* by Nita Prose. "*The Maid* explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different—and reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart." Join us for the book discussion on Monday, March 10 at 1:00 PM. **Multiple copies are available to check out from the Trinity Lutheran Church Office.**

## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

**10:00 AM** / The Gathering Space

Volunteer nurses provide blood pressure checks on the third Sunday of the month in The Gathering Space. It's important to check your blood pressure often, especially if you are over age 40. High blood pressure has no signs or symptoms. The only way to know if you have high blood pressure is to get it checked. Mark your calendar!



NURSE MINDY FARLAND PROVIDING BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS.



## KITCHEN GADGETS GALORE - *Instant Pot*

**Monday, March 17, 2025**

**1:00 PM** / Trinity Kitchen

Come and learn some creative uses for those kitchen gadgets taking up space in your cabinets. On March 17 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM, we will learn about the wonders of the Instant Pot. This multi-functional pressure cooker is perfect for camping or preparing a meal quickly. This workshop offers hands-on participation with every step of the process—from preparing to eating! The instructor is Kim Reisinger. The supply fee is \$5.00. Space is limited, so sign up at the church office or call 641-423-0536.

## REJOICING SPIRITS

**Wednesday, March 19, 2025**

**5:00 PM** / Trinity Fellowship Hall

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us on Wednesday, March 19, as we learn about the parable of the Good Samaritan through camp-style music, interactive skit, and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.



## VISIO DIVINA

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

**10:00 AM** / MacNider Museum-303 2nd St. SE, Mason City  
Visio Divina, or "sacred seeing," is an ancient form of Christian prayer in which we allow our hearts and imaginations to enter into an image. In silence, we hope to see what God

might have to say to us. Come and encounter the Divine through visual art. The current exhibit, *Different Perspectives*, focuses on artists who have not always received equal time in the artistic spotlight.







## WALK A WAY

**Wednesday, June 4- Friday, June 6**

*Heritage Trail- Dyersville to Dubuque*

An Iowa pilgrimage experience to step away from our routines into a way of being that supports listening and letting go. We depart from Mason City on Wednesday morning, June 4 and return early evening on Friday, June 6.

We begin at the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa where we are invited to trust and lean into that still small voice that leads us on a journey of discovery of who we are and who God intends for us to be. We then walk the approximately 30 mile Heritage Trail from Dyersville to Dubuque spread out over the next three days. Overnight accommodations include the New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, IA and Shalom Spirituality Center in Dubuque, IA.

Our guides for the pilgrimage are The Reverend Stephen Benitz, Regional Missioner of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa and Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse of Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City. A support vehicle travels with us to assist as needed and to provide snacks and water along the way. Cost: \$300 (includes transportation, evening accommodations, and meals) Partial scholarships available. Participants are responsible for the cost of their own celebratory lunch on Friday. Register and pay a \$150 deposit to save your spot. Space is limited to nine people. Registration deadline is May 1.

## LUNCH AND LEARN

### DEMENTIA FRIENDLY IOWA

**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

**12:00-1:00 PM / Trinity Fellowship Hall**

*Dementia Friendly Iowa* is an initiative of the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging to promote change and education in communities across Iowa to create a more informed, safe, and respectful place for people living with dementia and their caregivers.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, at least 62,000 people are living with dementia in Iowa, and this number is expected to continue to increase as the population ages. Come for some practical tips and helpful information on Thursday, March 27, at noon in the Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. A light lunch of soup and sandwich will be provided for a free-will donation. Please call Trinity Church to get a head count for lunch at 641-423-0536.



## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

**Friday, March 28, 2025**

**8:00 AM - 4:30 PM / Trinity Fellowship Hall**

Mental Health First Aid is a course that teaches individuals how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. Instructor Thomas Heiar is the Population Health Coordinator at CG Public Health focused on prevention and raising awareness around mental health. Cerro Gordo Public Health received a mental health grant from the University of Iowa that will cover the cost of training materials. Lunch provided. Space is limited to first 25 people. Register by March 14 by calling 641-423-0536 or visit [trinity-mc.org/events/mental-health-first-aid](https://trinity-mc.org/events/mental-health-first-aid).

