

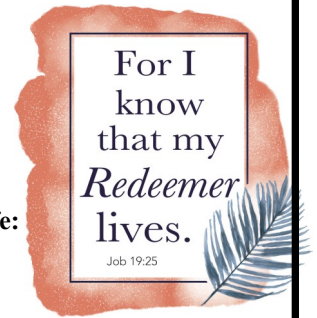
The Trinity Trumpet

April 2022

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Easter is the assurance that no matter how hopeless and dark things appear, God is alive and actively working. Our heavenly Father births life out of death, transforms brokenness into wholeness and shines light into darkness.

Why We Need Easter

No one is exempt from tragedy or disappointment — even God was not exempt. Jesus offered no immunity, no way *out* of the unfairness, but rather a way *through* it to the other side. Just as Good Friday demolished the instinctive belief that this life is supposed to be fair, Easter Sunday followed with its startling clue to the riddle of the universe. Out of the darkness, a bright light shone. ...

The cross of Christ may have overcome evil, but it did not overcome unfairness. For that, Easter is required, a bright clue that someday God will restore all physical reality to its proper place.

—Philip Yancey, *Disappointment With God*

An Easter Prayer

From the grave's depths, Lord Jesus Christ, you emerged, breaking the hold of sin, death and hell, that those who trust in you might share in your righteousness, life and beloved community with God the Father and all God's children. We bow in awe before your majesty, giving thanks for your grace extended so bountifully to us. By the power of your Spirit who lives within us, may we share the astonishing news of your resurrection with others, that they also may know your saving grace. Amen.

-Excerpts from Newsletter, Newsletter April 2022



Scholarship applications for graduating seniors are due by April 1st. They can be mailed in to Trinity Lutheran Church

at PO Box 456, Avoca, IA 51521 or emailed to tlcspaulsen@gmail.com. Thank You!



Worship time for Wednesday Lenten services are at 7 p.m. Worship will be followed with coffee & cookie fellowship. Each service will have a special theme with the overall series being "In view of God's Mercy."

The remaining Lenten dates/locations are as follows:

March 30th— at Trinity Lutheran Church
 in Avoca

April 6th—at First Presbyterian Church in
 Walnut

Worship Leaders Schedule

Sunday, April 3rd—Pastor Steve Lund
 Sunday, April 10th—Pastor Steve Lund
 Thursday, April 14th— Pastor Steve Lund
 Friday, April 15th—Pastor Steve Lund
 Easter Sunday, April 17th—Pastor Steve Lund
 Sunday, April 24th—Pastor Matt Bahnfleth



Sunday, April 10—Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, April 13—Community Choir Performs, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 14 — Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m. Worship

Friday, April 15 — Good Friday, 7 p.m. Worship

Sunday, April 17— Easter, 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship, 9:30 a.m. Worship



Mark your calendars! On Sunday April 10th, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the 10 and under Sunday School kids at the

end of their class time! Reminder: No Sunday school classes on Easter.

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Stewardship: Larry Chapman
(712) 307-2832

Treasurer: Shela Jacobsen
(402) 490-2423



**CHURCH
BUSINESS**

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
02/27	115	2316.00
03/6	120	2695.00
03/13	110	3417.00
03/20	114	1870.00
03/27	126	6135.00



DeLores Krummel– Betty Oehlertz, Caroc Haas, Jerry & Donna Rold, Janiece Schroder, Norma Krohn

Shelly Smith– Betty Oehlertz

Janice Niemann– Betty Oehlertz, Gene & Maxine Sornsen

Bill Roof– Connie Morgan

April/May Volunteer Schedule

	Sunday, April 3rd, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer	Amber Johnson
Communion Helper	Nancy Collins
Acolytes	Ella Johnson
Support	Mike Krummel
	Sunday, April 10th, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer	Amanda Holst
Communion Helper	Greg Petersen
Acolytes	Madison Holst
Support	Ron Winter
	Easter Sunday, April 17th, 7:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer	
Communion Helper	
Acolytes	
Support	

	Easter Sunday, April 17th, 9:30
Scriptures & Prayer	
Communion Helper	
Acolytes	
Support	
	Sunday, April 24th, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer	Gayle Stuart
Communion Helper	Kathy Soetmelk
Acolytes	Bella Lamp
Support	Gary Soetmelk
	Sunday, May 1st, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer	Dan Rold
Communion Helper	Karen Hansen
Acolytes	Maeleigh Rold
Support	Shela Jacobsen

TRINITY'S FIVE & DIME



Welcome to “Trinity’s Five & Dime”. This section is dedicated to stories, experiences, and devotionals where together we can share God’s spiritual candy. Glory be to God for the opportunity to share with you some thoughts, experiences, and scripture regarding our everyday lives. Praise and glory to God for his never changing word, faithful love, and countless blessings. May his life-giving word nourish us and strengthen us as we strive to fulfill the purposes, He has for us. Amen.

