

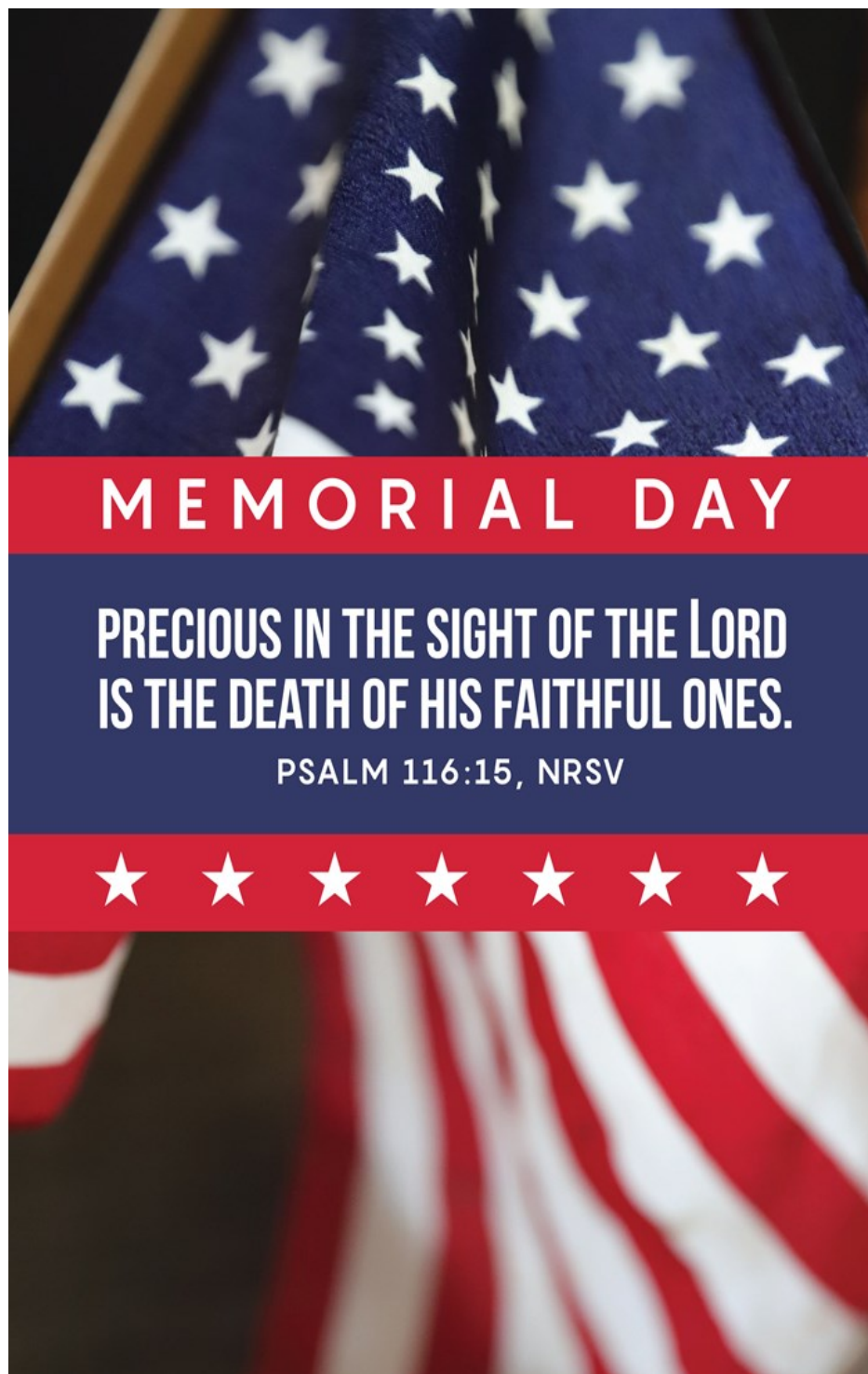
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## Trinity Lutheran Church

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**Recognition of high  
school seniors**

**Sunday, May 14  
10:45am**

**Celebrate with the  
Class of 2023**

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# I'm a Lutheran



**Rhonda Ferguson**

Throughout my life I have been part of four Lutheran congregations: Concordia when I was a young child, Pingree when I was in second grade through high school, St. John's for about five years, and Trinity for about the past forty years.

I found my faith when I was young. My faith became stronger in the last two plus years since my son's near fatal accident. He has had to relearn so many skills such as walking and talking and has made miraculous progress during this time. I have appreciated being able to usher with him and set up for communion at worship services. We have even helped with the projection of the slides during worship so people can see the words of the prayers and the hymns. These may seem like small things, but they are big signs of his recovery.

