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### VISION STATEMENT

Trinity Lutheran Church is a community inspired by God  
to share Christ's good news by what we say and do.

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### FROM THE PASTOR

Is unity in a congregation essential? St. Paul writes frequently of the division in the churches that he started and was their spiritual leader. His letter to the Corinthians spells it out; *"Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose."* 1 Cor 1:10

I am also drawn to his passage about Holy Communion; *"When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in?"* 1 Cor 11:20-22.

This seems so unusual to our modern ears. The people were bringing their own food and drink to the celebration but NOT sharing with those that had nothing. In worship we DO all share one bread and one body, as the song tells us. But should this idea of unity, or at least an attempt at unity, be one of our primary goals? Should this idea of unity be more than a literal understanding of bread and wine?

I would say most definitely yes, within our church, within our worship, within our council, with our neighbours in faith and with our Lutheran siblings in Christ. We are stronger as one body.

Is unity in a congregation essential, and where does it start?

What do you think?  
~ Pastor Steve



## WORSHIP NOTES FOR APRIL ~ HOLY WEEK & EASTER



We will be trying to return to many of the “held off due to the pandemic” worship patterns.

**April 10<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday** 10:30 am with the procession of the palms plus the congregational participation in reading the Passion Story from Luke.

Food for thought: There are story elements in the Gospel of Luke that are different from the other three gospels:

- Jesus comes before Herod Antipas.
- Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of any crime punishable by death.
- Jesus is not flogged

- No mocking by the soldiers
- Jesus and his disciples pray at the Mt. of Olives.
- The second bandit affirms Jesus’s innocence and asks to be remembered and receives a blessing.  
(Ref: From a blog by Dr. David M. Reis at the University of Oregon)

**April 14<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm** with Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar ... the start of the three-day worship.

**April 15<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday 10:30 am** a service of lament ... the middle day.

**April 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter Day 10:30 am** with Holy Communion ... a service of joy ... the 3<sup>rd</sup> day – Hallelujah!



**Members of the ELCIC and friends of CLWR have given generously to support the urgent humanitarian needs of all those affected by the violence in Ukraine. Today we ask you to join the worldwide response to this crisis.**



Thanks to our donors, as refugees have fled into neighbouring countries, our partners have been able to provide initial aid to those in need.

As we move to the next stage of our emergency response, we ask you to join this global effort to support those fleeing the violence in Ukraine.

We are working with our partners to deliver essential provisions to women, children and the elderly who had to leave so much behind as they were forced to flee. From soap, shampoo and toothpaste, to rice, vegetables, milk and canned meat – with your help, we can act quickly to meet people’s hygiene and nutritional needs.

**A family hygiene kit costs \$25 / A family food package costs \$35**

***You can make your donation at church. Please mark your envelope “Ukrainian Relief”***

**To date our members have donated \$1,160.00 Thank you.**



Do you remember the first Trinity service you ever came to? What brought you here? What kept you here? Did you go to Sunday School or confirmation classes?

Who were your friends or your teachers? What are your favourite memories of events, dinners, services, community projects or fundraisers? Were you involved in significant Trinity events such as leaving Missouri Synod, joining the LCA, pastoral call committees or building projects? Do you have any stories your family members told you about when they were members? Who were/are the memorable people you've met at Trinity? The joker, the singer, the dedicated worker who volunteered for everything, the cheerful one who talked to every single person?

We are asking for your stories, memories and photos of Trinity, its clergy and its members. We will be

combining them into a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary memory book for the archives. Write as much as you want. Don't be concerned about duplication of submissions as everyone's memories are different. The more everyone contributes, the better the project will turn out.

Do you have photos of the Trinity building itself, both old and new, the parsonage or people and events from any year to submit so they can be catalogued and added to our archives? We would love to see those old pictures of church construction, Mother and Daughter Dinners, Men's Club meetings, Sunday School, Christmas Pageant, choir, youth and young adult events, TLW, luncheons, Christmas dinners, confirmations, baptisms, yard sales, concerts and celebrations! You can bring in copies or originals to be copied and returned. Send your electronic submissions by email to Nancy Manners at [ndmanners@execulink.com](mailto:ndmanners@execulink.com) or send your paper/photo submissions to the church office or to Nancy at her address in the directory.

