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“Then go quickly
and tell his disciples:
**‘He has risen
from the dead**
and is going ahead
of you into Galilee.
There you will see him.’”

MATTHEW 28:7, NIV

Welcome Back, Meggen Henke.

Meggen finished her medical leave and began working from home the week of March 27th. She plans to be back in the office starting April 11.

Thank you to Judy Brueske, Jody Larson, Peg Schlenker, Colleen Lebahn, Erin Klein, and Allison Limke for tending to many of the tasks Meggen usually does to support the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church. These six women did an amazing job during Meggen’s absence, but all are grateful for Meggen’s healthy return following knee surgery.

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I'm a Lutheran



Connie Wells

I was born in Rugby, ND, and was raised in Bethel Lutheran, rural Rugby. After getting married in Bethel, we lived in Grand Forks and in various places while Charlie was in the

army. During that time we didn't have a church home, but when we settled in Steele, that changed. We have been members of Trinity Lutheran in Steele, United Methodist in Robinson, and now St. John's. Our faith has always been an important part of our lives.

When Charlie was in the army, we had the opportunity to live in Thailand for a few months. An important lesson I learned there was what it was like to be in the minority. No matter where we are, we realize that we have more similarities than we have differences. We all want the best for our families - a safe home, adequate food and the opportunity to pursue a fulfilling life.

I believe that God loves me no matter what I say, do or think. At times I know my thoughts are not very charitable, but I know God will forgive my shortcomings if I ask. My favorite Bible stories exhibit God's love for all. A good example is the Woman at the Well that we heard in worship this month. Jesus never turns away from those who are different. He accepts everyone who comes to him.

An ongoing issue which is important to me is the acceptance and respect for LGBTQIA+ individuals. I hold onto the great commandment to love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself. To that I add "judge not lest you be judged". We need to accept everyone as a friend and neighbor. God will take care of judging in his time.

After more than six years, I still struggle with the loss of our son. When I think I've found an answer, further reflection leaves me still wondering why. Since losing our son, I have realized how many people in our community have lost a child. While we have that grief in common, each experience is unique to each family. If I could change anything, I would have my son back. That isn't possible, so to honor him, I will try to be the best person I can be.

I'm a Lutheran because I was born and raised in the Lutheran faith. I stay because I'm in favor of the path the ELCA has taken in welcoming and including everyone. My favorite part of weekly worship is the phrase "All is ready. All are welcome." which we hear before communion is served.

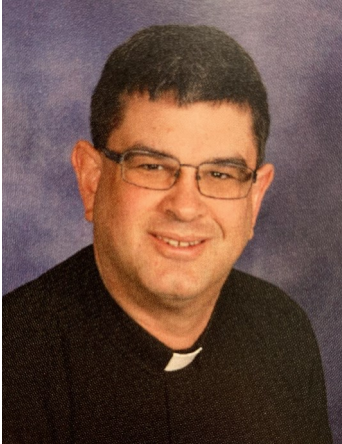
Music has always been important in my life and in my worship. I was a pianist at my home church while in high school and accompanied choir and/or worship in each church we have attended.

My working life has always been in banking, mostly in customer contact roles. Today we enjoy our retirement. While we have always enjoyed travel, I think we will stick to road trips from now on. I really have no desire to set foot in an airport again!

Serving on church teams has taught me how much goes on behind the scenes to keep everything going. Nothing happens by accident! It takes a team of dedicated pastors and willing volunteers to make the church an integral part of the community in which we live.

Pastor Erik asked what there was about me that people would find surprising. Probably that there is nothing surprising!

Faith Takes Root



Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" Mt. 27:54

Soldiers tell stories. This centurion and the detail of soldiers with him received the assignment of carrying out the execution of Jesus. They were present here at the moment of his death and they experienced the cries of creation at his passing. The curtain in the temple was split in two, although they would not have known that, or cared. They saw rocks split open. They felt the earth shake. They were terrified. Creation itself was crying out.

Matthew paints a picture of fear and confusion for those who witnessed the death and resurrection of Jesus. The soldiers, the disciples, the women, the religious leaders: all were terrified by the things that they saw. In the midst of this fear, God continues to work to let Faith take root.