I retired from traffic sign sales for forty years. I retired just before my son's accident. I enjoy spending time with family and doing things with friends.

My favorite Bible story is Noah's Ark because of the promise that after the rain there's not going to be flooding again that covers the whole world and God has stuck with that promise. To have faith like Noah when he built that ark is amazing. Everyone must have thought he was crazy but he kept at it, doing what God told him to do.

I'm a Lutheran because my parents and grandparents were Lutheran. I never had a desire to change to a different religion.

Serving on the Church Council opened my eyes to how much money is needed to make the organization run. It also opened my eyes to how great things are when people work together.

I was part of the team that worked on a photo directory for Trinity. It was wonderful to connect with people as they made appointments for their pictures and as we called to make sure their contact information was up to date. There are so many people in the congregation that I might not get to know well but talking with them about the photo directory gave us a reason to connect.

## **Special Congregation Meeting May 7 at Noon in the Sanctuary at Trinity**

Trinity's Council recommends that an ELCA Deacon be extended a full-time call, to be voted upon at a special congregational meeting which will take place on Sunday, May 7, 2023, beginning at Noon in the sanctuary at Trinity Lutheran Church.

### **Official Business at the Special Congregational Meeting**

The only two items of business at the special congregational meeting on May 7, 2023 will be:

- 1) To vote to call an ELCA Deacon as the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries
- 2) To vote to approve a compensation package related to the Deacon's call.

(Note: Trinity's portion of the recommended compensation package will be the same as the portion of the compensation package approved at the 2023 annual meeting.)

This serves as official written notice of the congregational meeting.

The meeting will also be announced in worship on April 23, 30, and May 7.

Voting members may attend in person OR via ZOOM.

**In order to attend via ZOOM, voting members must REGISTER by May 2, 2023 online at [TrinityJamestown.com](https://TrinityJamestown.com)**

**It is your responsibility have the technical skills** to ensure that you can hear and see what is happening in the sanctuary for this meeting.

## Disciples AND Apostles



*After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Acts 1:3-5*

In the days after Easter we encounter the risen Christ. He returns from the grave, triumphantly, and then he spends 40 days with his disciples (those who follow) teaching them how to be apostles (those sent out). At the end of the season, on Ascension Day (May 18th this year) he ascends into heaven. The Disciples return to Jerusalem and wait to become the Apostles. On Pentecost (May 28th this year) they are baptized with the Holy Spirit and are empowered to go out and spread the Good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

This month we are invited to remember that, we too, are disciples, followers of Jesus. We are called, like Peter, James, John, and all the rest to follow Jesus. We are invited to learn from Jesus about how the Kingdom of God has come near. We are commanded, like those who gathered with Jesus at the Last Supper, to love one another like Jesus loved.

Yet, we are also apostles, those who have been baptized by the Holy Spirit and sent out to share the Gospel. Like the women at the tomb, we are sent to "go quickly" and tell everyone that, "Jesus has been raised from the dead!" We know the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We know many who need to hear this good news! Many who struggle to see joy or hope or love in their daily life. We are the ones sent out to be God's messengers about God's love for all the world. Having encountered the risen Christ, having been baptized by the Holy Spirit, we must be apostles, sent to offer a word of hope and resurrection for a world in need of Good News!

Blessings,  
Pastor Susan Haukaas

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### **A note about this call:**

The candidate has served children, youth and families in Lutheran congregations in Minnesota and North Dakota for the past seventeen years. The search team was impressed by her experience working with different age groups, her ideas for connecting with youth, and her passion for helping families share their faith with their children and teens.

Once Trinity extends the call to a deacon, she has 30 days to decide to accept or decline. She also needs to provide her current congregations with a 30 day notice of her intention to resign from her current call. It is further recommended that deacons take some time off between calls for time to relocate, so Trinity is planning for a potential July 1, 2023 start date.

This call is in partnership with the other congregations of Christians in Action. The Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries will serve an average of 17 hours per week with Trinity, 13 hours per week with Atonement, and 10 hours per week shared by St. John's Lutheran, Christ the King, Emmanuel in Gackle, English, Montpelier, and Zion Lutheran Churches. The partner congregations have agreed to contribute to the balance of the compensation package beyond Trinity's portion.





