



**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**  
LCMS



# April Tidings 2022

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## April 2

Installation for Pastor  
Roger Schoolcraft

## April 4

Men's Club at 8:00 a.m.

## April 6

Bookworms at 1:00 p.m.

## April 6

Midweek Service at 4:00 p.m.  
Lenten Supper at 5:00 p.m.

## April 10

Palm Sunday

## April 14

Maundy Thursday 4:00 p.m.

## April 15

Good Friday 4:00 p.m.

## April 17

Easter 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

## April 23

LWML Spring Rally  
9:00 a.m.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

One of the traditions our children always enjoyed in our family was spending the Saturday afternoon before Easter Sunday decorating Easter Eggs. Inevitably every year we would purchase one of the egg decorating kits, pull out the Styrofoam cups filling them with the colored dyes, and setting the kids free to creatively design their masterpieces. Each one clamoring to share with mom and dad their perfected work and laying the eggs aside to dry. They knew that on Easter morning after dad left for the early service, they would search the house filling their Easter baskets with a beautiful array of different eggs and candies. It's a tradition we now share with our granddaughter, the only difference being the advancement in our technology using a powered egg-lathe that spins the egg while you mark it with colored pens.

I make mention of that simply because that's how I envision the month of April this year – a beautiful basket of differently colored eggs when it comes to the array of opportunities we'll have over the coming weeks for growing in our Christian discipleship and faith-walk with Jesus Christ. In very short order, we'll journey with Jesus during these waning days of Lent as we make our way from His cross to the culminating celebration of His open tomb of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Listed below are some of the eggs in our basket and I look forward to you joining us during this most colorful, sacred, penitential, and life-renewing celebrations found in our Church Year! Join with us and invite a friend as we once again hear the angel's announcement, *"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen! (Luke 24:5-6)."*

### The Eggs in our Basket

- **Saturday April 2 (4:00PM) - The Installation Service for Pastor Roger Schoolcraft**
- **Sunday April 3 (8:00/10:30AM) – Pastor Roger Schoolcraft first Sermon**
- **Wednesday April 6 (4:00PM) - Midweek Lenten Service #6 – “Mercy in Serving”**
- **Weekend of April 9-10 (4:00/8:00/10:30) Palm Sunday – “Mercy in Palms”**
- **Thursday April 14 (4:00PM) Maundy Thursday – “Mercy in Bread and Wine”**
- **Friday April 15 (4:00PM) Good Friday – “Mercy in the Cross”**
- **Saturday April 16 – No Worship Services**
- **Sunday April 17 (8:00/10:30AM) – Easter Sunday – “Mercy in the Open Tomb”**

Your Servant in Christ,  
*Pastor Blair Clark*



# April Prayers



## SUNDAY

Lord, Sunday is my day of worship. I pray my worship will not be in vain, but pleasing to You, Father. Help me to follow the right teachings of my God and not the teachings of men. Then Father, grant me the wisdom to know the difference. When I sing the songs of praise may my heart truly praise You.

***Psalm 86:9-10*** "All the nations You have made will come and worship before You, O Lord; they will bring glory to Your name. For You are great and do marvelous deeds; You alone are God."

## MONDAY

Holy Father, as I read the bible, I am amazed by all the miracles You performed during Your time here on earth. May I pray believing You still perform miracles today as I see the answers to all of my prayers. Praise God!

***James 1:16*** "Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

## TUESDAY

My Lord, I profess my faith by worshiping God and acting towards others in a loving way, yet faith without works is a dead faith. So, I pray Father, You would give me the opportunity to show my faith in action, by helping those who are in need.

***James 2:14-17*** "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?" Can such faith save him?"

## WEDNESDAY

Dear Lord, there are times when I get angry, I know anger is a God given emotion when used in righteousness, but there are times when my anger is senseless and a waste of time. It is these times when I need You to help me to handle my anger quickly and let it go, before it becomes a threat to me and others. May I always carry in my heart Your command to love others, as You love me.

***James 1:19*** "My dear brothers, take note of this; Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."

## THURSDAY

Father, thank You for Your Word. I see myself in so many of the people in the bible. I am a Mary, but then also a Martha. I am like the apostles, at times one of little faith. But then I am also like King David, a sinner, but righteous according to God. I am only righteous because I trust in the Lord and believe He is my Savior. Lord I pray Your Holy Spirit would increase my faith daily and remind me I have Your unconditional love because of what Jesus did for me.

***Psalm 145:17*** "The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made."

## FRIDAY

Holy Lord, each day we age and as the years go by we realize we are not able to do the things we have in the past. Help those who are up in years to remember Your promise, that even in their old age You are with them. As our bodies change and wrinkles appear we are reminded we will enjoy an eternity in heaven with a perfect, glorified body.

***Isaiah 46:4*** "Even to Your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain You."

## SATURDAY

Son of God, we pray for all those who are unemployed and experiencing hard times. Provide for their needs. Help them in their pain to see clearly the difference between needs and wants. Grant them grace when bills mount up and doors of opportunity close. May they continue to trust You, knowing You have compassion for their difficulties and that You are in control.