Jesus, dead, still hangs on the cross. The crowds gathered continue to watch. And as the dust drifts away and the earth settles down an amazing thing emerges: Faith. The centurion and soldiers confess Jesus as the son of God. Gentiles in the service of the Empire, who were not waiting for a messiah, found an invitation to believe. "Truly this man was God's Son!" As they returned to their barracks or tents that night, this contingent of soldiers would have told the stories of what they had seen and come to believe. They would have asked, "where were you about mid-afternoon? Did you feel the earthquake?" They would have checked in with other soldiers who would have been in the city or at the gates or returning from a patrol. "Did you feel it?" "You'll never guess where I was. I saw everything!" The stories started to circulate. We don't know how far the tremors of the earth traveled, but we do know that those soldiers eventually left Jerusalem and traveled elsewhere. They could have marched across North Africa or journeyed to the forested areas of Germany or Britain, or even back to Rome. Wherever they went, they would tell the story of that day when something extraordinary happened.

Our resurrection moment in Matthew's telling of the Gospel is brief. Jesus speaks just a few sentences first to the women on their way from the tomb on Easter morning and again to the gathered disciples in Galilee. Jesus tells the disciples to "Go to all nations baptizing themselves in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." On their way, they might have crossed paths with some of the soldiers who were there that day. The power of stories and of the testimony of the soldiers spread as well as the witness of the disciples.

We continue to tell the stories of the resurrection. In gatherings around the world celebratory greetings of "Happy Easter" will be shared. The terror of the first Holy Week has been replaced with the joy of living in the light of the Risen Christ. May this Easter Season sustain and encourage you. Jesus is not in the tomb- He has been raised. Alleluia!

In Christ,
Pastor Erik Weber

Synod and Christians in Action News



Vital Church Conversations

The Eastern North Dakota Synod is hosting another of their Vital Church Conversations on Saturday, May 6 from 10am-4:30pm. This session will focus on how we show up as leaders in our contexts and how to navigate and manage systems in order to foster healthier conversation and communities. If you are interested in joining the conversation speak to Pastor Kristi Weber or Pastor Susan Haukaas.

LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES INTERVIEW

Eastern ND Synod Council member and local leader Matuor Alier was the special guest on Walking Through Lent Together on Tuesday, March 21! This is a weekly interview series hosted by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. Matuor is a former refugee from Sudan. Listen to Matuor's interview and check out previous interviews on LIRS's YouTube page. You can find the page by searching "Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service".



Games and Tie-Dye Sunday, April 16

Middle and High School Youth are invited to English Lutheran Church in Medina
Depart from St. John's at 12:15 in the van, return by 3:45 pm
Cost of \$10 covers a shirt, supplies, food, and an additional \$2 covers transportation for a total of \$12.

Watch Realm for a sign up link or contact Pastor Stephanie Gossett at
PastorStephanie@NDChristiansAct.org

Christians in Action – Youth and Family Ministries

Among the 8 congregations of the Christians in Action Partnership, there are approximately 220-240 youth in middle and high school. Recent and upcoming events include:

The Circus will be in Jamestown Tuesday, April 11.

Youth and adults who are available to help as part of the Christians in Action youth group will be able to earn \$30 each toward payments for the ELCA Youth Gathering (July 16-20, 2024), the Castaway Synod Retreat September 2023) or other youth ministry events closer to home.

Your responsibilities at the Circus will vary, but probably include selling toys, food, or helping as needed. Adults are likely to be asked to supervise a small team of youth. You can have fun watching kids enjoy the circus and be part of the festivities at the same time. Your shift would be approximately from 4:00-8:00 pm Tuesday, April 11.

Watch Realm for a sign up link or contact Pastor Kristi Weber at PastorKristi@NDChristiansAct.org

Bowling

Although the snow kept youth from Zion, Kulm and English, Medina from traveling to Jamestown for the Bowling Event on March 5th, those who were able to attend enjoyed themselves.



Congregations participating in Christians in Action:

Atonement, Jamestown
Montpelier, Montpelier

Christ the King, Ellendale
St. John's, Jamestown

Emmanuel, Gackle
Trinity, Jamestown

English, Medina
Zion, Kulm

TWELCA Spring Cluster

English Lutheran in Medina will host the spring cluster meeting of the Women of the ELCA May 6, serving muffins or breads during 9 a.m. registration. The theme of the event is Think Spring! and will focus on our thoughts and interactions. The guest presenter is Lindsey Voeltz. The events of the day will end around 1:30 p.m.

Pre-registration by calling Julie Opp at 320 3890 by May 1 would be appreciated for planning. The cost of the noon lunch is \$12.

