

TRINITY *tidings*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ROLLING MEADOWS, IL—MAY 2025



PASTORAL MESSAGE ON THE DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

(Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi)

Dear Church,

On this Easter Monday, we of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America join with people around the world in heartfelt grief at the death of Pope Francis, and we celebrate his life eternal in Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis served Christ's church with wisdom, courage and humility. Throughout his pastoral ministry, he served as an instrument of God's justice and peace for all people and the whole of creation. His commitment to the poorest people, in his native Buenos Aires and around the world, was ever present, even in his simple living.

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Trinity Council

At our Congregational meeting this past April 27th, the following Council was formed....

- Rev. John Hildner, Pastor
- Tina Frankiewicz, President
- Dena McIntosh, Vice President
- Dan Phillips, Treasurer
- Lynn Griesmeyer, Secretary
- Al Corbett
- Shirley Walter
- Dottie Jachim
- Chrissie Barile
- Joan Anderson
- Betty Anderson
- Ralph Cope
- Rick Johnson



Pope Francis will go down in history as the first Jesuit bishop of Rome and the first from the Americas. His papacy will be remembered for his clarion call to action for climate justice, his bold engagement in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, his compassionate approach to several complex social issues, and his clear concern about the rise of right-wing populism worldwide and its impact on the most vulnerable.

In particular, we will remember Pope Francis for his significant contributions to the dialogue of life between Lutherans and Catholics, advancing the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification. We will recall with amazement his participation alongside the Lutheran World Federation in a joint ecumenical commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on Oct. 31, 2016. I will never forget witnessing the procession of the pope and the general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation down the aisle in red stoles during the prayer service that day. We give thanks to God for this witness to our visible unity in Christ.

We pray that God will strengthen the people of the Roman Catholic Church with the promise of Christ's resurrection. We extend our condolences to all our Catholic siblings, including the bishops, priests, deacons, scholars and laypeople with whom we are in dialogue and partnership. We also pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the deliberations of the College of Cardinals as they begin the process of selecting a new pope.

O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth and now rest from their labors, especially our brother, Pope Francis.

Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In Christ,
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America

**MAY 17 IS THE FIRST OF THE 2025
TLC CRAFT FAIR SEASON!**

**THE VENDORS WILL BE AT TRINITY
FROM 10:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM.**



Here are some of the ways you can expand your heart to welcome all into the Good Shepherd's fold:

- Become a foster parent
- Share from your abundance with a donation today*
- Become a member of The Inspired, LSSI's monthly donors
- Remember LSSI in your will
- Pray for the people served by LSSI and for LSSI's staff
- Apply for a job with LSSI
- Sign up to receive LSSI's print newsletter, Inspired, and/or LSSI email updates at LSSI.org/signup
- Participate in LSSI's peer-to-peer fundraising events
- Become an advocate in your congregation for LSSI
- Designate LSSI for your Thrivent Choice Dollars
- Create a Thrivent Action Team to benefit LSSI

Use this code to make a gift right now.



Thank you for remembering the people whom LSSI serves.

Everyone deserves the opportunity to reach their full, God-given potential. Your support and partnership help make that opportunity a reality.

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Financial Update: General Fund 2025

	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)	SUNDAY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
Jan	\$ 11,098.30	\$ 15,093.68	\$ (3,995.38)	25
Feb	\$ 10,149.70	\$ 13,588.82	\$ (3,439.12)	25
Mar	\$ 10,686.45	\$ 13,395.28	\$ (2,708.83)	25
	\$ 31,934.45	\$ 42,077.78	\$ (10,143.33)	25

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Thank you for your continued support!

Don't Forget....

SECOND SUNDAY CEREAL Donations!



Bring To Church By May 11 Worship!

Mary anointed Jesus' feet with pure nard, this incredibly costly, precious substance. Then she dried his feet with her hair.

In the Gospel story in the last Sunday in Lent, we hear about Jesus visiting with his dear friends, Martha, Mary and Lazarus. This happened just after Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. And Mary was anointing Jesus' feet with pure nard, this incredibly costly, precious substance. And then she dried his feet with her hair. Nard is a very powerful, pungent substance, and the Gospel says the room was filled with the fragrance.

