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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 Members attend Lutheran Day on the Hill in Des Moines, IA

Lutherans received some unwelcomed attention recently when Michael Flynn made some outrageous comments on “X,” the social media platform formerly known as “Twitter.” Flynn, who served briefly as the U.S. national security advisor, accused “Lutheran Family Services and affiliated organizations” of “money laundering.” He went on to list Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (which has been known as Global Refuge since early 2024) and several other Lutheran Social Service agencies along with a screen shot of a spreadsheet showing grants to a number of agencies, nearly all of them with the word “Lutheran” in their title. His post stated that these organizations “receive massive amounts of taxpayer dollars, and the numbers speak for themselves,” even though his post included absolutely no evidence or even a source for the picture he posted.

This completely baseless attack brought a swift response from Lutherans across the country. Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA presiding bishop, condemned Flynn’s accusations in the strongest possible terms. We shared a statement in worship that following weekend citing the many Trinity members who have served in leadership of organizations like Lutheran Services in Iowa, and the many more members who have adopted children or received family services and counseling through such agencies. A group of Trinity members attended Lutheran Day on the Hill in March in support of LSI funding and work. And even Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds has since stated, “I absolutely do not think that Lutheran Services is a money laundering organization. ... They provide a whole host of charitable services to hundreds of thousands of people.” The facts on this question speak for themselves - Charity Navigator rates Lutheran Services in Iowa and Global Refuge as “four-star” charities (the highest rating) with perfect scores in financial accountability. There is simply no money laundering here. Just misinformation and dirty politics – something we see more of every day.

For some, talking about civic or political issues like this in church can feel uncomfortable. But as followers of Jesus, our first calling is to love God and neighbor. This requires us to actively engage in public life – to volunteer and serve on boards, to vote and work for causes that create peace and justice for others. Civic engagement has been part of the Lutheran movement from its beginning. We believe in the institutional separation of church and state. But church and government can and should interact, working together for the health, freedom, and safety of all. When government fails to protect the vulnerable, the baptized must speak out.

Once, in an effort to entrap Jesus, the Pharisees asked him if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar (the emperor). Jesus responded, “Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” (Matthew 22:15-17) His point was that while Caesar ruled the empire (and tax system), it all falls under God’s rule and reign. Church and state, while different and separate, are *both* established by God and *both* gifts from God.

So friends, don’t be afraid to work for justice and peace in our civic life. We are citizens of heaven but also citizens of this country - called to serve our neighbor by working for what is good and right and merciful and just for all.

-Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Administrative Assistant to Congregational Life

Trinity seeks a skilled and organized individual to serve as our Administrative Assistant to Congregation Life. This person is our front-of-office receptionist, providing welcome and assistance to those entering the church and phoning in. To learn more about this position and apply, please visit: TRINITY-MC.ORG/EMPLOYMENT/.



PASTOR DAN GERRIETTS
SENIOR PASTOR

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



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.

THE CROSS WALK

The Cross Walk will be held again this year on Good Friday as we remember Jesus' journey to the cross. Folks from area churches will gather at noon on April 18 outside of First United Methodist Church, 119 S. Georgia Ave., and will walk through downtown Mason City stopping at various "stations" to hear readings from Scripture. Volunteers will be recruited from among the gathered worshippers to carry the large wooden cross from station to station. We will conclude at St. Paul Lutheran Church with a brief worship in the sanctuary followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall. All are invited to this community event.



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. God is present [in] between.

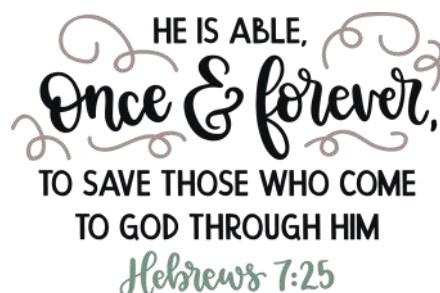


5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 5-6, 2025

A Season of REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

On Sunday April 6 at 2:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, there will be a special Lenten service of repentance and reflection. Several area churches have planned this service which focuses on our shared history of complicity in allowing social injustice. This worship service will include readings from scripture, a litany of confession, and hymns. Discussion and snacks to follow. All are welcome.



SUNDAY SCHOOL IN APRIL

Trinity Sunday Schoolers are studying Holy Week & Easter in April. They will celebrate Palm Sunday with a processional at Trinity and Good Shepherd during the Sunday School hour.



SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SING WITH ADULT CHOIR

Special Sunday morning event on Sunday, April 27! Children, age 3 – Grade 6 will sing at the 9:00 AM worship service WITH THE ADULT CHOIR - you won't want to miss this event! Please come early! Children will be called forward at 9:00 AM service. Teachers will be recognized. Sunday School class will be held as usual, 9:15-10:15 AM. This is the last Sunday School class for 2024-25.



WELCOME TO THE TABLE

First Communion Instruction

The Education Committee and church staff recommend 4th grade as a good time to receive instruction on Communion. Our two-part Communion class (April 2 & 9), Welcome to the Table, is being offered for Grade 4 students accompanied by at least one parent. The class is designed for those youth who have already taken Communion and those who are preparing for their first Communion. We welcome older or younger students who have not yet had Communion instruction or desire to have Communion instruction before 4th grade to participate. Students who complete the class will be recognized on Maundy Thursday at 6:30 PM with a reception following in The Gathering Space.



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 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

High School: Tuesday, June 10 TBD

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!*

WEST FORK ARCHERY

When you think about spring tournament season, wrestling and basketball immediately come to mind. We do brackets, pray that no blizzards show up, and more. Archery wasn't the first think on my mind this spring. However, clearly Katniss Everdeen (and Robin Hood) had some impact on some of our youth growing up. Five Trinity

youth are a part of the West Fork Middle School archery team that qualified for State this year. Students could participate in either 3D archery, where the targets are sized like actual animals, or Bullseye, what we commonly associate with Robin Hood. Some of our students participated in both this year. One of our Youth, Katherine, placed 5th overall, and the entire West Fork Middle School team finished 1st in State. Watching them compete in Des Moines was an adventure, and they made the most of their weekend in the city with multiple trips to Jordan Creek Mall, a breakfast fueled by giant pancakes, and a celebration dinner at Hickory Park in Ames. We are super proud of our Youth! - Dani Vogel





TRINITY'S 5TH - 8TH GRADE LOCK-IN ON FEBRUARY 28, 2025



Sunday School Teacher, Tom Kirby, showed students how to build a house on a rock of faith in March in Trinity's Education Wing.

CONFIRMATION Service Opportunities

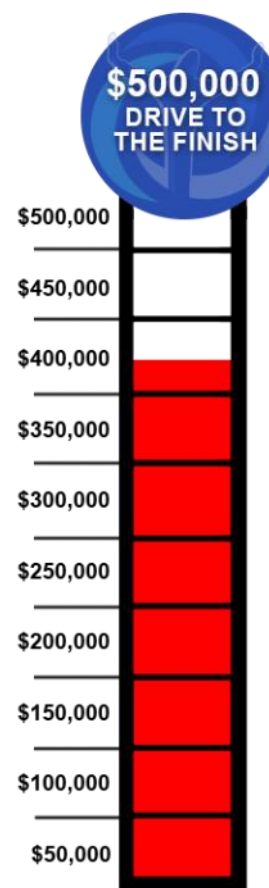
Confirmation students are asked to help pack Easter food bags and hide Easter eggs at Trinity from 4:00-6:00 PM on **Friday, April 11**. Pizza will also be served.

On **Saturday, April 12**, confirmation students are also needed from 9:00 - 11:00 AM to help load the food bags into cars and assist with the Easter egg hunt.

RSVP and questions to carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org.

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 or write "T150" on your check or envelope.



Total Dollars Rec'd to Date - \$4,091,128
Loan Balance - \$140,257
Loan Interest Pd to Date - \$163,380

A DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL

With 350 Lutheran Friends

BY PASTOR DANIEL HANSON (WITH MICHELLE MURRAY)



LSI CEO RENEE HARDMAN, KEN ZIMMERMAN

Walking into the sanctuary of Capitol Hill Lutheran in Des Moines, it was standing room only. Over 350 Lutherans (a new record) packed into this sacred space to kick off Lutheran Day on the Hill, the

annual advocacy day for Lutheran Services in Iowa.

We began the day with worship, led by the three Iowa bishops. Let me tell you, 350 energized and caffeinated Lutherans can really sing! Knowing that we gathered from all over the state, it was powerful to join our voices in confession, prayer, and song to God.

