

Trinity Lutheran Church

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April 2025

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings in Christ!

April! We know with April, the weather turns warmer; hopefully, we get a good amount of rain to make up for the limited snowfall we had this winter. Farmers will start planting and working their fields. This is life in central North Dakota. Life revolves around the planting and harvesting seasons. This is much the same as in the Bible. In the Holy Land, they have two planting and harvesting seasons. The climate doesn't truly produce a winter season, so the growing season is year-round.

I was looking at the newspaper while I was writing this article. It is National Ag Week. North Dakota is #1 in producing several different beans, peas, grains, etc. This is a good thing. We have many hard working, dedicated farmers in our community. We have many hard-working people in our community in general, whether they are working in food production or not. This too, is a good thing.

I want to challenge the people of Carrington in general and Trinity in particular, to change our focus. Growing food for the people of the world to eat is a very important job, and we need to continue doing this. Is it the most important thing we could be doing? We have people, including entire families in our community who have nothing to do with Jesus of Nazareth. If you ask these people, many will say they are Christians. Are they living their lives according to God's Word? I am not being critical here. For many years in my life, I paid lip-service to being a person of faith. This is what many people are doing. They believe, but they just don't see a tangible benefit to putting energy into their faith. This is where you and I come into play.

God has put you and I here, in Carrington, for just this task. We are to tell people about the love of Christ. We are to tell them that Jesus paid the price they could not pay; He did it all. They are now free to accept Christ's gift of salvation. They simply need to believe. As it says in Romans 10:9, "9 ...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." We are to tell people what His gift has meant to our lives, and how it shapes them moving forward.

Go with God,

Pastor Ritchie



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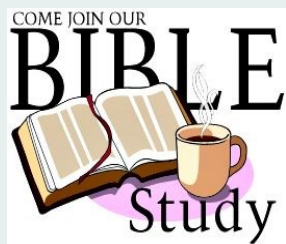
Soup Suppers will continue thru April 9th. Serving from 5:30 to 6:30

Students and Families are invited.

B.L.A.S.T. is from 6:15-6:55 during Lent for Kindergarten through 6th grade.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation class is from 6:15pm—6:55pm on Wednesday evenings during Lent.



Women's Bible Study

The Third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall

REMINDER: BLAST/Confirmation time during lent is 6:15pm—6:55pm. Confirmation students are expected to attend worship at 7:00pm.

Lenten services will continue each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. with a soup supper each night starting at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church if anyone is willing to help with the food or work.

April 2nd

April 9th

April 17th—Maundy Thursday(5th Graders' First Communion)

April 18th—Good Friday

April 20th—Easter



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New Business: Lenton service offering will go to each of the following: 1/3 General, 1/3 Back Pack program, 1/3 FMSC.

Checking into how much was given in past to Ministerial association.

Deacons will gather church keys from past members.

A walk through of the church will be done to decide what old equipment can be discarded or stored.

WOW will work on updating the volunteer list.

No correspondence this month

Pastor Ritchie did closing prayer.

Janice will do devotions at next meeting on April 8, 2025.

Sincerely submitted,

Jo Pollert

MAY FAITH IN SERVICE LIST

Membership of Trinity Lutheran is divided into 11 groups that each take a month to be responsible for tasks within the church. Each month we will be looking for ushers, lay readers, communion set-up, communion servers and coffee servers.

The list below is the service group scheduled for May. The coordinators for May are Billie Lura and Mindy Lura. If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in May works best for you and call Billie(652-5674) or Mindy(653-5920) to volunteer. If you are called, please prayerfully consider how you can help. Please say yes when called. Thank you for doing your part and participating in our worship services.

Bauer, Marlys	Kruse, Nathan & Amber	Rau, Michael & Tara
Davis, Jodie & Doug	Kvamme, Jeff & Jona	Ricter, Lori
Dietz, Kim & Laurie	Lies, Richard & Barb Krush	Rost, Deb
Ferguson, Doug	Lura, Billie & Troy	Schaaf, Dionn
Frost, Mark & Corrine	Lura, Mindy & Travis	Sherman, Josh
Goplen, Gary & Deb	Lura, Tanner & Haley	Skadberg, Doug & Melody
Hart, Lori	Mehring, Patricia	VanRay, Marc & Randi Jo
Kollman, Jerry & Dawn	Munkeby, Randy & Pam	Whitman, CJ & Jennifer

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2025

	<u>February Income</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Weekly Income and Attendance</u>		
General	\$17,904.12	\$15,857.69	Weekly Need:	\$4,981.73	
B.L.A.S.T.	\$	-	2/02/2025	3,329.00	172
Mission	\$	\$	2/09/2025	4,140.00	179
Building	\$	\$ 2,551.48	2/16/2025	3,607.00	173
Total	\$17,904.12	\$18,409.17	2/23/2025	2,991.00	140
			Online giving for February	\$3,397.65	

Budget Report for January 1, 2025—December 31, 2025

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Disbursed to Date</u>	<u>Budgeted for Year</u>	<u>Difference for Year</u>
Missions	\$390.00	\$4,600.00	\$ 4,210.00
Staff Compensation	\$24,281.21	\$171,200.00	\$ 146,918.79
Congregational Life	\$1,897.01	\$15,600.00	\$13,702.99
Operational Cost	\$6,608.40	\$67,650.00	\$ 61,041.60
WOW	\$614.12	\$38,100.00	\$37,485.88
Totals	\$33,790.74	\$297,150.00	\$263,359.26

COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes March 18, 2025

Attendance: Council members: Jodie Davis, Michael Simons, Claudia Park, Jo Pollert, Sheila Harrington, Pastor Ritchie Cole, Josh Cabler, Janice Gussiaas, Tara Rau, and Markie Rosenau.

