

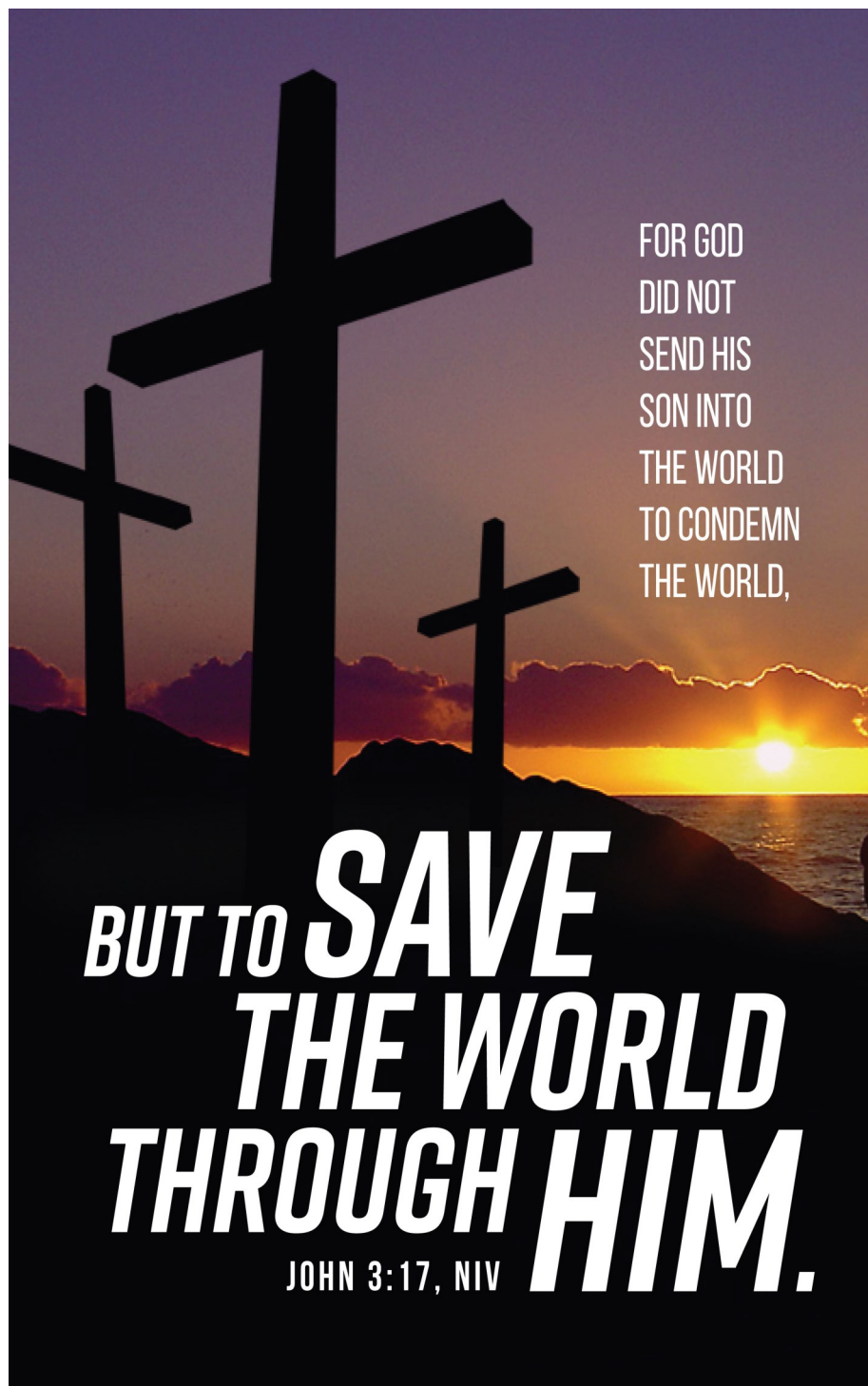
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Trinity Lutheran Church

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Join us for Lenten Worship in March at 6:30 p.m.

Featuring Paul Oman's artwork
on the Parables of Jesus

March 1 - The Good Samaritan

March 8 - The Prodigal Son

March 15 - The Sower

March 22 - Weeds and Wheat

March 29 - The Rich Man & Lazarus



Young at Heart will meet for
lunch 11:00 am Monday,
March 13 at The Depot. All
seniors are welcome!

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I'm a Lutheran



Alice Opp

I grew up at the UCC church in Medina. It was a German congregation.