In Kind offering of children's pajamas, as well as a cash offering, will be taken for Project Ignite Light, a faith-based organization that provides children with important items needed when examined at local Children's Advocacy Centers around the United States for sexual and physical abuse, neglect, and human trafficking.



Young at Heart will meet for lunch at 11:00am Monday, April 17 at Shady's.

All seniors are welcome!



Community Notices

4/24 Jamestown High School
Band Concert
7:30pm JHS Theater

Trinity Events

4/30 3:00 pm Estate Planning Workshop
6/19-6/23 Vacation Bible School
with Red Willow Bible Camp



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Trinity Church is fortunate to have devoted musicians who keep our music program alive. Trinity Choir, Celebration, Faith Quest Choir, and special instrumentalists bring joy and beauty to worship week after week. It is a privilege to serve as your organist and choir director and to experience the faithful support of those involved in the music program.

As always, we continue to hope for and look forward to receiving new participants who could bring additional strength to each group. Don't wait to be asked! Simply show up at a rehearsal and you will be welcomed.

Dick Morris

Men of Trinity Meeting, Tuesday, April 18th

After taking off for the winter months, the Men of Trinity (MOT) will again meet in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM Tuesday, April 18th. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month from April thru December.

All men of Trinity, including friends of Trinity, are welcome to attend meetings and/or participant in the ministry or service projects of this organization.

One of the significant projects of MOT is hosting the annual Lutfisk and Meatball Supper in the fall. Funds from this Supper are used to support numerous organizations including Boy Scout Troop 163, Red Willow Ministries, Salvation Army, World Hunger, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Community Action and various Trinity needs. This event could not be held if it wasn't for the many volunteers pitching in to help with all the preparations.

This ministry is important to Trinity and the community and like many organizations we are in need of more people to help out. Please prayerfully consider becoming involved and hopefully attend our monthly meetings. If you have any questions about this ministry, please text or call Randy Lebahn at 701-320-1678.

Jamestown Area Grief Support

The group will meet once a week

Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

United Presbyterian Church

302 2nd Ave SE, Jamestown,

beginning April 11th

and will run for six weeks

Anyone who has experienced the death of someone important to them is encouraged to attend.

The group is free of charge, but registration is required. Participants should plan to attend all six sessions.

To register, call Diane at 701-320-4915 or Eileen at 701-269-4521.

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UP TO DATE?

Council Highlights—Monday, March 20, 2023

Present: Greg Ulland, Amy Joseph, Nathan Steele, Jacob Limke, Chris Flann, Mindy Skunberg, Eric Knodel, Shawn Banet, Mary Craft (by phone) Pastor Kristi Weber, Pastor Susan Haukaas

Minutes: minutes of the February 20, 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports for February 2023 were received.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Motion to replace 2 boilers using funds designated from the RENEW Campaign and from the Engel Estate Gift as needed.
- 2) Staffing Updates
 - a) consensus to work toward hiring two people in partnership with Christians in Action congregations. Follow up needed before offers are made to candidates.
 - b) Approval to post a Full Time position for a Director of Music Ministries (action followed the request of the current Primary Organist and Choir Director, Dick Morris, who plans to retire when a new Director is hired.)

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1) Report from follow up meeting about how compensation information is presented in the Annual Report. Twelve people attended including Council President, Vice-President, members of the Personnel Committee, both Pastors, and several members who had questions about the changes to this year's report. Recommendations for next year
 - a) hold a budget meeting the week before the Annual Meeting so detailed questions can be addressed (questions would be welcomed during the Annual Meeting, but the earlier meeting will allow more time for questions and any follow up research) and
 - b) provide more detail about compensation categories than appeared in the 2023 budget.

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS (Telephone)

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Stephen Ministry.....	Wendy Thompson (251-2122)
Women of Trinity.....	Ruth Urdahl (952-1733)
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Church Office.....	252-2841



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Council Highlights continued

Next regular meeting: Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00PM
in person

Next Executive team meeting Tuesday, March 11 at
Noon on Zoom

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Financial Snapshot—Trinity's General Fund Through February 2023

Year to Date Income	\$ 61,000
Year to Date Designated Income*	+\$ 2,000
Year to Date Total New Income	\$ 63,000
Transfer from Savings** for Designated Expenses	+\$ 25,000
Year to Date Total for Expenses	\$ 85,000
Year to Date Expenses	-\$ 80,300
Surplus (deficit)	\$ 4,700

*Designated income includes funds received for specific bills paid through Trinity's General Fund.