Eastern North Dakota Synod  
**Holy Land Trip**  
with Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth

**February 16-25, 2024**

**Cost: \$3990\***

\*based on double occupancy

- Single room supplement: \$790
- Land only (if booking your own flights) - \$2,840.00 (airfare credit \$1,150.00)

Space is limited.  
**REGISTER SOON!**



**Itinerary**

**Day 1, Feb 16:** Departure from USA  
**Day 2, Feb 17:** Arrival - Tel Aviv, Galilee  
**Day 3, Feb 18:** Mt. Carmel - Nazareth - Cana- Tiberius  
**Day 4, Feb 19:** Caesarea Philippi - Golan Heights - Mt. Arbel - Valley of Doves - Sea of Galilee  
**Day 5, Feb 20:** Sea of Galilee - Magdala- Capernaum - Mount of Beattitudes  
**Day 6, Feb 21:** Jordan Valley - Jacob's Well - Shepherds Field - Bethlehem (ELCJHL)  
**Day 7, Feb 22:** Augusta Victoria Hospital - LWF - Mt. of Olives - Living Stones (ELCJHL) Bishop Azar  
**Day 8, Feb 23:** Wadi Qelt - St. George Monastery - Baptismal Site - Jericho - Dead Sea  
**Day 9, Feb 24:** Temple Mount - Pools of Bethesda - Via Dolorosa - Holy Sepulcher - Jerusalem - ELCJHL  
**Day 10, Feb 25:** Departure Tel Aviv to USA

**Payment Plan**

**\$300** per person deposit  
**\$1000** of the total amount due on or before October 1, 2023  
**Balance** due on or before December 1, 2023

**For more information visit:**

<https://www.eliastours.com/tours/eastern-north-dakota-synod-holy-land-trip-with-bishop-tessa-moon-leiseth>

# Christians in Action – Youth and Family Ministries

## Hot Dogs, Nachos, Snow Cones, and Fun at the Circus

April 11, youth and adults from English Lutheran and Trinity were part of the Christians in Action group volunteering at the El Zagal Shrine Circus at the Jamestown Civic Center.

Our group worked in two teams. One team sold hot dogs and nachos to circus attendees in the stands throughout the show. Did you know that people of all ages like to eat hot dogs, but Dads seemed to make the most hot dog purchases?

Darryl sold more than 100 hot dogs during the evening.

The other team made and sold snow cones. Did you know that blue snow cones are more popular than red snow cones? By the end of the evening, the snow cone makers had expanded their talents into red/blue combinations. With the white ice, these were a very patriotic option for snow cone fans.



In addition to having fun and bringing joy to children and adults attending the circus, each youth and adult volunteer earned \$30 toward future Christians in Action partnership events. This is one way to make big events such as the Synod Castaway Youth Retreat in September or next year's ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans more affordable. In total, our group earned \$330 in one evening.

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



## CREATIVE FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION



Each month a group of crafters take over the St. John's Fellowship Hall for a weekend of crafting, visiting, and sharing. Scrapbooking, Card Making, Quilting, and Hand Knitting were all taking place in April. Beginners to experts are welcome. Bring your own supplies, or just drop by to see what might be needed for a project you have in mind. This is a great bunch of people coming together for a time of working next to other people.



Angie, Joy and Maggie are hand knitting chunky blankets— It takes about 3 hours to do a 3x4 blanket for those who are experienced. There is a basic pattern, but some can be combined in different ways including a chevron pattern and a cable knit pattern. People can do it while visiting, or sitting on the couch at home. They can be made any size you want.

Rebecca and Sheree spend time quilting- using up all the scraps, given a pattern and it will be a quilt at the end. Quilts made by Rebecca are donated to Roger Maris in Fargo. She says, "I can be as creative as I want, do any size that I want." She adds, "When there is something that I can't figure out, or am struggling, sometimes I think aha." Jordan was present for the very first time and was being shown some basic quilting techniques.



Colleen works at card making—with stamps and punches. "I haven't purchased a card for 20 years." She makes Christmas, sympathy, thank you's — all with an individual touch.



**Red Willow Ministries presents:**  
**"Holy Trinity, Wholly Love"**  
**VBS for all Elementary Age Kids**  
(Those who have completed grades K-5)  
**June 19-23, 2023**

Great news, Red Willow Bible Camp Counselors will be coming back to Jamestown in June to lead Vacation Bible School! Come join all the fun including; camp songs, games, arts & crafts, Bible studies, & so much more!