***Hebrews 4:16*** "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."





## Intentional Interim Minister

In early March we received a response from Pastor Roger Schoolcraft addressing our call documents extending a call to him to serve as our Intentional Interim Pastor during the transition period and call process. His letter is reprinted as follows.



“To Gil Dahnke, President of Trinity Lutheran Church, Summerfield, FL. and the members of Trinity. God’s Grace and Mercy be multiplied to you in this Lenten Season. I first want to apologize for the apparent slow response to your Call extended to me to serve as your Intentional Interim Senior Pastor. I have been truly honored by your support and prayerful encouragement in considering your call.

It is therefore with a very grateful heart and perceiving the hand of God at work that I hereby accept your call as Intentional Interim Senior Pastor as together we see the hand of God lead Trinity Lutheran Church into her next chapter of ministry and service to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Meanwhile, may the Word of the Lord to Joshua become our encouragement as we begin this transition process for Trinity:”

***“Be Strong and courageous, Do not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go!”*** Joshua 1:9.

**“For Christ and his Church.  
Rev. Roger Schoolcraft. IIMP”**



Since receiving this call acceptance letter from Pastor Schoolcraft, we have been working on the details for travel, housing and his installation service. It is a privilege to inform you that District President Rev. Dr. Gregory S. Walton has adjusted his schedule to be present, delivering the Sermon and Installing Pastor Schoolcraft on Saturday April 2, 2022 during the regular 4:00 p.m. Church service. A reception for Pastor Schoolcraft will immediately follow the installation service in our fellowship hall with a meal provided by the Trinity Fellowship Committee, for our guests and members.

On Sunday April 3, 2022 Pastor Roger will be presenting the Sermon during both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. church services.

Prior to Trinity extending this IIM call to Pastor Roger, he was already in the process of building a home in Parrish Florida, near family members, with plans to sell his home in Fayetteville, AR., and relocate permanently to that area. Therefore; after his installation, he must return to Fayetteville, AR., to coordinate and complete the vacating and disposal of his property there, as he is putting items in storage until his home in Parrish Florida is complete. He will then return to the Summerfield, FL. area, where he has acquired a rental property in the Villages off Hwy 42, which is a very convenient location to Trinity.

### 2022 Church Officers

**Gilbert Dahnke – President   Carolyn Fortin – Vice President   Joan Egeland – Secretary  
Gary Eckoff – Treasurer   Rusty Ryan – Financial Secretary**





## THE REVEREND ROGER P. SCHOOLCRAFT

Rev. Roger Schoolcraft was born in Pontiac, MI to Zeno and Helene Schoolcraft on March 9, 1942. As he grew up in Rochester, when he was 10 a friend invited Roger and his brother to Sunday School and Church at St. John's Lutheran. He attended the Christian Day School in grades 6,7,8. He then attended High School and Jr. College at St. Paul's in Concordia, MO. Then on to the Senior College and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis graduating in 1969.

His first call was to St. John's in St. James, MO, where he met his wife Deb (Steen) and were married in 1972. Their marriage was blessed with a daughter, Andrea (1976) (St. Louis) and a son Aaron (1984) who lives in Maryland with his wife Megan and daughter Maisie. Pastor's next call was to start a mission in Altoona, IA (1974-78). Then Good Shepherd, Lincoln, NE 78-89. In 1989 he was called to St. John's in Fayetteville, AR where he retired after 17 years in 2007. During this time Pastor Schoolcraft also served the church at large as Circuit Counselor 96-2007; Campus Pastor at University of Arkansas; Assistant Dean and Dean of Campus Missionary Institute for the LCMS.

In 2012 Pastor Schoolcraft was called as Intentional Interim Pastor at Trinity Lutheran, Lexington Park, MD, where he was credentialed by the LCMS. In 2014 he was called to St. John Lutheran Church and School in Winston Salem, NC. In 2016, he was called to New Hope in Chesterfield, VA. In 2017 he and Deb returned to Fayetteville. He did several pulpit supplies at various churches and supported Deb in her fight with cancer. Finally, after a 14 year battle, the Lord Jesus called her home on Feb. 25, 2021 after 48 years of marriage.

Since then, Pastor Schoolcraft is building a home in Parrish, FL to be finished this summer. He has been busy packing, sorting and throwing after 32 years in Fayetteville, preparing for the move. Trinity is 2 ¼ hrs. from his new home. He will be living at a villa here in the villages while he serves Trinity beginning the end of April.



**WELCOME RECEPTION—**  
Join us in the Fellowship Hall  
Saturday, April 2 after the 4 PM  
Service in the Fellowship Hall



**Meet & Greet Pastor Roger**  
Join us for an informal Meet & Greet on  
Sunday, April 3 at 9:15 a.m. in  
the Fellowship Hall



## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

*The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is the official women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). All women of Trinity Lutheran Church are members and are encouraged to serve others through mission, education, inspiration and service. We invite you to attend our meetings and learn what we are all about as we "Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100:2 our motto.*



### ZONE RALLY Saturday, April 23

LWML will **not** be holding a regular monthly meeting with a speaker this month, but we are hosting the North Central Florida Zone Spring Rally on **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** in our **Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary**, and hope many of the ladies of Trinity will attend. We have invited women from nine other congregations in the area to come for a time of sharing and

gathering together. Registration begins at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, where coffee and light breakfast refreshments will be served.