I got married young, at 18. My husband, Art, was teased for marrying someone my age and he said, "I'm marrying a young one, so I can train her." Yeah, right!.

I'm a Lutheran because I married a Lutheran. My mother just about had a fit. She grew up Baptist. Well, I met Art at a dance, and later he asked me to a movie. He said that from the first time he saw me he knew, "That's the girl I'm going to marry." I sure didn't think that. It was a good marriage.

We spent a year in Jamestown after we got married. In 1953, we attended St. John's where I went through W.W.A. Keller's adult confirmation class. After that we moved to the farm and I did the milking and field work. I spent 5 years working at the school as a teacher's aid.

We started attending English Lutheran and I can tell you that I never thought that I'd be an organist there. I was teaching piano and at one time had 24 students. I don't have any idea how I did it. When we arrived the music teacher at the school was the organist, and he asked me 3 times to come and be the accompanist for the choir before I said yes. He said he would help me out if needed. That was in 1957. Well, he left Medina in 1958 and that's when I started to play. I took 4 months off to have a baby and we had an organ student for a year, but other than that I kept at it (until I fell last year). I struggle with walking now, but I'm not a complainer. I accept the way it is and go from there.

God has always been important to me. My faith grew when Art got bone cancer at age 41 and we dealt with his changing health. We were both able to live with the idea that whatever happens...happens.

My number one priority continues to be my family. I believe that Jesus Christ came to save me even though I am a sinner. He always forgives us if we ask for it.

I pray every day. I have a long list. It's in a notebook. In the morning I give thanks for protection through the night. I pray for my congregation, family, the pastors, for people I know and people I don't - like refugees and people in Ukraine.

I wonder if our churches will ever be the same - since COVID so many people have left.

My favorite bible stories are the birth of Jesus and the crucifixion. If it weren't for that, we wouldn't have any hope.

If I could change anything, I would be more active again with the church ladies. I'd love to play the organ again. For me music is relaxing. I love to just sit and play/hear the music. I love music and have for my whole life. When I was 8 or 9 I remember playing the piano. I like it all, except for hard rock.

I'm not a traveler, after 2 days on the road, I'm ready to return home. I've visited California and Washington, and Texas when Art was in the service. I've been as far east as Minneapolis.

What Do You Notice?



*“Why do you want to hear it again?
Do you also want to become Jesus’ disciples?” John 9:27*

When you read the Bible, what do you notice?

When you hear part of the Bible read to you, what do you notice?

When you see an image of a story from the Bible, what do you notice?

Jesus often used stories to teach and to help people remember what they heard. Some of these stories are called parables. Parables can be long or short. They often have a way of getting into your head with something unexpected. You notice the unexpected and it stays in your memory. The respected people who walk by the injured traveler in contrast to the outsider who stops to help. [Luke 10:25-37] Or the person who scatters seeds in places where they are unlikely to thrive (a path, rocky ground, among thorns, and then in good soil.) [Matthew 13:1-9]

John’s Gospel also used stories to teach and to help people remember what they heard. These stories tell details about people who encounter Jesus and whose lives are changed by their experiences. A woman who meets Jesus at a well and tells her whole community that Jesus is the Messiah. [John 4:5-42] Or a man born blind whose sight is restored by Jesus and then tells his story again and again to people who don’t seem to believe him. [John 9:1-41]

During Lent, on Sundays listen to the gospel stories from John. Hear the different people who encounter Jesus. What do you notice about the people? How are they like you? How are they different from you? How does Jesus change their lives? How does Jesus change your life?

On Wednesdays at English Lutheran, confirmation students will present different stories from the Bible. They have made posters to tell their stories and will give two minute descriptions of each story. What do you notice when you hear these stories retold? How do the images on their posters help you see these stories in new ways? What details catch your attention?

On Wednesdays at Trinity and St. John’s, artwork from Lutheran Pastor Paul Oman will provide a focal image of different parables. Coloring sheets and art supplies will be provided for you to draw these parables for yourselves. What do you notice in the artwork that highlights a part of the parable you had not paid attention to in the past?

During this season of Lent, let the stories of the Bible make a home in your mind’s eye. Let them linger. Invite the people of these stories to have a cup of coffee with you as you ask them to share their experiences with Jesus. Pay attention to what you notice. Let these weeks of Lent be a time to connect more closely with God.

In Peace,

Pastor Kristi Weber

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GIVING HEARTS DAY 2023

Thank you from the Eastern North Dakota Synod!