This summer our theme will be, **"Holy Trinity, Wholly Love"** VBS is open to all Elementary Age Kids (those who've completed grades K-5) and we will gather at Atonement Lutheran Church **JUNE 19-23 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM daily**

**REGISTER BY May 31<sup>st</sup> - Cost \$10 at**  
<http://www.trinityjamestown.com/vbs>

**Community Notices**

5/1 Jamestown High School  
JHS Choir Awards Concert  
7:30pm JHS Theater

**Trinity Events**

6/19-6/23 Vacation Bible School  
with Red Willow Bible Camp



Young at Heart will meet for lunch at 11:00 am Tuesday, May 9 at The Depot.  
All seniors are welcome!

**NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT**



Trinity Choir: The choir will provide music for the 8:30 a.m. Service through May 28 which is Pentecost Sunday. We give thanks to those who have participated in the choir for the past year. During the summer small ensembles, soloists, and instrumentalists will provide special music.

Celebration: these faithful people continue to sing for the 10:45 a.m. Service, and we are grateful for their ongoing support of worship throughout the year. If anyone would care to join us, we would welcome you.

Faith Quest Choir: these delightful children will offer their last song before summer on May 7. What a joy it has been to work with these children.

Trinity Handbell Choir: The choir will play for the last time this season on May 7 and will also honor Jody Larson for her 34 years in the group. We give thanks for the beautiful music they bring us. Dick Morris

# Council Highlights—Monday, April 17, 2023

**Present: Amy Joseph, Jacob Limke, Chris Flann, Eric Knodel, Shawn Banet, Mary Craft, Joni Zink, Pastor Kristi Weber**

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

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports for March 2023 will be emailed when they are received.

## ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Motion to call a special congregational meeting on Sunday, May 7 at noon to vote on extending a call to an ELCA Deacon as Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries and to vote on a compensation package.
- 2) Chris Flann and Mary Craft appointed to serve as voting members at the Synod Assembly
- 3) Approved renewing the snow removal contract with K & J Mechanical Mayhem for the 2023-24 snow season

## INFORMATION ITEMS

- A) Council members took time to brainstorm ideas for ways people can get involved with
- a) children/youth/Stepping Stones ministries
  - b) property/technology
  - c) outreach/connecting with people who are new to the congregation and community
- B) Meggen Henke sent a thank you letter to the council and congregation for the time granted to her for knee replacement surgery and recovery

Next regular meeting: Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm in person

Next Executive team meeting Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

### 2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS (Telephone)

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Nathan Steele 269-2811	Joni Zink 320-1015

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Altar Guild.....	Ardell Quigley (952-5062)
Boy Scouts.....	Aaron Motter (952-3428)
Education.....	252-2841
Fine Arts.....	252-2841
Library.....	252-2841
Memorial.....	Peg Beckman (252-1896)
Men of Trinity.....	Randy Lebahn (952-8337)
Outreach.....	Shirley Driessen (952-2519)
Parish Care.....	Ruth Urdahl (952-1733)
Property & Management.....	252-2841
Selma Alexander/Trinity Foundation.....	Bob Toso (252-5027)
Stephen Ministry.....	Wendy Thompson (251-2122)
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Worship.....	252-2841
Youth.....	Wynn Rasmussen (252-4890)
Church Office.....	252-2841



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**Financial Snapshot—Trinity's General Fund  
Through February 2023  
(March update was delayed due to tax season priorities)**

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.

## March Gladness—Sharing the Good News

"Happy for successful eye surgery"

"For our son's First Communion"

"I am so glad to bond with the Bond Ladies and the Quilting Ladies"

"Sometimes it takes two to be Glad! On the first day of Spring, 44 years ago,  
I met my beautiful spouse and best friend."

"Gladness comes in many ways in my life, Gladness of God who is my Rock and Shield to be available.  
Gladness of church members and good friends. Glad to turn to God for comfort in losses of family and friends."

**Thank you to everyone who participated in March Gladness  
during the playoff season (March 12-31) and during the OVERTIME period (April 1-5)**

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

15 Donors made a first gift to the RENEW Campaign

31 Households made ongoing gifts to the RENEW Campaign

**BONUS\* of \$31,250 plus NEW DONOR BONUS\* of \$3,750  
for a grand total of \$35,000 to reduce principal on Trinity's mortgage**

Thanks to your participation and generosity, the balance on Trinity's mortgage has been reduced from  
more than \$215,000 on October 1, 2022 to less than \$120,00 by May 1, 2023

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

## 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

- † 5/7/23 by Emmy Opskar & Mark Rodlund in honor of their anniversary
- † 5/14/23 by Linda Ray in honor of mothers everywhere
- † 5/21/23 by Donna Fischer in honor of May birthdays
- † 5/28/23 by Marlyn Swanson in honor of her great-grandchildren's May birthdays