Registration fee is \$8.00 (Checks can be made payable to LWML NCFL Zone) The opening service, including communion, begins in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am, followed by a Zone business meeting and lunch. Our Gifts of the Heart Servant Project will be writing notes to cancer patients, followed by a Bible Study based on Nehemiah 8:10 – "The Joy of the Lord Is Your Strength". Jan Garner will be our speaker and will talk about the Christian Cancer Care Blessings ministry, which will use the notes in their care packages. We hope that you will make plans to join us for this special event. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex so we can make plans to include you.



Planning ahead, we are hosting an Mother's Day Spring Fling which will be an afternoon Tea on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at Cheers in Stonecrest. More details will be highlighted in the bulletin and the May Tidings.





## LWML Mite Box Collection

The next monthly Mite collection will be on **Saturday and Sunday, April 2 & 3, 2022**. Your contributions are very important in supporting many various mission projects/grants.

The **Spiritual Life Center Transformation Program** touches 300+ traumatized children each year. By partnering to create “Healing Spaces”, the women of LWML will play a direct role in fostering vital spiritual connections that lead toward Christ-Centered hope and healing.

Another project is **The Walking Classroom Program**. Immanuel Lutheran School in Brandon, Florida is requesting funds for the implementation of “The Walking Classroom” Program as a new teaching tool to enhance the physical well-being and learning capabilities of our diverse student population including those with alternative learning styles.

If a contribution cannot be made at the beginning of the month, it can be made at any time since the Mite Box is always available in the Narthex.



## CCCB Card & Craft Party **SAVE THE DATE: April 26 from 1-4 p.m.**

Inviting the women of Trinity, also please feel free to bring a friend to our LWML event for an afternoon of fun, laughs and fellowship. We will also have light refreshments.

We are hosting a Card and Craft Party will be held on Tuesday April 26, in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity from 1-4pm. It is to help support our Christian Cancer Care Blessing Ministry.

Four years ago, the Stewardship Board began a committed effort to encourage Trinity members to consider support of our ministry by using the “Give Plus” option for gifts and tithes found on our website. We now are receiving approx. 1/3 of our tithes through this safe, secure web-based portal offered by Vanco Services. Vanco is a major player in working with congregations throughout America with gifting and tithing services.

Maybe this isn't huge news to many of you that use this service, but as the past two years wore on with Covid 19, our regular weekly offering plate passed between every member during service was curtailed. In time, we could possibly resume this practice, but our perspective on safe practices will need to be considered with our more senior congregation membership needs.

Thankfully, having the “Give Plus” system already in place paved the way to a streamlined process whereby Trinity members could gift from the comfort of their home at any time. Using a choice of either one's bank acct or as an added new benefit with the “Give Plus” system, one's credit card from the major issuers. Offering the addition of credit card use adds an additional layer of protection for each church member household. (I think members like getting points for tithing. Who knew?)

It's not for everyone, nor will we discontinue offering envelopes. As we look ahead, working to modernize our stewardship gift practices, “Give Plus” adds flexibility and allows us to show our thankfulness to the Lord in an alternate private way.

If you would like to know more about the use of “Give Plus” as a choice for your gift/tithe, please contact the church office. Your questions may be directed to a member of the stewardship board. May you bless our congregation faithfully with your blessings.



## HELP NEEDED AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Volunteers are needed to staff our Welcome Center. A friendly smile, a welcoming heart, and arriving 30 minutes prior to any of our services are all that's asked of you. Please make prayerful consideration of this important ministry in our church and help make attending Trinity a positive experience.

There is a sign-up sheet located at the Welcome Center. **Contact Jackie Keck at (352)492-8950 if you have any questions.**





## LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

**April 6 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Week 6 “Mercy in Service” • Hebrews 6:10-**

In response to God’s kindness to us in Jesus, we serve in mercy the needs of those around us by Christ’s example.



## LENTEN SUPPER

The Lenten Season is upon us. The menu for Wednesday, April 6 is **Tomato Basil Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, and dessert.**

We will continue with our tradition of collecting a free will offering. These suppers give us a wonderful opportunity to share not only a meal but great fellowship with members of our Church family. Looking forward to seeing you.

## HOLY WEEK:



**April 9 & 10- Palm Sunday**

**“Mercy in Palms” • John 12:13-**As people wave palm branches to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem, we witness Jesus beginning his mission of mercy for all people for the salvation of our souls.

**April 14- Maundy Thursday 4:00 PM**

**“Mercy in Bread and Wine” • 1 Corinthians 11:26**

As the bread is broken and the cup is poured, Christ’s body and blood serve as agents of mercy to us who are broken by sin and thirsting for righteousness.

**April 15- Good Friday 4:00 PM**

**“Mercy in the Cross” • Colossians 2:4-**Jesus mercifully removed the sentence of sin against us by going to the cross to declare us not guilty.