**Some funds received in previous years are designated for expenses (such as repairs paid by donations to the RENEW Campaign)

Your generosity throughout the year helps continue Trinity's mission and ministry.

There Comes a Time: Planning to Let Go

You've worked hard all your life to build a home, a family, a career, a business, a nest egg for retirement, some security for the future. And it's not just a collection of stuff or a sum of money. What you've built reflects who you are and what is most important to you.

But, there comes a time when you no longer need all that you've accumulated. When that time comes, what will happen next?

On Sunday, April 30 Pastor Keith Pearson, Regional Gift Planner with the ELCA Foundation will be in our area to talk about planning for that inevitable time. You'll learn about the shortcomings of many traditional plans, some strategies to help avoid taxes, and ways to leave a meaningful legacy that reflects your faith and values.

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Sunday, April 30
3:00-4:00 pm

This event is sponsored by Trinity's Foundation.

March Gladness update through March 27

13 Donors made a first gift to RENEW

NEW DONOR BONUS* of \$3,250
to reduce principal on Trinity's mortgage

29 people posted March Gladness cards telling stories of what they are glad God is doing in their lives.

BONUS* of \$13,200
to reduce principal on Trinity's mortgage

BONUS* paid by Engel Estate Gift based on the number of people participating in March Gladness.

March Gladness OVERTIME period
April 1-5

Worship on FM radio

If you are having trouble with the reception on 1400 AM for the radio broadcast of the 8:30 am Sunday worship, try 107.1 FM to get better reception.

Altar Flowers

- † 4/2/23 by Michele & Russ Well in celebration of Morgan's birthday
- † 4/9/23 by Hal & Deanna Weiser in honor of Carter's birthday
- † 4/16/23 by Nathan & Jen Mack in memory of Heather Sherman-Kurtz
- † 4/23/23 by Marlyn Swanson in honor of her grandchildren's April birthdays
- † 4/30/23 by Evelyn Runck in honor of family

Altar Candles

- † 4/9/23 by Dustin & Miranda Erickson in honor of Karli's 11th birthday
- † 4/16/23 by Jeanette Skjeret in memory of Leon L. and Leon D. Skjeret
- † 4/23/23 by Marlyn Swanson in honor of her grandchildren's April birthdays
- † 4/30/23 by Hal & Deanna Weiser in honor of Carter's birthday

Radio

- † 4/9/23 by Dick Morris in honor of Trinity Lutheran Church
- † 4/16/23 by kids & grandkids in honor of Ellen Olson
- † 4/23/23 Hal & Deanna Weiser in honor of Carter's birthday
- † 4/30/23 by Judy Brueske in memory of A.D. & Laretta Brueske

Ministerial Acts



Funerals

† 3/16/2023 Aaron Marsalek



Baptisms

† 3/26/2023 Luca Grayson Wiest
son of Shannon and Courtney Wiest

March worship attendance

In person at 8:30 a.m.

March 5 60
March 12 18
March 19 52
March 26 66

In person at 10:45 a.m.

March 5 63
March 12 34
March 19 54
March 26 103

YouTube views

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

March 5 46
March 12 52
March 19 61
March 26 28

In person Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

March 1 33
March 8 34
March 15 45
March 22 40

YouTube views

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

March 1 88
March 8 45
March 15 48
March 22 39

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Lynette Berry (320-5707)..... Faith Quest Administrator
Dick Morris..... Organist/Choir Director
Meggen Henke..... Administrative Assistant



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Palm / Passion Sunday 8:30am Worship with Communion 9:30am Faith Quest 10:45am Worship with Communion	3 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Girl Scouts	4 8:45am Open Play 9:45am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study	5 No Worship/No Class	6 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Worship	7 No School Good Friday Office Closed 7:00pm Worship	1
9 Easter 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship	10 Office Closed 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 6:00pm Handbells	11 9:45am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study	12 8:45am Open Play 9:30 am Quilting 4:00pm 6th-7th Grade Confirmation— St. John's Lutheran 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm 9th Grade Confirmation 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	13 9:30am Altar Guild 12:00pm Jamestown Ministerial 7:00pm Wine & the Word	14 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	15
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Worship at Trinity

Sundays 8:30 am (radio and in person)

Sundays 10:45 am (in person and online)

Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm (in person and online)

Good Friday 7:00 pm (in person and online)

Easter Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 am (in person and online)