~ Nancy Manners

## APRIL

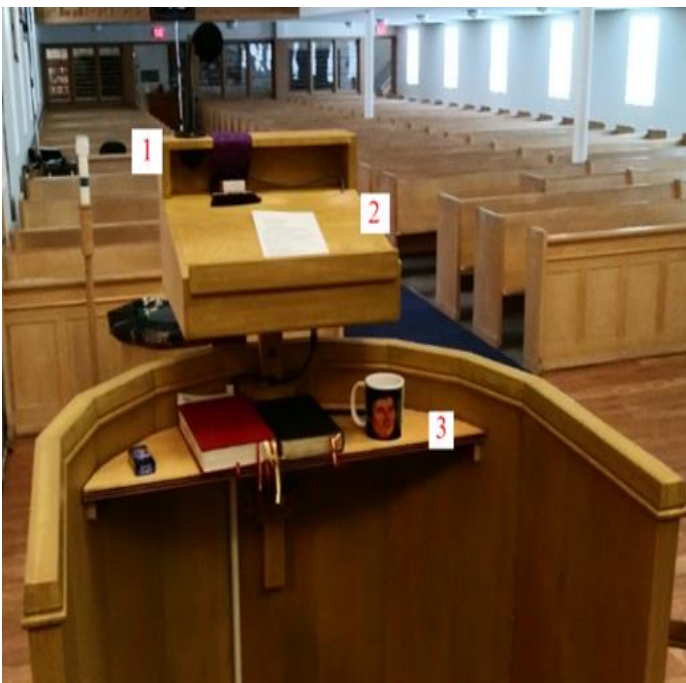
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3 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	4 Northern Hospitality 2 pm	5	6	7	8	9
10  Palm Sunday	11 Council 7 pm	12	13	14  Maundy Thursday Worship 7 pm	15  GOOD FRIDAY Worship 10:30 am <i>Office Closed</i>	16
17  Easter Sunday	18 <i>Office Closed</i>	19	20	21	22	23 Men's Club Breakfast & Meeting 9 am
24 2nd Sunday of Easter	25 LSSL	26	27	28 Lions 6:30 pm	29	30 Lions' Garage Sale 8 am

## **WHAT? NO!**

“Did you know the pastor drinks coffee when he is preaching?”

“No!” is the correct part of that statement. Below is a photo of my new pulpit work environment and many thanks to Steve Krautner and Bob Sellars for the new shelf addition. Since we came back to in-person worship, and I have been exclusively using the pulpit to both lead worship and preach and I had no where to keep the stuff I need when I lead. Let's take a tour of the new upgrades:

- 1 The microphone is now moved up to the very top level. It used to be on the same part where I'd put my sermon and worship books. It was always a tight space.
- 2 This surface is now completely clear for books, sermon print outs, a regular sized binder for worship, or even a laptop computer (that our chair of council often uses).
- 3 The new shelf has my water mug (with a picture of Martin Luther on it and was a gift from my daughter), the Bible (it belonged to Mary Whyte), the Pastor's hymnal (which is all marked up with extra notes), and my mints to help keep my throat lubricated. Drinking coffee when singing or public speaking is a no no. It dries out your throat. By the way, the wood for the shelf is from an old pew. Pretty cool, eh?



## **ANNUAL MEETING REACTION**

Our meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> was very short and the close of the meeting seemed to just happen all of a sudden and we were done. I still had a few things to say, and the one big ticket item was a thank you to our retiring treasurer, Lynne Killinger. I would normally have offered a motion of thanks at the meeting. Lynne has been a highlight in the leadership of our congregation. She sees the bigger picture, understands how people work and think, and could see, hear, and comprehend some of the possibilities in our ministry journey. Her dedication to her responsibilities, her technical skill and compassion she brought to the role were remarkable. Thank you, Lynne, you have blessed us.

~ Pastor Steve Johnston

## **VBS VOLUNTEERS**



I am wondering about Vacation Bible School this summer. We have missed running the program these past two years but to restart this amazingly successful event, we will need volunteers. PLEASE let me know in April if you think you can volunteer for VBS, which would likely be the last week of July starting 25th. This works for high school students too if you are looking for volunteer hours (if that is still a thing these days).

~ Pastor Steve

## **CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL**

Mirna Rodriguez (3)	Sue Garey (4)
Doreen Schweitzer (7)	Tom Ristine (9)
Lydia Reinhard (11)	Nancy King (12)
Dan Hohnstein (16)	Lynne Killinger (18)
Brady Hough (21)	John Vbranch (22)
Greg Millar (26)	Rob Inch (27)
Dave Hutchison (28)	Barb Hamilton (30)



# TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 28 FEB. 2022

Please find below a report of this year's receipts and disbursements compared to last year.

	Jan - Feb 2022	Last Year	Variance
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## Current Operating Fund

*The current fund is used to cover our day-to-day expenses of operating the church.*

*The expenses incurred are based on the budget approved by the congregation.*

Envelope Offering	15,472	10,333	5,139
Rent Income	8,110	460	7,650
Grants	8,500	3,367	5,133
Wage Subsidy 2021	-	40,476	-40,476
Disbursements	53,322	41,022	12,300
Surplus (Deficit)	-21,240	13,614	-34,854

## Benevolence Receipts

*Funds designated as Benevolence or marked to another charity (ie Mission Services) are deposited into this fund. Weekly Benevolence collections are forwarded to the Synod.*

Receipts	1,225	643	583
Disbursements	1,225	630	595
Surplus (Deficit)	0	13	-13

## Debt Reduction

Receipts	182	192	-10
Disbursements	-	-	0
Surplus (Deficit)	182	192	-10

## Help for Others

*Funds designated as Help for Others go to fund our outreach program for Northern Hospitality*

Receipts	250	-	250
Disbursements	351	272	79
Surplus (Deficit)	-101	-272	171

~ Lynne Killinger, Treasurer