### Altar Candles

- † 5/7/23 by Emmy Opskar & Mark Rodlund in honor of their anniversary
- † 5/14/23 by Dave & Sheila Nelson in honor of grandson Otto's birthday
- † 5/21/23 by Dave & Sheila Nelson in honor of Carly's birthday
- † 5/28/23 by Marlyn Swanson in honor of great-grandchildren's May birthdays

### Radio

- † 5/7/23 by Emmy Opskar & Mark Rodlund in honor of their anniversary
- † 5/14/23 by Linda Ray & Block family in memory of Bob, Elinore, Gary, Doug & Roger Block & John Johnson
- † 5/21/23 by Clint Tompt in memory of wife, Marlene

## April worship attendance

### In person at 8:30 a.m.

April 2 ..... 75  
April 9 ..... 152  
April 16 ..... 81  
April 23 ..... 79

### In person at 10:45 a.m.

April 2 ..... 112  
April 9 ..... 185  
April 16 ..... 61  
April 23 ..... 137

### YouTube views

#### Sunday 10:45 a.m.

April 2 ..... 57  
April 9 ..... 39  
April 16 ..... 37  
April 23 ..... 32

### Maundy Thursday/Good Friday

April 6 ..... 175  
April 7 ..... 55

### In person Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

April 12 ..... 10  
April 19 ..... 15

### YouTube views

#### Maundy Thursday/Good Friday

April 6 ..... 61  
April 7 ..... 52

#### Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

April 12 ..... 13  
April 19 ..... 8

## Ministerial Acts



- ✝ 4/23/2023 Bryson Robert Hafner  
son of Devan & Ashley Hafner
- ✝ 4/23/2023 Aspen Jane Eberhardt  
daughter of Joshua & Kristi Eberhardt

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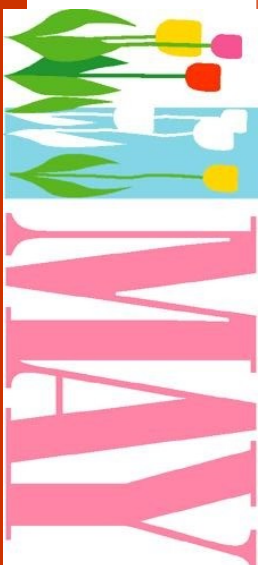
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Wendy Thompson ..... Pastoral Assistant  
Ashley Gehlhar (320-8216) Director of Stepping Stones  
Lynette Berry (320-5707)..... Faith Quest Administrator  
Dick Morris..... Organist/Choir Director  
Meggen Henke..... Administrative Assistant



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	1 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 6:00pm Handbells	2 8:45am Open Play 9:45am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study 7:00pm ParentCommittee Meeting	3 4:00pm 6th-7th Grade Confirmation— St. John's Lutheran 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm 8th&9th Grade Confirmation	4	5 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	6
7 8:30am Worship with Communion 9:30am Last Day of Faith Quest 10:45am Worship with Communion 12:00pm Special Congregation Meeting	8 9:30am Quilting 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy/Girl Scouts	9 2:30pm Text Study 11:00am Young at Heart	10 8:45am Open Play 4:00pm 6th-7th Grade Confirmation— St. John's Lutheran 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	11 9:30am Altar Guild 12:00pm Jamestown Ministerial 7:00pm Wine & the Word	12 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	13
14 Mother's Day 8:30am Worship 10:45am WorshipSenior Recognition	15 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 7:00pm Congregational Council 7:00pm Boy Scouts	16 8:00am Men of Trinity 8:45am Open Play 9:45am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Grace Circle 2:30pm Text Study	17 4:00pm 6th-7th Grade Confirmation— St. John's Lutheran 7:00pm Baccalaureate 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	18 11:00am Ave Maria	19 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	20
21 8:30am Worship with Communion 10:45am Worship with Communion	22 9:30am Quilting 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scouts	23 9:45am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study 4:30pm Worship Committee	24 8:45am Open Play 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	25 10:00am Jamestown Conference	26 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	27
28 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship 1:00pm Rock of Ages  High School Graduation	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30 9:45am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study	31			



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**Trinity's Purpose:**

Connect with God and with each other.

Share God's good news with all.



*Summer Worship at Trinity*

Sundays 8:30 am (radio and in person)

Sundays 10:45 am (in person and online)

Wednesday Worship will pause after May 3 through August and resume September 20



Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 14 • 10:45



Last Day of Faith Quest

Sunday, May 7