Neil Paulsen

Thanks be to God for another cycle of renewal and rebirth to our planet as we enter into Spring. For the smell of spring rains and freshly worked farm ground and gardens, and for the other signs of new life. This I pray in your name. Amen.



What Was I Thinking (Part 1)

Have you ever experienced a period in your life where it seemed that you were under attack on just about every aspect of your life? In your professional life, social life, family life, and even your personal space? It can last for maybe as briefly as one day, or it can seem to drag on for weeks. Regardless of whether your attack is a day or weeks, it can be wearing and brutal. Having gone through such a time as this, the mind can also easily slip across the line and at times, seem to have joined the enemy in this attack. And usually at the height of the battle, where it feels like we are getting pressed in on every side, we just don’t seem to understand, and we (or maybe I) ask the question, “How long is this going to last, and why I am enduring this right now?” And perhaps a pity party for a party of one will ensue shortly after. Recently, as I was going through a season like this, I was at the point where my mind and thoughts were getting the best of me. And I started questioning, is the battle really worth it. Why do I fight to do good and to see good? Why don’t I just quit trying to put others first, and just focus on me like the world tries to force us to do? Why do I continue to go above and beyond in my profession, while others at work push the envelope to try and get by with minimum efforts? And the age old question from Job 12:7 quickly pops into my mind, “Why do the wicked prosper, growing old and powerful?” Being a Christian is hard work! From the moment our feet hit the floor in the morning, until we close our eyes at night, the world is constantly at our heels, trying to conform us to its ways and dealings.



Youth group met twice last month. First we tested out our artistic sides and painted! Lunch was also served! Paintings will be on display soon :) Secondly, we met to attend the Toby Mac Concert. Our group met at the church for a fast supper and then off we went. We had 34 in attendance! Be sure and ask the kids about it, I've gotten lots of different answers on their favorite part! This is a great group of respectful and fun loving kids! We meet again in April for some spring clean up plans and packing of the school backpack food. Parents please watch your email as our April scheduled dates needed to change.

APRIL
BIRTHDAYS

April 01	Jorden	Johnson
April 02	Linda	Feekes
April 02	Kathy	Jacobsen
April 03	Dean	Schueman
April 04	Connie	Schroder
April 05	Melissa	Christian
April 06	James A.	Johnson
April 06	Barbara	Lynch
April 06	Blakely	Maassen
April 06	Maelie	Madden
April 06	Sally	Matthies
April 07	Makenzie	Whyte
April 08	Baylee	Meyers
April 10	Trevor	Coon
April 11	Nancy	Kelly
April 11	Rylinn	Madden
April 11	Kyle	Rock
April 11	Traci	True
April 12	Katherine	Roush
April 13	Reva	Bylund
April 13	Mark	Gress
April 13	Abbie	Willett
April 15	Emma	Blotzer
April 15	Milton	Hanson

April 15	Christian	Jorgensen
April 15	Roman	Scheffler
April 16	Leslie	Nielsen
April 18	Cody	McCreeady
April 18	Nancy	Mohr
April 19	Bella	Lamp
April 19	Kamryn	Tooley
April 20	Ronda	Holst
April 21	Harleigh	Brockhoff
April 21	Lucy	Krohn
April 22	Hugo	Dittmer
April 22	Roger	Kubik
April 23	Cristin	Rold
April 23	Talon	Stevens
April 24	Shela	Jacobsen
April 26	Ross	Pattee
April 26	Harley	Spencer
April 27	Lisa	Willett
April 28	Lacey	Brockhoff
April 28	Karen	Dittmer
April 28	Heather	Smith
April 28	Nicole	Tiarks
April 30	Tenley	Pattee
April 30	Katelin	Schroder





- ◆ Steve & Nikki Jorgensen– Given in memory of Connie Jorgensen
 - ◆ Joyce Mez– Given in memory of Jerry Mez
 - ◆ Joyce Mez– Given in memory of Edward, Alberta, & Robert Schmid
 - ◆ Joyce Mez – Given in memory of Max, Wilma, & Ronnie Mez
 - ◆ Gary & Kathy Soetmelk-Given in memory of loved ones
 - ◆ Gary & Kathy Soetmelk– Given in honor of the military
 - ◆ Alan & Suzette Blakestad-Given in memory of Ethan Holst
 - ◆ Dora Rock-Given in honor of the military
 - ◆ Jim & Karen Hansen– Given in memory of loved ones
 - ◆ Gary & Deanna Krummel and Sally Matthies– Given in memory of Mary Jean Krummel
 - ◆ Peggy Osbahr– Given in memory of Victorine Jensen
 - ◆ Jerod & Amber Johnson and family– Given in memory of “Grandma Mickey,” Iona Bornholdt
 - ◆ Randy & Ginny Lamp– Given in memory of loved ones
 - ◆ McCarthy Families– Given in memory of Meighan McCarthy Johansen, Ayzlee McCarthy, and Patti Duistermars
 - ◆ Henry & Sue Paulsen– Given in memory of Jason Woodward
 - ◆ Ronda Holst – Given in memory of Dave, Joel, & Ethan Holst
 - ◆ Ronda Holst – Given in memory of Russ Ronnfeldt & Firp & Marge Holst
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Area churches and organizations often sponsor Sunday evening meals and fellowship or worship at Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut. TLC has been invited to participate and will do so for the first time April 24. The Outreach Committee will serve Abelskiver supper for the people living at the center. The Abelskivers will be served at 5:30. We would like two volunteers to help prepare batter and fry from 3:30 to 5:30. If you are interested please contact Alan Blakestad at 712-343-2566.