Our collective giving to the Eastern North Dakota Synod on Giving Hearts Day totaled:
\$83,924.

Thankyou for your generosity!

COMPANION SYNOD



Companion synod relationships of the ELCA connect Lutheran churches throughout the world with ELCA synods and congregations. These relationships are concrete expressions of the communion and fellowship with the more than 140 Lutheran member churches of The Lutheran World Federation. Each of the 65 synods has at least one international church companion and many have additional relationships, resulting in more than 120 companion synod relationships. The Eastern North Dakota Synod's Companion synod is the Central African Republic (CAR) (Eastern North Dakota Synod website)

We are grateful for how you walk alongside us as we seek to do God's work in this place. Thanks for your prayers, support and assistance.

Peace, Willie, Anne and Micah Langdji

ELCA Regional Representatives for West and Central Africa

Centennial Celebrations

2023 will mark 100 years since the first Lutherans arrived from the United States to what is now Cameroon. 100 years later there are two Lutheran churches that we, the ELCA, relate to here: the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (ELCC) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic (ELCCAR). Representatives of these churches are expected to be present at the Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly June 3-4 and to participate in a Synodwide worship service held here in Jamestown at St. John's on Sunday June 11th. Many additional activities are being planned to commemorate the past 100 years and to look forward to the future. God is good!



Ordination of Rev. Sally Azar

On January 22, Bishop Tessa joined hundreds of clergy from around the world to participate in the ordination of Rev. Sally Azar, the first Palestinian woman to be ordained in the Holy Land. Rev. Azar will be serving the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) English-speaking congregation in Jerusalem.

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.

Upcoming events for youth include a Bowling Event on March 5th in Jamestown. So far, approximately 40 youth from 6 congregations plan to participate.

Looking farther ahead, a summer mission trip for up to 25 high school youth and 5 adult chaperones is being planned as part of the 100th celebration of Lutheran ministry in the Central African Republic and Cameroon. Two days of service work in Minneapolis and a celebration with international guests and participants from around the country are planned for early July.

June 19th - 23rd Counselors from Red Willow Bible Camp will lead Vacation Bible School at Atonement Lutheran in Jamestown - All K thru 5 students are welcome!

Even farther ahead, middle school youth will participate in the Synod CastAway retreat in September 2023.

High school youth will travel to New Orleans in July 2024 for the ELCA Youth Gathering.

All these events take coordination.

In November 2022, a position description was posted for a Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries. Applications were due in February.

The anticipated timeline for the search process to unfold looks like this:

February 2023 – The search team will review applications.

March 2023 – Initial interviews will be conducted via Zoom.

Late March or April 2023 – In person interviews with finalists will be held.

Spring 2023 – Once an offer is made to a candidate and they accept, then a start date can be determined.

Summer 2023 – The Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries will begin serving in our communities to coordinate large group events such as those named above as well as coordinating local events for youth from our congregations.

Thank you to Brent Berry, Addison Mansavage, and Jay Oettle from Trinity and Carson Bayer, Julie Fischer, and Dana Kolden from Atonement for serving with Pastor Kristi Weber on the search team.

Congregations participating in Christians in Action:

Atonement, Jamestown	Christ the King, Ellendale	Emmanuel, Gackle	English, Medina
Montpelier, Montpelier	St. John's, Jamestown	Trinity, Jamestown	Zion, Kulm

PREVENT SHINGLES

WHAT IS SHINGLES?

Shingles is a painful, blistering rash that can take 2 to 4 weeks to clear up. Most people that get shingles experience acute pain, and may describe the pain as aching, burning, stabbing, or shock-like.

99.5% of people 50 years and older already have the virus that causes shingles inside of them. 1 in 3 people will develop shingles in their lifetime.

Shingles may lead to long-term complications such as debilitating pain that lasts for months or even years. In rare cases, serious, long-term eye or hearing issues can occur.

HOW CAN I PREVENT SHINGLES?

Get Vaccinated.

SHINGRIX (Zoster Vaccine, Recombinant, Adjuvanted) is an FDA-approved vaccine for the prevention of shingles in adults 50 years and older.



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Community Notices

- 3/6 Jamestown Middle & High School Choir
Pops Concert
7:00pm JHS Theater
- 3/19 University of Jamestown Concert Choir
2:00pm Basilica of St. James
- 3/26 "Old Friends" Concert
2:00pm First Congregational UCC Church

Trinity Events

- 3/5 Bowling for Middle and High School Youth
- 3/19 First Communion Class for 4th & 5th graders Noon—Trinity Fellowship Hall
- 6/19-6/23 Vacation Bible School
with Red Willow Bible Camp



Winter Family Fun Day!