## SUPPORT GROUPS

*Accompanying Each Other on the Journey*

### CAREGIVERS

#### SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregivers Support Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in person and via Zoom. Individuals providing care for loved ones in any capacity (whether at home, in a care facility, or from a distance) are welcome to attend to receive support and information.

The facilitators are Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse at Trinity Lutheran Church, and Pundeep Kaur, Family Caregiver Specialist at Elderbridge. If you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom, please call the office for the link.

### CANCER

#### SUPPORT GROUP

Individuals currently treating cancer or those who are in remission, along with family and loved ones, are encouraged to attend the third Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM in Trinity Room 307. The facilitators are cancer survivors Roger Schlitter and Linda Stine. If you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom, please call the office for the link.

### HEALING SERVICE

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

**1:30 PM / Trinity Sanctuary**

Family and friends are invited to a Healing Service in the Sanctuary. During this time we'll pray for healing of body, mind, spirit, and relationship. All are welcome. One does not need to have an illness to come to pray for others and receive anointing with oil and the "laying on of hands" for oneself.

## CALENDAR KEY

### TLC

Trinity Lutheran Church  
(Various locations  
in the building)

### TFH

Trinity Fellowship Hall

### TK

Trinity Kitchen

### TR(#)

Trinity Room (Number)

### TGS

Trinity Gathering Space

### TS

Trinity Sanctuary

### TPL

Trinity Parking Lot

### TYR

Trinity Youth Room

### CK

Community Kitchen

### YTFB

YouTube & Facebook

### TCR

Trinity Choir Room

### CC

Cabin Coffee Mason City

### RC

Roller City Roller Rink

★★Holy Communion Served  
++Rite of Healing

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS



Daylight saving  
time will begin for the year at  
**2:00 AM local time on Sunday,  
March 9**, when we "spring forward"  
and lose an hour of sleep.

## JULIE SANCHEZ | VICE PRESIDENT

Our new leadership positions were voted in during our Annual Meeting in January of 2025. We welcome Julie Sanchez, our new Vice President!



### Where did you grow up?

*Mason City. I've been a member of Trinity all my life.*

### Could you tell us a little about your family?

*My husband, Joe and I have 3 adult children: a son in Florida, a son in California and a daughter here in Mason City, along with 2 adult grandchildren.*

### Where do (or did) you work and/or how do you spend your time?

*I've had 3 main jobs over the course of time: Mason City Tent & Awning, Kraft Foods, and then I retired from Church & Dwight (originally Varied Industries). Now I work part-time in the office at the Landfill.*

### What are your interests and hobbies?

*I love to read and travel with family and friends. My siblings and spouses have vacationed together every year for the last 17 years, going somewhere different almost every year.*

### What do you most enjoy about serving on Council and/or being a part of Trinity?

*Serving on the council is a new venture/opportunity for me that I look forward to. I have been a member of Altar Guild for 20 years and love serving the church in this capacity, preparing communion for the church services and special functions. I joined the Columbarium committee in 2022, serving as treasurer and have been a core member of the Women's Ministries Cabinet for almost 6 years. I also served as co-chair of the Scandinavian Bazaar. I really enjoy being a part of these groups, as well as occasionally serving coffee on Sunday with Joe. Joe and I also take our turn at ushering when our month comes up.*

2025 NATIONAL CONCERT TOUR

**THE WARTBURG CHOIR**

DR. LEE NELSON, CONDUCTOR

FEATURING MASON CITY HS CONCERT CHOIR | ETHAN PRUISMAN, CONDUCTOR  
 CLEAR LAKE HS CHAMBER SINGERS | JASON HEITLAND, CONDUCTOR

**Sunday, March 30 2 p.m.**

Trinity Lutheran Church  
213 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Mason City, IA 50401

Freewill donations will be accepted to support scholarships and future concert tours.