Absent: Morgan Wetzel, Mike Neis. Jeff Knudson, Kerry Smith, Kelsie Neis, Kendra Beach and Lori Solberg.

Guest: Sheryl Roundy

President Michael Simons called meeting to order and opened with a prayer.

Devotions were given by Sheila Harrington.

Minutes were reviewed and Sheila Harrington made a motion to approve minutes, and Josh Cabler seconded this motion. Motion carried. Michael thanked all that attended an informal get together at his home.

Treasure report by Janice Gussiaas.

General Account: \$10,304.97	Missions: \$37,096.91
Reserve: \$7,748.49	Edward Jones 73,984.72.

Pastors report: Pastor Ritchie reported attending various groups, sporting events, worship services, baptisms, funerals, visitations etc. A blood drive also was held at Trinity. The Martin Luther Event attendees had many positive comments. Pastor thanked all for prayers and support during his illness and all that helped with Ash Wednesday service.

Executive Board Report: A reimbursement of \$68.00 was made to Holly Zieman for her malpractice insurance. Claudia made a motion to form a committee to explore options to finding a replacement for Jane. Sheila seconded it. Motion carried. Sheryl volunteered for this committee. Jane VanRay will continue as Education for one more school year. She will remain to onboard someone for the position.

Becky Pretzer has been hired to the secretary position.

A 3% increase in pay was given to Sheryl, Holly and Nicole and organist. It is budgeted for.

Deacon report: Palms for Palm Sunday are ordered, Graduation Sunday is being planned, Policy book updating is continuing.

WOW report by Sheila Harrington: Wow will do soup supper on April 9.

Board of Education report: Soup will be delivered to shut ins on Wednesday, March 27.

Board of Trustees: Josh Cabler reported: Continuing working on doors and lighting. Discussed fund raising opportunities for parking lot project. Replacing weed barrier and gravel around church. Looking to purchase a new riding lawn mower with bagger. Working on policy updates.

Old Business: Josh made a motion to form a committee to check into hosting a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) event and Jodie seconded it. Motion carried. Claudia made a motion and Tara seconded for A vision/mission statement to be chosen next meeting from these 3 options.

Worship Christ in actions, love and service.

Know Jesus and make Jesus known.

To live, love and serve Jesus Christ.

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MARCH 2025 WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)

BOARD MEETING

The Women of the Word (WOW) board meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on March 10, 2025, by Co-President Sheila Harrington. Those in attendance were Sheila Harrington, Nikole Hoggarth, Julee Erdmann, Mary Struxness, Kristen Hewitt and Amanda Bickett.

Karen Buskness, Michelle Kliem and Brenda Stokes were absent.

**** Others Present were:** Pastor Ritchie Cole. Sheila Harrington shared a devotion.

Minutes of the February meeting: Were reviewed. Kristen moved to approve the minutes and Nikole seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Sheila presented the February 2025 financial report for Michelle. The beginning balance for February was \$10,357.55 with deposits of \$977.00 and expenses of \$680.74. **Bills submitted and paid in February were:** Julee Erdmann \$47.94, Renee Hallwachs \$117.93, Leever's \$96.82, Bonnie Monson \$35.00, Dakota Dust Tex \$183.05 and Johan Hinderlie \$200.00. **Current bills to be approved and paid in March:** Dakota Dust Tex (rug rental) \$183.05, Leever's \$161.58, Dacotah Paper (plates and cups) \$452.19, Julee Erdmann \$53.07 and Petal and Stems Floral \$? (amount not known at meeting time).

Vice Presidents Report: Julee reported three coffee hours and two funerals for February. ****** The women served lunch for 21 people who attended the Martin and Katie Luther play.

Fellowship Report: Sheila reported for Karen that Gayle Kuss will be embroidering on the Senior towels again this year and the cost is \$15.00 per towel. We have eight Seniors this year.

Stewardship Report: Kristen reported that 89 pounds of baby supplies were collected for The Little Miracles Mission. It was a great success, and they plan on doing it again next year.

Correspondence: Thank You from Holly Zieman for the donation to Friends In Need.

Old and Unfinished Business:

New Business: Sheila mentioned that June 18th, 19th and 20th is planned for this year's Fair Food Booth. ****** WOW will be serving April 9th for the Lent Soup Supper. ****** Installation Ceremony was held for five of WOW board members. The rest of the board members will be installed at next month's meeting. ****** Pastor Ritchie Cole mentioned that Confirmation Sunday will be May 4th.