Sledding | Hiking | Snowman Contest
(W/ Prizes!) | Indoor Games & Crafts

Hot Cocoa | Soup | Grilled Cheese

Saturday, March 4th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**** \$10 for adult & \$8 for children to enjoy lunch and the festivities! ****

Come join us at Red Willow for family fun in the snow! Bring your sleds and warm clothes!



Story of Impact

Every week at Trinity Lutheran you will find small, colorful, buckets set out along the railing and floor of the Tech Deck. As worshipers enter the sanctuary they reach into pockets and change purses and drop coins into the buckets on their way to their seats. Later in the service the children will be invited to “bring the noisy offering forward”. That’s when the excitement begins!

Kids from 2-10 head to the back of the sanctuary. There’s usually an usher trying to monitor how many kids are coming back. There’s a shifting of coins from bucket to bucket. Sometimes there’s only a few kids in worship and everything gets consolidated. Sometimes there’s a lot of kids and coins need to be distributed into more buckets so everyone has a bucket to carry. Sometimes when there’s not enough buckets there’s a mad dash to get a couple of clean coffee cups. Eventually though the parade of kids and coins begins.

At the front of the sanctuary the BIG bucket waits! Some kids quickly dump their coins. Some take the coins out of their bucket and transfer a bit at a time. When all the buckets are collected the pastor carries it to the altar with the offering plates. Sometimes a late comer doesn’t get a bucket and gets invited to carry the big bucket up to the altar.

The noisy offering supports the ministries of the Eastern North Dakota Synod. These ministries include Red Willow Bible Camp, Park River Bible Camp, Christus Rex campus ministry at UND, Crossroads campus ministry at NDSU, Dacotah O’Yate Lutheran Church on the Spirit Lake Reservation, The Way (Native American Christian Ministry), South Sudan Lutheran Church in Fargo, and our partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In 2022 all those coins added up to \$1,389.68. All from pocket change and little hands eager to bring it forward. These colorful buckets and small gifts teach generosity to our children.



These colorful buckets and small gifts teach generosity to our children.



Council Highlights—Monday, January 9, 2023

Present: Greg Ulland, Amy Joseph, Nathan Steele, Jacob Limke, Chris Flann, Mindy Skunberg, Pastor Kristi Weber, Pastor Susan Haukaas

Minutes: minutes of the January 9, 2023 and January 30, 2023 meetings were approved.

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

ACTION ITEMS

1) Internship Details team—Chris Flann and Joni Zink were appointed to meet with representatives from Emmanuel in Gackle, and Montpelier Lutheran Churches to coordinate expectations for responsibilities and finances for the pastoral internship

Names of people to serve on the Internship Committee working with the intern were discussed, members will be appointed at a later date.

2) Follow up plan for discussion about how compensation information is presented in the Annual Report was endorsed by Council. A meeting date is being explored for March.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Review of Administrative Policy Manual

Discussion about ways to engage volunteers in areas of interest to them. Updates are needed to descriptions of ways people can volunteer.

Next regular meeting: Monday, March 20, 2023
at 7:00PM in person

Next Executive team meeting Monday, March 13
at Noon on Zoom

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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Financial Snapshot—Trinity's General Fund
Through January 2023

Year to Date Income	\$ 39,400
Year to Date Designated Income*	<u>+\$ 1,500</u>
Year to Date Total Income	\$ 40,900
Year to Date Expenses	<u>-\$ 33,400</u>
Surplus (deficit)	\$ 7,500

*Designated income includes funds received for specific bills paid through Trinity's General Fund.
Your generosity throughout the year helps continue Trinity's mission and ministry.



March 12-31, 2023

Give thanks to God for the blessings that make you glad.

Pick up a March Gladness card in the Gathering Space and write something that makes you glad.

Then drop your card in the basket so it can be posted on the windows outside the Fellowship Hall.

You are also invited to make a financial gift to Trinity's RENEW Campaign to celebrate your gladness.

How about:

\$12 for Jersey #12 on your favorite local team

\$60 for a 60th wedding anniversary

Every donation, regardless of the amount, qualifies for the BONUS*.

BONUS*: For each card that is returned, a bonus of \$100 to \$2,000+ will be donated.

BONUS*: For each NEW DONOR who makes a FIRST TIME gift to the RENEW Campaign and submits a card, an additional bonus of \$250 will be donated.

