

TRINITY *tidings*

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

The Central Significance of Holy Week

Week after week we gather in worship and listen to stories about Jesus.

We hear about Jesus teaching and preaching. We are able to witness his miraculous acts of healing, and other feats that defy explanation.

We examine his stories of his compassionate interactions with some and his confrontation with others. And yet, when we recite both the Apostle's and Nicene Creeds, those stories and acts are not mentioned.

Instead the being of Jesus is discussed with regard to His human parent and divine origin and immediately takes us to His prosecution, death and resurrection.

These historic creeds tell us that the very central act of our faith is found in the events we pronounce during what is called the great three days or Triduum, Easter and Jesus' ascension.

These events are the events we attribute to God's redeeming work.

I encourage you to remind yourself of God's Love in these events and to relive them by attending Holy Week worship services.

Maundy Thursday is on Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 pm.

On this day, which derives its name from Jesus' mandate to love others as Jesus loves us, we hear God's proclamation of forgiveness as our Lenten fast comes to a conclusion.

We are invited to God's table where Jesus transforms a

Holy Week Events

- Apr 2nd - Palm Sunday Worship— 9:30am
- Apr 2nd — Congregational Meeting Immediately Following Worship
- Apr 6th – Maundy Thursday Worship— 7:30pm
- Apr 7th – Good Friday Worship— 7:30pm
- Apr 9th Easter Sunday Worship— 9:30am
- Apr 9th Easter Sunday Brunch— Immediately Following Church

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Passover meal to a hope and promise. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar and chancel reminding us of how Jesus is stripped of his freedom and justice, and sent to his sentencing.

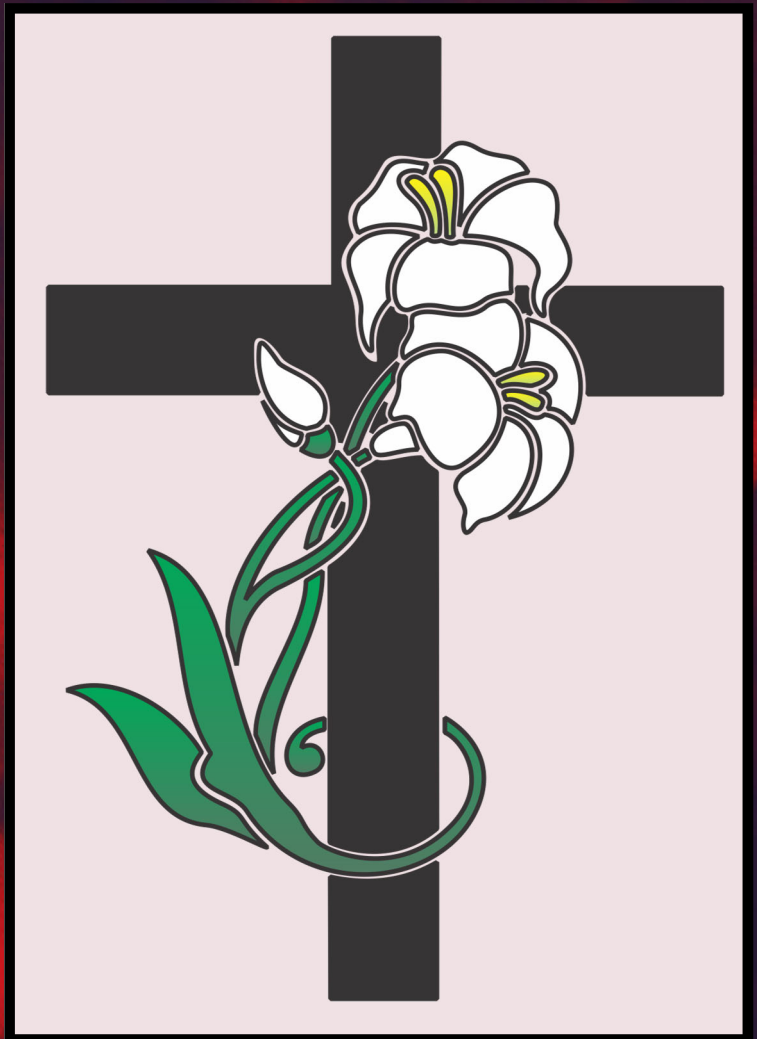
Good Friday is on Friday, April 7 also at 7:30 pm. This service tells us of Jesus death and being laid in a tomb. Death is often an passive act, but Jesus' death is different, as it is the very active act of God's Love.

While we will not be having an Easter Vigil service, should you attend one, it begins in the dark around a fire, and includes stories from throughout the Bible which tell the history of God's redemption. As the story moves on, it moves into the Sanctuary to Baptize and then proclaim Jesus' resurrection.

We will celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 9th at 9:30am. You probably know that we celebrate Jesus resurrection from his death and the grave. But in it we, as a Church, begin to live out a resurrected life.

Easter Sunday begins a season of fifty days to both celebrate Jesus' victory, but equally, the Church as an embodiment of Jesus which lives new life that has overcome the fear and guilt that often motivates us.

In Christ, *Pastor John Hildner*



ELCA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Metropolitan Chicago Synod will be meeting for its Assembly on Saturday, June 3rd. Trinity is allowed two delegates as well as the pastor.

At these meetings we get to learn how other congregations are approaching their ministries as well as programs that the Synod is supporting.

It is a great way to network and a great way to learn about how the Church is doing the work of the Church, both locally and regionally.

If you are interested in participating, please inform a member of the executive team.