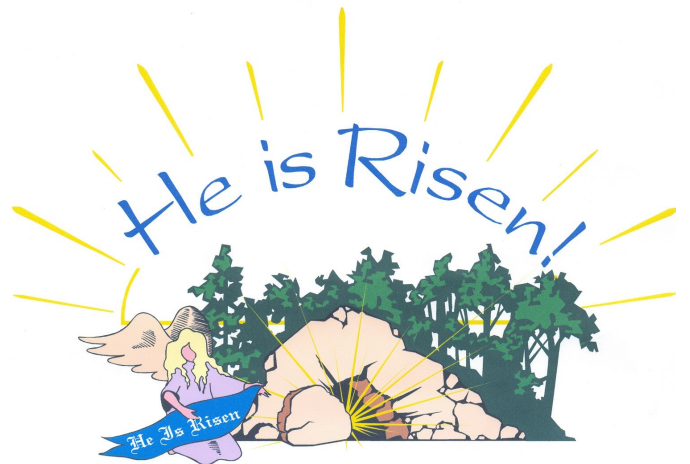
The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the church library.

Submitted by Mary Struxness



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Kenedy Trostad
- 2 Tim Aljets, Alexis Doeling, Scott Tweed
- 3 Dustin Garber, Kylie Kvamme, Kevin & Kelsey Carr
- 4 Raelyn Aljets, Hayes Beach, Averie Neis, Arlene Schroeder, Neil Veen, Brad Weninger
- 5 Jason Lura, Natalie Rau, Kelsey Wolf
- 6 Emma Rost
- 7 Brexyn Cabler, Ernest Hoffert, Tony Kraling, Marvin Skytland
- 8 Mariann Doeling, Sharie Mattson
- 9 Gabe Ricter, Jordan Wolf, Sue Wolsky
- 10 Chelsea Aljets, Brittany Fiebiger, Ryan Larson, Ronda Myers, Mike Tufte
- 11 Darlene Ellingson, Easton Mittleider
- 12 Jarret Bauer, Cora Doeling, Lily Doeling, Tanner Guthmiller, Finn Johnson, Lisa Marcotte, Kylee & Tyler Ingebretson
- 13 Mason Cook, Mya Cook, Carol Dunn, Bryar Page, Wayne Shipman
- 14 Sheryl Roundy, Layton Sauvageau, Keith Schroeder, Korbyn Zieman
- 15 Randy Lura
- 16 RJ Marcotte
- 17 Ashley Hoff, Briston Kollman, Jeff Kvamme, Erica Stokes
- 18 Barb Krush-Lies
- 19 Paul Berg, Shelby Botha, Ethan Gast, Jana Lesmeister, DeeDee Pogatshnik, Michael Rau
- 20 Candice Bronaugh, Jess Doeling, Todd Ingebretson, Lindsey Kirkeby, Jace Lura, Chet Pollert, Jaxon Richter, Leighton Rzaszutak
- 21 Brenda Bush, Gene Drewlow, Brianna Eli, Everett Nieland, Theodore Ostlie
- 22 Michael Koenig, Drake Moravec, Harlan Olson
- 23 Nicholas Garber, Katie Gussiaas, McKenna Laib
- 24 Michelle Hollingsworth, Jona Kvamme, Zachary Magnuson, Cassidy VandeHoven
- 26 Lea Dell, Katie & Jon Gussiaas
- 27 Dawn Kollman, Ethan Richter, Kade Richter
- 28 Mallory Hooey, Tina Jans, Vernon Morlock, Kathy & Larry Erickson
- 29 Casey Beach, Ty Larson
- 30 Josey Skytland



APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:15-6:55 pm BLAST/ Confirmation 7:00 pm Worship Service	3	4	5
6 9:30am Worship/ Communion 10:30am Coffee Hour	7 1:00pm Quilting/ Nalbinding 5:45pm Board of Education Meeting	8 7:00 pm Council Meeting	9 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:15-6:55 pm BLAST/ Confirmation 7:00 pm Worship Service	10	11	12
13 9:30am Worship PALM Sunday BLAST Students Sing 10:30am Coffee Hour	14 Lions Blood Drive at Trinity 7:00pm WOW Meeting	15 9:00am Woman's Bible Study 5:30pm Foundation Meeting	16 NO BLAST/ Confirmation	17 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Worship 5th graders receive first communion	18 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship	19
20 9:30am Worship/ Communion EASTER	21 Church Office Closed 1:00pm Quilting/ Nalbinding	22	23 10:00am Worship Service at Golden Acres 6:30pm BLAST/ Confirmation 7:15pm New Life Youth Group	24	25	26
27 9:30am Worship Teacher Appreciation/ Faithfull Attendance 10:30am Coffee Hour	28 1:00pm Quilting/ Nalbinding	29	30 2:00 pm Young at Heart 6:30 pm BLAST Off to summer 6:30pm Confirmation			

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Becky Pretzer—Secretary

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April 2025

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Worship Services are
Sundays at 9:30 am

Listen to us Sundays at 11:20 a.m.
on KDAK (1600 AM)
-or-
online at www.newsdakota.com

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Pastor Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
By appointment at all other times