**Sunday, April 17 -Easter Sunday-**

**“Mercy in the Open Tomb” • Hebrews 13:20-21-**Because Christ rose from the dead, we have a new beginning that mirrors the mercy of our Lord and Savior.

**\*No Service, Saturday April 16**



## **COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL MISSIONS BOARD OF EVANGELISM**

**The Trinity Lutheran Church committee on Global Missions works to inspire our fellow Christians to spread the Gospel throughout the world by any and all God pleasing methods.**

### **LCMS INTERNATIONAL MISSION War in Ukraine Offering prayers and support for displaced Ukrainians**

As the situation in Ukraine continues, the church prays for peace and for those in harm's way. We also strive to provide for those affected. The Office of International Mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is working with several Lutheran church bodies and missionaries in Europe to help our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine, Lutheran refugees and others affected by the violence.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Office of International Mission (OIM) continues to work with the Rev. Serge Maschewski, bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine (ELCU), to offer assistance in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Currently, pastors of the ELCU are visiting their members and trying to aid anyone in trouble. Financial assistance from the LCMS has been used to buy helmets and body armor for pastors as they continue to minister to their people.

In addition to helping provide protection for those delivering the life-giving Word and Sacraments, assistance has been distributed to ELCU congregation members and other refugees fleeing to the West. Additional aid has assisted those remaining in Ukraine, including providing funds for:

- Food, accommodations, documents and clothes for Eastern Ukrainian refugees who have arrived in Lviv and Vinnytsia;
- A hospital in Lutsk for that cares for refugees and military personnel;
- Congregations of the ELCU, including their members; and
- Food banks and medicine for the community.

In a recent email update, the Rev. James A. Krikava, associate executive director of Eurasia and Asia Operations for the OIM, reported that the Lutheran congregation in Dnipro is still functioning. In fact, the members are working to distribute food and clothing. They are also providing housing to incoming refugees.

As you continue to pray for Ukraine, please also pray for those who are receiving refugees, especially the Synod's church partners and missionaries. We join together with the whole church in praying for peace, for protection, and that all might be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth in Jesus Christ.

News of war often remains opaque and generic. Countries and leaders dominate the headlines. War's effects, however, are counted by each person and family. Individuals get lost in the largesse and the incomprehensible nature of national and international relations.

## COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL MISSIONS BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Yet people love people. And the actions of one person in Romania bear witness to the love of God in Christ Jesus. Sergiu Trifa, the son of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) alliance missionary Rev. Sorin-Horia Trifa, is standing in the midst of the Ukrainian situation to welcome those he can to a foreign land, give them a warm meal and offer a place to stay.

On the evening of March 3, Sergiu was waiting when Ukrainian Lutheran refugees arrived in Romania at the Isaccea Border Point. He had been at the Border Point since Monday, waiting for this group of Lutherans while helping other Ukrainian refugees.

The Ukrainian refugees had to navigate difficult border procedures to enter Romania. Once they arrived, Sergiu took them to Constanța, where they were registered and given a hot meal. From Constanța they are traveling for Brașov by bus. The refugees will stay with Rev. Trifa and in another home offered for this cause.

“All thanks to the effort of Sergiu Trifa! Sergiu is our hero because he only slept for a few hours these nights,” said Rev. Trifa. “He spent hours in the cold waiting for this group of people. In this night he is back at the Isaccea Border Point because the second group will arrive soon, and they will follow the same procedure.”

Romans 12:9 teaches those baptized into Christ, “Let love be genuine.”

We continue to pray for those affected by the violence in Ukraine and thank God for those able to help. To learn more, support the work in Ukraine and help those affected by this war, visit [lcms.org/ukraine](https://lcms.org/ukraine). *Posted March 8, 2022*

“And in all things, whatsoever you shall ask for in prayer, believing you shall receive.”-Matthew 21:22

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Our next will be on **April 18, 2022 in Room 1 at 10:00 a.m.** All are encouraged and invited to attend. For more information, call or text Jan Garner, (352) 598-2048 or email, [janandchloe@embarqmail.com](mailto:janandchloe@embarqmail.com).

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” -Matthew 28:19







# *WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*

## *March 6, 2022*



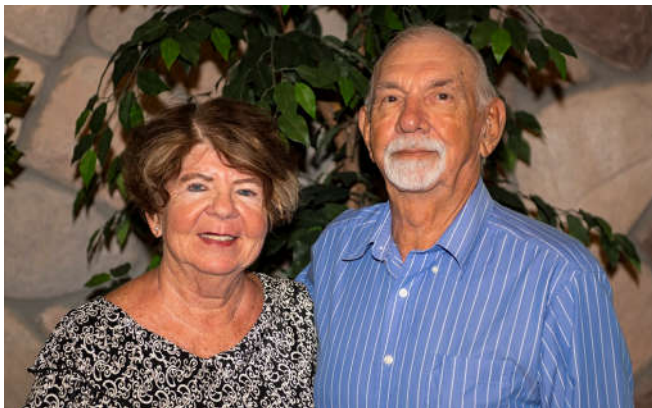
**James & Roberta Berg**



**Calvin (& Karen ) Amstein**



**Wayne & Bobbie Gough**



**Larry & Marilyn Barz**



**Rev. Doug & Patsy Bock**



**Sandra Howard**

**Thank you to Bill Miller for the pictures**





**Karen Matthews**



**Sharon Peters**

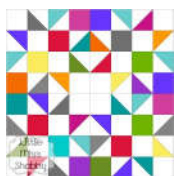


**Richard & Sandra McConnell**

## **Trinity Welcomes 14 New Members!**



Not Pictured: James & Roberta Berg, Karen Matthews, Richard & Sandra McConnell.