This year marks 160 years of ministry for Lutheran Services in Iowa. Beginning in 1864, LSI opened a children's home to care for orphans from the Civil War. Today, LSI provides a wide variety of services in the state. So wide-ranging are these services, it is difficult to summarize them all! Just a few of the ways LSI serves neighbors in Iowa includes mental health services, foster care and adoption services, refugee community service, services for people with disabilities, and other child and youth services.

Speeches by State Senator Sarah Trone Garriott, an ordained ELCA pastor, and LSI President and CEO Renee Hardman grounded us in LSI's mission and the current challenges LSI faces. As an expression of our faith, Lutherans remain committed to serving our most vulnerable neighbors as a partner with state and federal government. Now it was our task to share this story of both our neighbor's need and LSI's ministry with our local legislatures from across this state. But first, lunch.

One of the great joys of the day was connecting with others who attended. Lutheran Day on the Hill was a visual representation of what it means to be church together. Yes, we are members of individual congregations, but together we are a part of the larger church. We together are Christ's body in the world to serve.

Members of Trinity traveled with members from Galilean Lutheran in Clear Lake, Cross Roads Parish and Our Savior's Lutheran in Osage, and St. James Lutheran in Mason City. We had the opportunity to meet people from all over the state. Across the table at lunch and in the packed fellowship hall, strangers became neighbors.

After lunch, we walked a few blocks up to the golden domes of the State Capitol. There we took our group picture on the steps and together sang "This Little Light of Mine." We then had a chance to visit the Iowa House and Senate and asked to speak

with our local legislators. Now was the time to gather our collected voices in a new way, advocating for our vulnerable neighbors and LSI's ministry.

Some were able to speak to their legislators and others left notes. I was able to speak with one legislator. I asked what he already knew about Lutheran Services in Iowa. He replied, "Well, I know Martin Luther." To be fair, I cannot imagine the amount of information he is asked to process. What was clear was that he didn't know LSI's story, and it was our task to speak up for their ministry and for the people they serve. This was my take-away from the day. Our legislators need to hear from us. They need to hear stories they don't yet know about our neighbors in North Iowa. This is one way we can serve our neighbors in need. Over its 160 years of history, the story of LSI is one where Lutherans responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. Today, it's with our voices and our hands and feet that we are a part of that story. - **Pastor Daniel Hanson**

Earl Kiefer and Ken Zimmerman were two of the many Trinity members who attended this event. Each weighed in on his experience.



Earl Kiefer decided to go to this event "because of all the changes going on in the government these last few months." He felt the Holy Spirit leading him as this was his first time attending Lutheran Day on the Hill. Overall, he wanted to be there to advocate for LSI. He said, "The feeling of being there with almost 400 Lutherans was just breathtaking." Kiefer said the event "matched my expectations of standing up for justice and advocating for LSI to help our brothers and sisters in Christ, reaching out in a time of need to help make life better for them."

Kiefer advised other Trinity members to attend this event if the chance ever arises. "I felt so moved that day having all three bishops there from Iowa and listening to the amazing speakers. The Holy Spirit called me that day and I'm so glad I went."

It was **Ken Zimmerman's** first time attending this event as well. He said, "The political malice towards LSI, the withholding of funds already owed LSI and legislation to seriously impair LSI's mission were forefront among my reasons [to go]," and he appreciated doing this in unison with other Lutherans. Zimmerman said the atmosphere among the crowd was "electric with a shared purpose." He shared, "We gathered for the service at the Capitol Lutheran Church that set the tone for our presence. We came to support—not to call names.

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SPRING PROGRAMMING IS 2 WEEKS : APRIL 23 & 30



Wednesday Night Alive



Community Meal

6:00 PM

Free-will Offering

Programming

6:30 PM

All programming is from 6:30 - 7:30 PM
unless otherwise noted.

Adults

Studies on Creation

APRIL 23, 2025

Join Carlyle Dalen in the Gathering Space as he presents **"The Magic of Butterflies."** Carlyle is the Cerro Gordo County Attorney and one of his hobbies is collecting butterflies.

APRIL 30, 2025

Join Heather Hucka, Conservation Education Manager/Naturalist for Lime Creek Nature Center/Cerro Gordo Conservation Board in the Gathering Space for **'Caring for Creation'**. What does it mean to have dominion over the earth and its creatures? As caretakers, we are given a responsibility beyond our understanding. Creation is not ours to control but to learn from and nurture.

CHOIR

Trinity's choir is open to all vocalists, high school age & older.
Choir practice is held in the Choir Room.

Youth

Kindergarten through Grade 6

Students will learn from talented Trinity adults with a new activity each week.