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

- + 3/5/23 by Jane Eberhardt in memory of Julie Eberhardt
- + 3/12/23 by Andy & Renea Dalbol in honor of Bob's birthday
- + 3/19/23 by David, Erin & Gabe Klein in memory of Jean Anderson
- + 3/26/23 by Rachel Hastings in memory of best friend, Samantha Ruplinger

Altar Candles

- + 3/5/23 by Jane Eberhardt in memory of Julie Eberhardt

Radio

- + 3/19/23 by Joyce Mueller in memory of Mom, Gladys Nelson

Sponsorships for 2023 are available.

Please call the church office or check the sign-up sheets in the Narthex for the dates you would like to sponsor these items. The cost is \$15 for candles, \$35 for flowers and \$100 for the radio broadcast. It is a nice way to honor or memorialize a loved one.

Many dates are available throughout the year.

Ministerial Acts



Funerals

- ✠ 1/7/2023 Julie Eberhardt
- ✠ 1/14/2023 Todd Goter



Baptisms

- ✠ 2/12/2023 Griffith Victor Baker
son of Wyatt and Samantha Baker
- ✠ 2/19/2023 Logan Curtis Hastings
son of Greg and Rachel Hastings

January/February worship attendance

In person at 8:30 a.m.

January 29	.....	56
February 5	.....	56
February 12	....	68
February 19	....	50
February 26	....	83

In person at 10:45 a.m.

January 29	.....	45
February 5	.....	73
February 12	....	89
February 19	....	72
February 26	....	62

YouTube views

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

January 29	.....	30
February 5	.....	24
February 12	....	26
February 19	....	34
February 26	....	11

In person Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

January 25	.....	11
February 1	.....	6
February 8	.....	15
February 15	.....	17
Ash Wednesday, February 22	.....	38

YouTube views

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

January 25	.....	12
February 1	.....	13
February 8	.....	7
February 15	.....	7
Ash Wednesday, February 22	.....	96

MEMORIALS

Pastor Norm Anderson: Evelyn Runck & Nathan Steele, Jim & Connie Vagneur

Julie Eberhardt: Carol Delaney

Dale Erickson: Jim & Connie Vagneur

Hartley Hoyt: Jim & Connie Vagneur

Jim & Joan Naves: Jim & Connie Vagneur

Harless Ostrem: Jim & Connie Vagneur

Dale Repko: Jim & Connie Vagneur

RJ Ronholm: Jim & Connie Vagneur

Mary Sargeant: Jim & Connie Vagneur



Sun						Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3	4	Office Closed 8:45am Open Play			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11					
8:30am Worship with Communion	4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal	8:45am Open Play	6:30pm Worship	9:30am Altar Guild	Office Closed						
9:30am Faith Quest	6:00pm Handbells	9:45am Staff Meeting	7:15pm Lenten Conversations	12:00pm Jamestown Ministerial	No School						
10:45am Worship with Communion		2:30pm Text Study	7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm Wine & the Word							
12 Daylight Saving Time begins	13	14	15	16	17	18					
8:30am Worship	9:30am Quilting	9:45am Staff Meeting	8:45am Open Play	11:00am Ave Maria	Office Closed						
10:45am Worship	11:00am Young at Heart—the Depot	2:30pm Text Study	6:30pm Worship		8:45am Open Play						
	4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal		7:15pm Lenten Conversations								
19	20	21	22	23	24	25					
8:30am Worship with Communion	4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal	8:45am Open Play	6:30pm Worship	10:00am Jamestown Conference	Office Closed						
9:30am Faith Quest	6:00pm Handbells	9:45am Staff Meeting	7:15pm Lenten Conversations		8:45am Open Play						
10:45am Worship with Communion	7:00pm Congregational Council	12:00pm Grace Circle	7:15pm Choir Rehearsal								
12:00pm 1st Communion Class		2:30pm Text Study									
26	27	28	29	30	31						
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10:45am Worship	6:00pm Handbells		7:15pm Lenten Conversations								
1:00pm Rock of Ages	7:00pm Girl Scouts		7:15pm Choir Rehearsal								

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Trinity's Purpose:

Connect with God and with each other.

Share God's good news with all.



Worship at Trinity

Sundays 8:30 am (radio and in person)

Sundays 10:45 am (in person and online)

Lent Wednesday Worship

Wednesdays 6:30 pm (in person and online)

Parables of Jesus with artwork by Pastor Paul Oman

discussion follows worship at 7:15 pm