**Saturday, March 1, 2025**

5:00 PM Worship\*\* TS

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

9:00 A & 10:30 A Worship \*\* TS

9:15 AM Sunday School TEW

**Monday, March 3, 2025**

9:00 AM Centering Prayer TR322/Zoom

9:00 AM Trinity at Community Kitchen CK

6:00 PM Bronze Bell Choir TS

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class TGS

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study FH

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL

1:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service TS

6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service TS

**Thursday, March 6, 2025**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class TGS

10:30 AM Clapper Bell Choir TS

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

5:00 PM Worship TS

**Sunday, March 9, 2025 -Spring Forward**

9:00 A & 10:30 A Worship TS

**Monday, March 10, 2025**

9:00 AM Lectio Divina TR322/Zoom

9:00 AM Rolling Bandages for Global Health TFH

9:30 AM Altar Guild TR300

12:00 PM Lent Discussion TFH

1:00 PM Book Discussion TGS

6:00 PM Bronze Bell Choir TS

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class TGS

9:00 AM Lutheran Day on the Hill DSM

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

6:00 AM MS Mom Lent Bible Study CC

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study FH

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL

9:30 AM Lydia Circle TR208

6:00 PM Lenten Meal TFH

6:30 PM Lent Worship Service TLC

**Thursday, March 13, 2025**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class TGS

9:30 AM WELCA Bible Study TR208

10:30 AM Clappers Bell Choir TS

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

5:00 PM Worship\*\* TS

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

9:00 AM Worship \*\* TS

10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks TGS

10:30 AM Worship \*\* TS

1:30 PM Special Healing Worship Service TS

**Monday, March 17, 2025**

9:00 AM Trinity Quilters TFH

9:00 AM Centering Prayer TR300/Zoom

10:00 AM Healing Touch Exchange (HTSM Team)TR321

12:00 PM Lent Discussion TFH

**Monday, March 17, 2025 cont...**

1:00 PM Gadgets Galore Class TK

6:00 PM Bronze Bell Choir TS

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class TGS

10:45 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry TR307

**Wednesday, March 19, 2025**

6:00 AM MS Mom Lent Bible Study CC

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study FH

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL

2:00 PM Cancer Support Group TR300/Zoom

5:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits TFH

6:00 PM Lenten Meal TFH

6:30 PM Lent Worship Service TS

**Thursday, March 20, 2025**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class TGS

**Friday, March 21, 2025**

4:30 PM Winter Jam TPL

**Saturday, March 22, 2025**

1:00 PM Roller City Skating Event RC

5:00 PM Worship TS

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

9:00 A & 10:30 A Worship TS

9:15 AM Sunday School TEW

**Monday, March 24, 2025**

9:00 AM Trinity Quilters TFH

9:00 AM Lectio Divina TR322/Zoom

12:00 PM Lent Discussion TFH

6:00 AM Bronze Bell Choir TS

**Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class TGS

9:30 AM Caregivers Support Group TR300/Zoom

6:30 PM Trinity Council Meeting TR300

**Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

6:00 AM MS Mom Lent Bible Study CC

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study FH

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL

4:00 PM Trinity at Community Kitchen CK

6:00 PM Lenten Meal TFH

6:30 PM Lent Worship Service TLC

**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class TGS

10:30 AM Clappers Bell Choir TS

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn TFH

**Friday, March 28, 2025**

8:00 AM Mental Health First Aid Class TFH

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**

5:00 PM Worship++ TS

**Sunday, March 30, 2025**

9:00 A & 10:30 A Worship ++ TS

9:15 AM Sunday School TEW

2:00 PM Wartburg Choir Concert TS

**Monday, March 31, 2025**

9:00 AM Trinity Quilters TFH

12:00 PM Lent Discussion TFH

6:00 PM Bronze Bell Choir TS



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- Trinity Connection
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## OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM M-Th  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM F

## WORSHIP

### SANCTUARY

- **Saturdays 5:00 PM** | Sanctuary  
*Traditional Service*
- **Sundays 9:00 AM** | Sanctuary  
& Online - Livestreamed on  
Facebook and YouTube,  
or listen live on KCMR 97.9 FM  
or [kcmrfm.com](http://kcmrfm.com)
- **Sundays 10:30 AM** | Sanctuary  
*Contemporary Service*

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