Confirmation-Grades 7 and 8

Confirmation students will gather 6:30 – 7:45 PM,
and experience small group and large group learning as they study
for their confirmation.



TRINITY TRIPPERS TO TULIP FESTIVAL

Thursday, May 1, 2025

7:30 AM | Trinity Parking Lot

Trinity Trippers are traveling to Pella, Iowa, for the annual Tulip Time Festival on Thursday, May 1. This is a "do-it-yourself" trip with charter bus transportation, and the day is open for your food and activity choices. Walk through town to see the tulips, watch the 2:45 PM parade, check out the craft market and antique implements, browse the stores, enjoy the museum flower show – all for free! Purchase a Pella

City tour, Historical Village and Windmill tour, watch demonstrations of Dutch crafts and cooking, take in the Grandstand Show with special seating for the parade, and more. For additional information go to <https://www.pellahistorical.org/tulip-time>. Sign up and pay to reserve your spot in the church office by April 24. **The cost is \$40 for the trip.** This is not refundable. We're departing at 7:30 AM from the Trinity parking lot. Join your Trinity friends for a great day of beauty and fun!



MAY BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 15, 2025

9:30 AM | Trinity Fellowship Hall
SAVE THE DATE

We welcome Tracie Dedor as our guest speaker for this year's May Breakfast at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Tracie will share her powerful story of survival and resilience, reflecting on an accident that forever changed her life during a mission trip 25 years ago. Her journey of faith, strength, and hope is sure to inspire and uplift.



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 through 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.



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

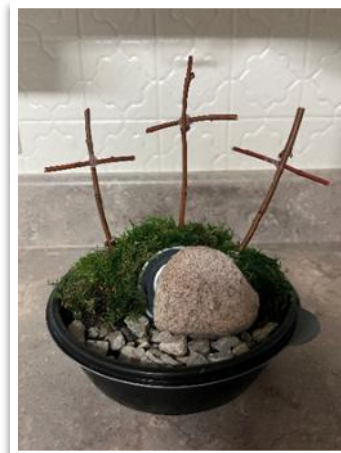
might have to say to us. Come and encounter the Divine through visual art. The current exhibit, *Different Perspectives*, focuses on artists who have not always received equal time in the artistic spotlight.

SOUL SPA

Friday, April 11, 2025

9:00 - 11:00 AM / Trinity Education Wing

Soul Spa invites participants to engage in a variety of spiritual practices to nurture body, mind, and spirit. Lent is the perfect time to step away from your routine for reflection and renewal. We will start and end together with free time in the middle for you to visit as few or as many stations as you desire. Stations offered include creating an Easter resurrection garden, walking the labyrinth, Visio Divina, refreshments and, seated healing touch sessions. Wear comfortable clothing and come as you are. Register by calling 641-423-0536 or just show up.



REJOICING SPIRITS

Wednesday, April 16, 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, April 16, for a special Holy Week service that reenacts Jesus's journey from his entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to his death on the cross on Good Friday and his glorious resurrection on Easter

Sunday. Holy Communion will be provided along with an opportunity for singing and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation. All are welcome.

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

Weekend Guided Walks-

Saturday, May 3 and Sunday May, 4

In honor of World Labyrinth Day on Saturday May 3, two guided walk times are offered that weekend on the Community Labyrinth located in Trinity's courtyard. A guide will be available on Saturday, May 3 from 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM and on Sunday, May 4 from 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM. The guide is available to offer suggestions and answer any questions you may have about the labyrinth. Walk with the intention of peace in yourself, your relationships, our country and our world. The sign next to the labyrinth offers guidance and brochures on how to walk a labyrinth. The labyrinth is open and available to the community on a regular basis.





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 twelve people. Registration deadline is May 1.

BIKE RIDE

Monday, April 28, 2025

6:00 PM / Trinity Parking Lot

Come and join us for the first bike ride of the season on the High Line Trail out to Georgia Hanford Park and back. The surface is paved with an approximate distance of 5 miles but you can turn around whenever you choose. Meet in the Trinity parking lot.