Now I did a little research on nard, and some people would describe the smell as being pungent or earthy, or musty, or musky or like feet. So it was an interesting choice that people had in those days. And they did two things with nard. One, they would use nard to anoint the bodies of the dead in order to offset the stench of death, which Jesus had only encountered with his friend Lazarus a few days before. And it was also used for kings as a sign of royalty because of the luxury of this whole thing.

Well, Jesus was himself, like us, like the first Adam, an earth creature — pungent and full of life, dense in this sense. And this earth creature was obedient to death, reversing the work of the first Adam, who disobeyed and brought sin into the world. And we've suffered the consequences. The chief consequence is death, separation from God.

And now Jesus, the new Adam, the new earth creature, he's anointed, he says to Mary, for his burial and so that he will be using this incredibly pungent substance, while at the same time being very clear that he is, in fact, part of this incarnation, this earth creature. But instead of it being oil put on him to remove the stench of death, it became the anointing of a royal king. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the usual cycle of life and death has been disrupted forever. Jesus' death and resurrection promises new life and brings us new life.

Happy Easter, dear church.

Elizabeth A. Eaton

Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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Lutheran Church
in America

MAY 24TH AT 11:00 AM AT RM VETERANS MEMORIAL, BELL TOWER, A MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY IS PLANNED.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- **Shirley Powell 05**
- **Ralph Cope 06**
- **Jaime Vigna 09**
- **Denise Wendt 24**
- **Ray Kaese 25**
- **Ron Hedke 27**



TRINITY LADIES GROUP

**Meets at 12 Noon on May 13, 2025 in
the Church Lounge.**

**After Lunching it will be BINGO TIME!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

*May 28 at Community Church,
on Kirchoff Road, a Bites and
Beats event is scheduled from 5:00
to 9:00 pm, music performed
along with food for sale*





REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN NATIONAL MEMORIAL

★ MAY 16 - MAY 18 ★

*A Gold Star family's
greatest fear is that
their Fallen will be
forgotten.*



*Hosted by the
Rolling Meadows
Veterans Committee
and the City of
Rolling Meadows*



Join us at this photographic war memorial to honor and remember our country's Fallen service men and women from 9/11/2001 to present.

2025 MEMORIAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 16th

6:00 pm - Opening Ceremony

SATURDAY, MAY 17th

7:00 am - Invocation

4:00 pm - Ceremony

SUNDAY, MAY 18th

7:00 am - Invocation

2:00 pm - Closing Ceremony

(Memorial open until 7pm each day)

*For more information, visit
www.CITYRM.org
or call 847-870-9005*



VETERANS MEMORIAL BELL TOWER

3350 Kirchoff Road
Rolling Meadows, IL

*Behind the Tower along the creek
& bike path in Kimball Hill Park*













PARKING

At Rolling Meadows City Hall
(3600 Kirchoff Road)
or at nearby retail centers

*For more information about this program,
visit www.RememberingOurFallen.org
or facebook.com/rememberingourfallen*

Suggested Scripture Readings for May

Sundays and Principal Festivals	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
4th: Third Sunday in Easter	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]	Ps 30	Rev 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
11th: Fourth Sunday in Easter	Acts 9:36-43	Ps 23	Rev 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
18th: Fifth Sunday in Easter	Acts 11:1-18	Ps 148	Rev 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
25th: Sixth Sunday in Easter	Acts 16:9-15	Ps 67	Rev 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
29th: Ascension of Our Lord	Acts 1:1-11	Ps 47 or Ps 93	Eph 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM 10:30am Congregational Meeting 11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship 2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship	28	29  10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study	30	1 National Day of Prayer	2	3 10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship
4  TLC Tea Party 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	5	6  10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study  Fellowship Committee 7:00pm Fellowship Ministry	<div> Trinity Lutheran Church 3201 Meadow Drive Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 847-398-7122 www.tlcrm.com </div>			10 10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship
11  Mother's Day TLC Second Sunday Cereal Food Drive 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	12	13  10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study  Ladies Fellowship 12:00pm Talk, Lunch, Crafts - TLC Ladies Club	14	15  CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00pm TLC Council Meeting	16	17  Craft Fair 10:00am TLC Craft Fair 10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship
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