## THE SEWING ANGELS

First and most importantly, our hearts and prayers went out to our Head Sewing Angel, Sue Lehota and her family, on the loss of Sue's brother who was killed in a car accident on March 8th. Sue and Chuck (and Sue's sisters, Sandy and Cindy) immediately went to be by the side of Sue's sister-in law. We have certainly missed Sue and Sandy during this time, and will continue to lift them all in our prayers.

We are all very excited about attending the 51<sup>st</sup> Villages Honor Flight on April 13, 2022. We will be meeting the veterans at 1:00 AM that morning and let them pick out one of the patriotic quilts that we have made. It is such an honor to meet these folks and personally thank each one for their service. It is priceless to see the smiles that a quilt made with love puts on their faces!!!

On March 15, 2022, deliveries were made to four children's charities in the area: Infant & Toddler Pantry, Congregational Church, Summerfield, Hands of Mercy Everywhere (H.O.M.E.) and Shepherd's Lighthouse, both in Bellevue, and the Alpha Center for Women in Ocala. Items made by the Sewing Angels (and some helpers from home) and donated to these charities were 32 children/baby quilts, 80 baby wash cloths, 34 crib sheets, 10 receiving blankets, six complete baby outfits, and some miscellaneous items.

We recently learned of a specific need for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatments. Most of the time a port (or PICC line) is inserted into the patient's shoulder through which the drugs are administered. This can be very painful when a seatbelt shoulder strap is pulled across it. So . . . Port Pillows! These are small, soft, padded pillows that can be velcroed around the seatbelt and positioned on top of the port to cushion it. Sewing Angel Sue and her sisters made 38 Port Pillows, and Sewing Angel Sister Cindy delivered them to the Cancer Center in Wildwood where she receives her treatment. Great job ladies!!! This will be an ongoing project as needed by CCCB or any other center needing them.

The newly formed Christian Cancer Care Blessings (CCCB) group is going to include a lap blanket in their care packages. We have donated 11 quilted lap blankets to that group. These are made from cotton, or cotton blend, fabrics, layered with soft batting, and backed with a coordinating cotton fabric. Lap blankets are approximately 36" X 40", but can be any dimensions! Anyone wishing to contribute by making a quilted lap blanket is more than welcome to do so. (Completed blankets can be left in Room 4 at the church, in the container marked CCCB.) This can be done at home or you can join the Sewing Angels any Friday in Room 1 from Noon to 3:00 PM. Need some fabric or supplies? Stop by on a Friday afternoon and find out what is available. -Pam Bixler



**Questions or comments?  
Know someone that could  
use the comfort of a quilt or  
needs a walker bag?**

**email -  
[suelehota@gmail.com](mailto:suelehota@gmail.com)  
call or text me at  
(330) 414-8406**



## MEN'S BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP



We were pleased that so many joined us last month for our Men's Breakfast and Fellowship. Our April gathering will begin as usual with a hearty breakfast at **8:00 on Monday, April 4**, followed by a brief meeting and Bible Study. You are encouraged to bring your Bibles or use the one provided.

Please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex ASAP so Jim will know how many potatoes to peel! Questions? Call Jim Keenan at (352) 216-8106 or email [Cubsgolf@gmail.com](mailto:Cubsgolf@gmail.com)

### ALL GOLFERS ARE NOT CREATED EQUAL



..and nobody cares with the Trinity Men's Golf Team. Last month we only had three golfers but we sure had a good time. We hope to see a lot more able bodied (or not) men come out for a rollicking good time.

**We will meet at noon on Mon., April 4, at Eagle Creek Golf and Country Club.** Please sign up at the clipboard in the church narthex by the drinking fountains and indicate if you will be coming to the Men's Fellowship beforehand, golf, or both. Questions? Call Skip Sattler at (901) 550-8080



## TRINITY TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

The Trinity Transition team is making progress. Revised Mission, Vision and banner recommendations were presented to the church council in March. In addition, the demographic data for the future call document has been vetted and will be available for the future Call team.

We are anxiously waiting for our Intentional Interim Minister Pastor Roger Schoolcraft. His valuable training and experience will truly bless our team and transitional planning. I am so pleased by the team's efforts in working together for the future of Trinity Lutheran Church. We will be scheduling Cottage sessions for congregational input in the near future.