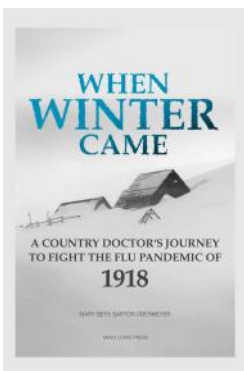
BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, May 12, 2025

1:00 PM / The Gathering Space

Our May book is *When Winter Came: A country doctor's journey to fight the flu pandemic of 1918* by Mary Beth Sartor Obermeyer. Long after Dr. Sartor died, granddaughter Beth found a handwritten memoir of his experiences caring for patients during the influenza pandemic of 1918 nestled among other family documents in a lock-box. Thus began the journey. Beth used her skills as a journalist to discover how Dr. Sartor saved lives amid a

global crisis ... how he won the love of his patients throughout his career ... and how he earned the respect of his colleagues, who named him Iowa's General Practitioner of the Year. **Multiple copies are available to check out from the Trinity Lutheran Church Office.**



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One of our speakers noted we came as 'troublemakers.' Her message was we came to support what was right and needed...the trouble came from what was not right, referencing Martin Luther."

Overall the event exceeded Zimmerman's expectations. He thought the event was well-organized and the Lutheran visitors' time was well-managed. He said, "The fellowship among some nearly 400 Lutherans was inspiring, and my hope is that next year we increase our presence."

"Standout moments" that he shared included joining the governor as she signed the proclamation of it being LSI day. Zimmerman said, "This was a day of heartfelt Lutheran advocacy that couldn't have been ignored. We gathered on the Capitol steps together and filled the area with our voices singing 'This Little Light of Mine' as guests, staff members and KCCI TV station reporters observed. It was a very moving moment for me." †

HEALING TOUCH SPIRITUAL MINISTRY

Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry (HTSM) is a sacred healing art which integrates prayer, the laying-on of hands, and anointing with oil found within our Christian tradition to enhance the body's capacity for healing. It is a safe complementary therapy to regular and ongoing medical care. HTSM has been offering distant and in-person healing touch sessions to the Mason City community and beyond since 2008. We currently have an ecumenical team of 18 trained individuals. There is no charge for the session but we do accept donations that support the HTSM team with further training. Call the church office to schedule a healing touch session at 641-423-0536.

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

TH

Trail Head

MA

MacNider Art Museum

******Holy Communion Served
++Rite of Healing



BELOW & GROW

New Member Class

Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 PM or

Sunday, April 13 at 1:30 PM

(Choose one session)

Looking for a church home? A place to belong?
Interested in learning more about Trinity's life

and mission, or whether this might be the place to connect and grow? Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads an interactive class for those exploring membership or wondering if Trinity is right for them. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Learn about our mission commitments and the faith expressions that ground us. Take a tour of the building. Meet other people!

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9:30 AM / Trinity Fellowship Hall

Fellowship Coffee returns! Come to the Fellowship Hall for a time of coffee and treats and to hear Sarah Swegle, Trinity's Council President, share highlights from her life story.



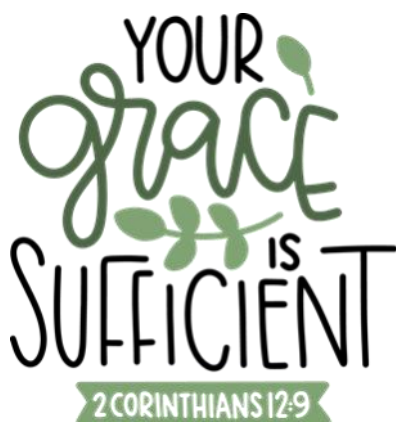
SIGN UP TO SERVE COFFEE ON SUNDAYS

The Ministries Committee is grateful for those who volunteer to serve coffee on Sunday mornings! We couldn't do it without you. We need volunteers for upcoming Sundays. It's a fun job and a wonderful way to meet or catch up with the congregation and visitors. A member of the Ministries Committee is also there to assist you. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the office. If you have questions, please feel free to visit with someone from the Ministries Committee, including Penny Bennett, Mindy Farland, Kevin Hendrikson, Joann Johnson, Lisa Lorenzen, Ronda Smith, or Cynthia Zach.

BABY KITS FOR LWR

The Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief are in need of the following items for babies 6 to 24 months. We thank you for your support!