The dates for VBS have been scheduled! VBS will be held June 20th thru the 23rd. This is a week earlier than last year, so please mark your calendars! Also, if you are interested in helping with planning-please contact Sue. All help is encouraged and greatly appreciated!

June 20-23

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes- March 9, 2022

Members present: Kathy Soetmelk, Alan Blakestad, Mike Jorgensen, Ron Winter, Dale Krohn, Beth Buboltz, Nicole Krohn, Shela Jacobsen, and Amber Johnson. Guest: Sue Paulsen

Call to Order: A call to order was made by Kathy. She opened the meeting with a devotion and silent centering.

Recognizing Guests: Chelsie Madden, Call Committee Representative, shared information about two possible pastors. Chelsie reported that the Call Committee would like approval from the church council to pay for travel expenses for the pastor, spouse, and family. A motion was made by Ron Winter with a second motion by Dale Krohn. Motion carried.

Thank You Cards: Cards were written to thank Larry Chapman and Leanne McCarthy for their time on the council.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Jorgensen, seconded by Ron Winter, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting: Mike Jorgensen made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Beth Buboltz, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Shela Jacobsen shared the Treasurer's Report. Financial reports from the month of February were shared. A motion was made and approved by Alan Blakestad, seconded by Nicole Krohn, motion carried.

Submission of Current Bills Payable: No current bills.

Presidents Report/Comments: Lenten services are happening currently. Steve Lund provided assistance with the planning with other churches in the area. To show appreciation for the support in planning we would like to provide payment to Steve. Trinity will be the host for Lenten services on March 30th.

Sue's Report: Sue Paulsen shared a brief description of the LYO group activities. The group has gone bowling in February, in March the group painted on canvas, and attending the Toby Mac concert.

Call Committee Report: Beth Buboltz has offered to attend the call committee to represent the church council.

Council Reports: A motion for the council reports was made by Mike Jorgensen and seconded by Ron Winter. Motion carried.

Education: Beth Buboltz shared that she has a couple people interested in the superintendent's role for next Sunday school year.

Outreach: Alan Blakestad reported the Abelschiever supper will be held on Sunday, April 24th at Peace Haven Nursing Home in Walnut. He stated that the supper will need volunteers to assist in making this event be successful. Time has yet to be decided.

Finance: Mike Jorgensen reported that the giving statements for 2021 were sent out to members in the church.

Property Management: Dale Krohn has no new report.

Stewardship: Nicole Krohn has no new report. A discussion was held about how to reach out to home bound church members. Another discussion was held about how to reach more people who are not in social media or looking for a church.

Worship: Ron Winter shared there will be a service for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday service, and two Sunday services for Easter. Times will be 7:30 am and 9:30 am. Steve Lund will be providing these services at Trinity.

Old Business: Discussion around reviewing the constitution; specifically looking at the accurate number for votes on church decisions.

New Business: Kathy read the letter from Salem Lutheran Homes Association. Our church has five people are attending the meeting that will be held on March 27th at 2:00pm. Alan and Nicole are looking at committee roles/expectations descriptions. There was suggestion to have members in the church who are not on the council to review the constitution.

Membership Changes: No address changes, name changes, and new members. Deaths and funerals held: DeLores Krummel: DOB, 04/01/1933; DOD, 02/26/2022; Funeral Service was led by Phil Enke at Trinity, 03/04/2022. William Roof: DOB, 10/04/1935; DOD, 03/03/2022; Funeral Service to be held at Pauley Jones Funeral Home, 03/12/2022. No baptisms, remove from rolls, transfers out, and weddings. Nicole Krohn made a motion to approve these membership changes with Dale Krohn as a second motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Nicole Krohn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron Winters Motion was carried. Next meeting will be held on April 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Amber Johnson, secretary

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 3 p.m. Schroder Wedding
3 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Sunday School	4 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir	5	6 5 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Confirmation	7 2 p.m.—TLCW Meeting 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	8	9
10 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship with Commu- ion/Sunday School Egg Hunt	11 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir	12 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service	13 7 p.m. Community Choir Performs 8 p.m. Council Meeting	14 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service	15 7 p.m. Good Friday Service	16
17 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Easter Worship with Communion	18 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir	19	20 5 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Confirmation	21 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	22	23
24 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Sunday School/ Pastor Matt Bahnfleth visiting	25 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir	26 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service	27 5 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Confirmation	28 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	29	30

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(home) 712-343-2429.

Worship Services
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion: Celebrated as noted on the calendar.
Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service.