As always, we appreciate your prayers in the name of Christ our Savior for the team and our transition and future call of a Senior Pastor. Blessings, Carolyn Fortin



## REMEMBER SMALL GROUPS

It seems so long ago that our small group ministry was flourishing. Remember when we gathered in homes for conversation, refreshment and to study the Word of God. For many, those were the best of times. And then there was Covid. Well, Covid, for the most part has left, and we are starting to get back to normal. That means we are also in the process of

starting our Small Group Ministry again. There are already four (4) group leaders signed up and thirty-nine (39) individuals have expressed an interest in being a part of the revitalization process.

If you are interested, please contact the church office, Donna Faiella at 845-519-7359 or Doug Mussey at 703-731-4251. Leader training is scheduled for September, and small groups will hopefully resume in October. Hope to hear from you soon.

## SINGLES GROUP-No April Meeting

**Dear Singles, in observance of Good Friday on April 15th, the singles will not meet for our monthly get together. We will meet again on Friday, May 20th with the restaurant to be announced. Blessed Easter to all. -Pat and Madelyn**



## CANCER CARE BAGS READY TO GO-

Christian Cancer Care Blessings (CCCB) ministry has cancer care bags ready for you to take to someone in need. If you know of someone, family member, friend, or neighbor, for whom, you would like to receive this blessing, please stop by the Welcome Center after church and pick up a bag. **They are free and available to all.**



We hope that you and the recipient of the care package will share the blessings of God's love as you participate in this rewarding ministry. **For more information on CCCB, contact Jan Garner, (352) 598-2048 or [janandchloe@embarqmail.com](mailto:janandchloe@embarqmail.com). Thank you.**



Kind hearts are the gardens.  
Kind thoughts are the roots.  
Kind words are the flowers.  
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden  
and keep out the weeds.  
Fill it with sunshine,  
kind words and kind deeds.  
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



## Trinity Couples Simple Suppers

**YES it has been a long time since you heard about Simple Suppers, as matter of fact it was January of 2020. We are ready to get couples here at Trinity together again. We are hoping that you might want to be a part of this fun!**

So whether you are new to Trinity or have been a member for a long time, and want to get to know the members sitting on the other side of the church or at a different service from the one you now attend, then this is the group for you.

The objective of this group is to promote friendship and fellowship within small groups of couples on a social basis and meet other Trinity members. If you have questions or want to know more about this group, you can call Kay 352-638-2528 or Paula 309-235-4666.

Please consider joining us at the next organizational meeting of the whole Trinity Lutheran Couples Simple Supper Group on:

**Monday, May 16, 2022 at 4PM in the Trinity Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall**

At this meeting we will choose new groups of 3 couples. Each group will make their own plans to meet over the next 4 months for simple dining and fellowship. It is the choice of the group whether the meal will be breakfast, lunch or dinner and what restaurant, or in a home. We look forward to having some of our new member couples participating and enjoying fellowship with us.

Bring your calendars and 2- 3"X5" index cards with your **name, phone number, cell phone number and email address**. After all groups are formed each new group can then divide up and start planning when they will meet and what they will do . PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT FOR AT LEAST ONE OF YOU TO ATTEND. THANKS!

**If you are unable to attend this organizational meeting and want to be included in a group, please send an email to Kay Jacobson or Paula Zumaris (email addresses listed below) and your names will be put into a group.**

Phil & Paula Zumaris (309) 235-4666, [zlady228@gmail.com](mailto:zlady228@gmail.com)

Jim & Kay Jacobson (352) 430-1577, [kayalene43@comcast.net](mailto:kayalene43@comcast.net)





## BOOKWORMS

### "The Elephant of Belfast"

When you think of the devastation from WWII, you don't often think of Ireland. And yet, the Irish also suffered from the German blitz. "The Elephant of Belfast" by S Kirk Walsh is based on the true story of a young zookeeper who is in charge of the elephants. Because of the fear that the animals might get loose and terrorize the city, she is ordered to oversee the killing of many of the animals, including her beloved Violet, the elephant.

Even if you haven't read this book, please join the Bookworms on **Wednesday, April 6 in Room 1 at 1:00 p.m.** Questions? Call Carol Keenan (352) 216-8106 or email [fromhisflock1@gmail.com](mailto:fromhisflock1@gmail.com).

**Head's Up:** May's book is "The Fourth Child" by Jessica Winter. This is fiction but deals with the very real problems of a profoundly devout pro-life Catholic who adopts a difficult child from Eastern Europe.

As you can tell, our book club reads a variety of books from most genres. These are books you yourself probably wouldn't choose to read, but will be glad you did afterwards!

## MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to Building Debt Reduction in memory of the following:

*Ken Fanta*

*Barbara Soares*

A gift was given to LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) in memory of:

*Barbara Soares*





## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

### Monday, April 25

We have room for more to join us any time **between 9:30 and 11:30 the 4th Monday of the month.** No need to stay the entire 2 hours. We recently purchased yarn for people to take home to knit or crochet. We also are now making cancer hats, infant hats, and pic line covers for local hospitals. If you do not wish to make a shawl, or lap robe, perhaps you could join us and get the patterns to make hats or pic line covers. All hands are welcome.