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Diapers - pre-folded | 4. Ivory soap bars |
| 2. Socks | 5. Hand towels |
| 3. Receiving Blankets | 6. Monetary donation |



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APRIL CALENDAR

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

8:00 AM	BASES Exercise Class	TGS
10:00 AM	Visio Divina	MAM
6:30 PM	Belong & Grow Class	TLC

Wednesday, April 2, 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
5:15 PM	Welcome to the Table Class	TR208
6:00 PM	Lenten Meal	TFH
6:30 PM	Lent Worship Service	TS
7:10 PM	Choir	TLC

Thursday, April 3, 2025

8:00 AM	BASES Exercise Class	TGS
10:30 AM	Clapper Bell Choir	TS

Saturday, April 5, 2025

5:00 PM	Worship**	TS
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Sunday, April 6, 2025

9:00 A & 10:30 A	Worship**	TS
9:15 AM	Sunday School	TEW

Monday, April 7, 2025

9:00 AM	Centering Prayer	TR322/Zoom
9:00 AM	Trinity at Community Kitchen	CK
12:00 PM	Lent Discussion	TFH
6:00 PM	Bronze Bell Choir	TS

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

8:00 AM	BASES Exercise Class	TGS
9:30 AM	Fellowship Coffee	TFH

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

6:00 AM	MS Mom Lent Bible Study	CC
7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	TFH
8:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	TL
9:30 AM	Lydia Circle	TR208
5:15 PM	Welcome to the Table Class	TR208
6:00 PM	Lenten Meal	TFH
6:30 PM	Lent Worship Service	TLC

Thursday, April 10, 2025

8:00 AM	BASES Exercise Class	TGS
9:30 AM	WELCA Bible Study	TR208
10:30 AM	Clappers Bell Choir	TS

Friday, April 11, 2025

9:00 AM	Soul Spa	TLC
4:00 PM	Assembling Easter Food Bags	TLC

Saturday, April 12, 2025

9:00 - 11:00 AM	Easter Food Bag Delivery	
10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt	TLC
5:00 PM	Worship	TS

Sunday, April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday

9:00 A & 10:30 A	Worship	TS
9:15 AM	Sunday School	TEW
1:30 PM	Belong & Grow Class	TFH

Monday, April 14, 2025

9:00 AM	Lectio Divina	TR300/Zoom
9:00 AM	Rolling Bandages for Global Health	TFH
9:30 AM	Altar Guild	TR300
12:00 PM	Lent Discussion	TFH
6:00 PM	Bronze Bell Choir	TS

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

8:00 AM	BASES Exercise Class	TGS
10:45 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	TR307

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

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
6:30 PM	Choir	TLC

Thursday, April 17, 2025 - Maundy Thursday

8:00 AM	BASES Exercise Class	TGS
10:30 AM	Clapper Bell Choir	TS
6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship Service**	TS

Friday, April 18, 2025 - Good Friday

6:30 PM	Good Friday Cantata Service	TS
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Saturday, April 19, 2025 - Easter Saturday

5:00 PM	Worship**	TS
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Sunday, April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday

9:00 AM	Easter Worship**	TS
10:30 AM	Easter Worship**	TS

Monday, April 21, 2025

9:00 AM	Trinity Quilters	TFH
9:00 AM	Centering Prayer	TR322/Zoom
10:00 AM	Healing Touch Exchange (HTSM Team)	TR321
6:00 AM	Bronze Bell Choir	TS

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

8:00 AM	BASES Exercise Class	TGS
9:30 AM	Caregivers Support Group	TR300/Zoom
6:30 PM	Trinity Council Meeting	TR300

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	FH
8:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	TL
2:00 PM	Living Well in the Midst of Grief Class	TLC
4:00 PM	Trinity at Community Kitchen	CK
6:00 PM	Community Meal	TFH
6:30 PM	Wednesday Night Alive	TLC
6:30 PM	Choir	TLC

Thursday, April 24, 2025

8:00 AM	BASES Exercise Class	TGS
10:30 AM	Clappers Bell Choir	TS

Saturday, April 26, 2025

5:00 PM	Worship	TS
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Sunday, April 27, 2025

9:00 A & 10:30 A	Worship	TS
9:15 AM	Sunday School	TEW

Monday, April 28, 2025

9:00 AM	Trinity Quilters	TFH
9:00 AM	Lectio Divina	TR322/Zoom
6:00 PM	Bronze Bell Choir	TS
6:00 PM	Bike Ride High Line Trail	TPL

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

8:00 AM	BASES Exercise Class	TGS
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Wednesday, April 30, 2025

7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	FH
8:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	TL
2:00 PM	Living Well in the Midst of Grief Class	TLC
6:00 PM	Community Meal	TFH
6:30 PM	Wednesday Night Alive	TLC
6:30 PM	Choir	TLC



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