Metropolitan Chicago Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On April 2nd, Trinity will meet for a Congregational Meeting. At this meeting we will be voting for a second time regarding two amendments to our constitution.

These amendments will change certain requirements for Congregational meetings. The first proposes that we change the quorum from 25 members to 30% of our voting members.

The second is an additional section which will allow participation in congregational meetings via electronic means such as telephone and zoom calls.

Approval of these amendments will need to be by a two-thirds majority vote. If that happens, then Trinity will send in the transcripts/minutes of the congregational meetings and it will be up to the synod to make final authorization of these amendments.

The second act of business at this congregational meeting will be to elect our council members. Due to Covid we had gotten behind on elections, so we will be voting on the entire slate of council members.

We will be proposing that half of the members are voted in for two years, and the others for one year, so that terms will be staggered. The terms of the officers of the council and congregation will also be staggered.

We will be proposing a new president and vice president as Tina Frankiewicz is nominated as our president and Dena McIntosh is nominated as vice president.

Congregational meetings are also times to invite congregational questions in inquiries, so please bring them on Sunday.

ELCA TEACHING

The ELCA confesses the Triune God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In our preaching and teaching the ELCA trusts the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.

ELCA teaching or theology serves the proclamation and ministry of this faith. It does not have an answer for all questions, not even all religious questions. Teaching or theology prepares members to be witnesses in speech and in action of God's rich mercy in Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURES, CREEDS AND CONFESSIONS

The ELCA's official Confession of Faith identifies the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (commonly called the Bible); the Apostles', Nicene and Athanasian Creeds; and the Lutheran confessional writings in the Book of Concord as the basis for our teaching. ELCA congregations make the same affirmation in their governing documents, and ELCA pastors and deacons promise to carry out their ministry in accordance with these teaching sources.

This Confession of Faith is more than just words in an official document. Every Sunday in worship ELCA congregations hear God's word from the Scriptures, pray as Jesus taught and come to the Lord's Table expecting to receive the mercies that the Triune God promises. Throughout the week ELCA members continue to live by faith, serving others freely and generously in all that they do because they trust God's promise in the Gospel. In small groups and at sick beds, in private devotions and in daily work, this faith saturates all of life.

TEACHING FOR A LIFE OF FAITH

This connection to all of life is the clearest demonstration of the authority that the canonical Scriptures, the ecumenical Creeds and the Lutheran Confessions have in the ELCA. The Holy Spirit uses these witnesses to create, strengthen and sustain faith in Jesus Christ and the life we have in him. That life-giving work continues every day, as Martin Luther explained in the Small Catechism: the Holy Spirit "calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith."

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TLC LADIES GROUP
**Will meet on April 11 , at
12 noon for lunch time.**
**Afterwards, we will do
a project that will be
part of the May 06th,
Mother's Day event to
which the community
will be invited.**
**Please come on by and
why don't you bring a
Friend?**
All Our Welcome!

**APPLE & GRANOLA BREAKFAST
COBLER**

- 4 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored & sliced
- 2 cups granola cereal, plus additional for garnish
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter, cubed
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Whipping cream, half & half or yogurt (optional)

Place apples in Crock Pot, slow cooker.
 Sprinkle with 2 cups granola, brown sugar,
 butter, lemon juice, and cinnamon.
 Cover, cook on **LOW 6 hours, OR on HIGH
2-3 hours, Garnish with additional granola
and cream, if desired.**

MAKE 4 SERVINGS
From Dottie Jachim

NEW COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

As you know, Rick Johnson has been publishing the Tidings and managing our Website for a number of years.

As you may also know, Rick has recently officially retired and he & Kathy will be spending much of their time away from Rolling Meadows.

As a result, he is retiring from the roles mentioned above.














We are looking to coordinate our efforts and to explore how we communicate, to whom, with

what resources and for what purposes. It will likely mean that we will need some people to manage the above-mentioned roles for a while, but we will also want to look at how our communication efforts work to strategically move us in our mission. If you are interested in helping with these efforts, please contact a member of the executive team or Pastor John.

Financial Update: General Fund 2023			
	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)
January	\$ 10,607.10	\$ 13,876.34	\$ (3,269.24)
February	\$ 9,811.68	\$ 13,689.80	\$ (3,878.12)
Total Jan-Feb 2023	\$ 20,418.78	\$ 27,566.14	\$ (7,147.36)
Donations can be made electronically from your smartphone using the "Vanco Mobile" app, available from the App Store or Google Play, or the Donations link on our website tlcrm.com or our secure website at https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YRVQ/home			
Thank you for your continued support!			

Pictures From Our March 11 Trinity Puzzle Race!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM 10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner 11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship 2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship</p>
<p>2</p>  <p>9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM 10:45am TLC Congregation Meeting 11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship 2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study 7:00pm Fellowship Ministry</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>7:30pm Trinity Worship</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>12:00pm Masihi Church of God - Good Friday Service 7:30pm Trinity Worship</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship 5:00pm Masihi Church of God - Easter Drama</p>
<p>9</p>  <p>9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM 10:45am TLC Easter Brunch 11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship 2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>   <p>10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study 12:00pm Talk, Lunch, Crafts - TLC Ladies Club 4:30pm Girl Scouts - Troop 45736</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship</p>
<p><i>April Anniversaries</i> Scott & Michelle Henry 15-Apr-1988</p>						
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April Birthdays

- Bonita Wulfram 01
- Samaira Minz 04
- Ray Godfrey 11
- Dorothy Elkins 15
- Priyanka Minz 16

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