Any questions, call. Wanda David, 219-508-5847, or Darlene Baney, 419-367-0373.



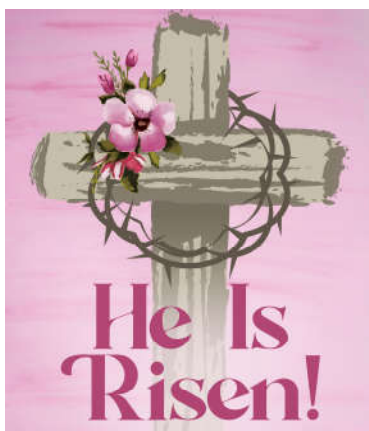
## FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON

**April 23 at 10:50 a.m.**

*Have you been to the Friendship Luncheon lately? If not, you have a special invitation to join us.*

We invite you to come and join your Trinity family and friends at the **“FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON”** on **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We meet at the Oakwood Restaurant, 860 S. HWY 27-441, Lady Lake at **10:50 am.**

Our luncheons are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, January - November. For planning purposes, **please look for the yellow sign-up sheet in the narthex clipboard area by the water fountains.** If unable to attend after signing up, or if you forgot to sign up, please call or text Joan or Ken Herro (414) 630-0572. As always, we look forward to seeing new and familiar faces. The luncheon is a great way to gather for good food, great fellowship and to make a new Trinity friend.



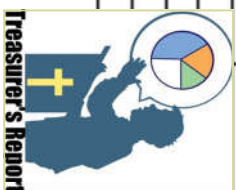
# TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT

February, 2022

## GENERAL FUND

INCOME	CURRENT MONTH				YEAR-TO-DATE			
Envelope Giving	\$55,808.	Over Budget	\$16,192.	40.9%	\$126,273.	Over Budget	\$704.	0.6%
Electronic Giving (Give Plus)	\$19,498.	Under Budget	(\$6,369.)	(24.6%)	\$40,359.	Under Budget	(\$10,446.)	(20.6%)
Special Services	\$150.	Under Budget	(\$2,096.)	(93.3%)	\$425.	Under Budget	(\$1,868.)	(81.5%)
Plate Offering	\$3,432.	Under Budget	(\$1,076.)	(23.9%)	\$7,767.	Under Budget	(\$294.)	(3.6%)
Interest	\$17.	Under Budget	(\$25.)	(59.3%)	\$7.	Under Budget	(\$77.)	(92.1%)
Memorial gifts	\$0.		\$0.		\$0.		\$0.	
Misc Income	\$11.	Under Budget	(\$14.)	(56.0%)	\$56.	Under Budget	(\$469.)	(89.4%)
TOTAL INCOME	\$78,916.	Over Budget	\$6,612.	9.2%	\$174,887.	Under Budget	(\$12,450.)	(6.7%)
		Over Last Year	\$9,439.	13.6%		Under Last Year	(\$4,359.)	(2.4%)
EXPENSES								
Board expenses	\$42,161.	Under Budget	\$10,346.	19.7%	\$94,676.	Under Budget	\$8,513.	8.2%
Mortgage interest	\$4,818.	Under Budget	\$58.	1.2%	\$10,042.	Under Budget	\$395.	3.8%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$46,979.	Under Budget	\$10,404.	18.1%	\$104,718.	Under Budget	\$8,908.	7.8%
		Under Last Year	\$26,590.	36.1%		Under Last Year	\$31,145.	22.9%
CASH FLOW ITEMS								
Mortgage Principal	\$11,285.	Over Budget	(\$113.)	(1.0%)	\$22,109.	Over Budget	(\$450.)	(2.1%)
Capital Expenditures	\$0.		\$0.		\$0.		\$0.	
TOTAL CASH FLOW ITEMS	\$11,285.	Over Budget	(\$113.)	(1.0%)	\$22,109.	Over Budget	(\$450.)	(2.1%)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$58,264.	Over Budget	\$10,291.	15.0%	\$126,827.	Under Budget	\$8,458.	6.3%
Net Income vs. Expense	\$20,652.				\$48,060.			
DEDICATED ACCOUNTS								
Receipts	\$8,319.				\$36,029.			
Disbursements	(\$10,540.)				(\$13,853.)			
CASH ON HAND	\$274,026.	Up this month	\$13,826.		\$60,000.	CD's		
		Up since Jan 1	\$69,126.		\$26,742.	Money Market Acct		
CD's w/LCEF					\$33,250.			
MORTGAGE DEBT								
Loan #1 (Fellowship Hall) w/Interest	\$0.	Down this year						
Loan #2 (Sanctuary) w/Interest	\$1,257,270.	Down this year	\$16,483.		\$47,762.	ENDOWMENT		
Loan #3 (Bushnell Campus) w/LCEF	\$268,545.	Down this year	\$4,376.					
Loan #4 (Bushnell Campus) w/FICA DIST	\$140,520.	Down this year	\$1,250.					

(\$'s in Red) denotes unfavorable



Treasurer's Report



Thank you to all Volunteers who are always so willing to give of their time. We appreciate you!

April 2022						
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May 2022						
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If you have any submissions for the Trinity Tidings or if you just have comments or suggestions, please email us at [staff@trinitysummerfield.org](mailto:staff@trinitysummerfield.org)

The deadline for the **May 2022 Newsletter** is **\*\*Friday, April 15th\*\***

# Puzzle!

Using the code, complete this passage based on Ezekiel 34.

CODE																									
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N	M	L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A

"As a        looks after his

       when        is

       them, so will I        after my       .

I will        them and        them.

I will        for the        and bring back

the       . I will        up the       

and        the       . You are my

       ... and I am your       ."



Answer: shepherd, scattered, flock, he, with, look, sheep, rescue, pasture, search, lost, strays, bind, injured, strengthen, weak, sheep, God



**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2022**

Present were: Gil Dahnke, Carolyn Fortin (via phone), Joan Egeland, Gary Eckoff, Rusty Ryan, Doug Mussey, Chuck Wilt, Jerry Iseler, Patti Paxton, Dennis Esch, Jeff Bixler, Jill Esposito and Pastor Blair Clark. Guests in attendance were: Jan Garner and Donna Faiella.

Gil Dahnke opened the meeting and Pastor Blair provided the opening prayer. Minutes of February 13, 2022 meeting were approved via e-mail on February 19, 2022.

**PASTOR REPORTS:** Pastor Blair reported the Lenten services are going well and have a good attendance. Also, the Elders have set up visitation teams for those that are shut-in which has been a help.

**BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT:** Jill Esposito presented our current membership.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Rusty Ryan presented the February 2022 report. She explained that last year there were matching funds as the reason for large decrease in the Designated Funds category.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Gary Eckoff presented the February Monthly Report. He reported that there is approximately an additional \$160,000 coming in 60 to 90 days from a Financial Family Gift estate. Gary also raised concern regarding the large amount of funds in the Restricted Accounts and that we need to further review and possibly make some decisions. Gil Dahnke made the following **MOTION:** **Council shall accept the Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports as presented.** Doug Mussey seconded. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Transition Team:** President Dahnke presented that the team is continuing its progress. Proposed Mission and Vision statements have been crafted, along with a suggested banner proposal. In addition, demographics have been completed with additional statistical data discovered for consideration.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Pastor Roger Schoolcraft Installation:** President Dahnke presented that Pastor Schoolcraft installation will be Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> with President Walton providing the sermon message. A welcome dinner will follow. Pastor Schoolcraft will provide the message Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gil indicated that the official start date is still fluid as he is preparing for the sale of his home. He has secured housing within The Villages.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**Trustees:** Jeff Bixler requested additional help from the board members for the setup of Pastor Schoolcraft's installation dinner as all tables will be needed, probably the morning of April 1. Jeff then raised concern for the major costs still ahead in this year's budget. The dishwasher and windows have been addressed in last month's meeting. Now he is looking at the carpet issues in the sanctuary as well as possible pew changes to meet our increasing need for accommodations for the limited mobility members and/or guests.



**Fellowship:** Patti Paxton reported that they have begun providing a specific number of limited mobility tables however this is still a work in progress and any feedback is welcomed. She also indicated that the Lenten suppers and the new member breakfast have been well attended, seeing a renewed energy coming back into the church fellowship.

**Elders:** Chuck Wilt reported that they reviewed that costs associated with bringing full bulletins back, which is approximately \$6,000 for the remainder of the year. Our reasons to bring the full bulletins back seems to revolve around the delays in screen movement during the services. Jill will address these concerns with David and the entire team to create a more seamless transition and all services operating the same way. The Elders have also reviewed the security of collection plates and have an option to have additional secure collection boxes built for each door.

**Christian Education:** Doug Mussey reported that his board has the basic question of: why do we have a board of Christian Education? He indicated that the low attendance of basic Bible study classes is the major reason for this question and asked all board members to consider this for the next meeting, which Gil will add to the agenda for April.

**Evangelism:** Jerry Iseler reported that his group continues to review and enhance areas to promote the church. They do need a dedicated Lutheran Hour ambassador.

**Stewardship:** Dennis Esch reported that he has registered for the convention but no others updates as the team did not meet.

Jan Garner provided an update that the new Christian Cancer Care Blessings (CCCB) has taken off really well. She also provided some insight as to why we need the amount for Organ and Music in the Dedicated Funds accounts. Donna Faiella discussed the LWML rally coming April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the new excitement within LWML. She also indicated that small group bible study need to return now that Covid seems have a reduced concern going forward.

The next Council meeting will be April 19, 2022 at 1:30 PM in Room 3. Doug Mussey moved to adjourn with Gary Eckoff seconded. Meeting was adjourned. The group closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Egeland  
Recording Secretary

Approved via e-mail,  
March 18, 2022



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### **Come & Worship With Us**

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

#### **Wednesday Lenten service**

April 6 at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Maundy Thursday**

April 14 4:00 p.m.

#### **Good Friday**

April 15 4:00 p.m.

#### **Easter**

April 17 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

### **Come & Learn With Us**

Sundays

Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

(No class on April 3 & 17)

