

# BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Cindy Grefe  
Nicholas Barrick  
Evan Treanor
- 4 – Kelly Fink  
August Bollhagen
- 5 – Janet Betten
- 7 – Taylor Behn
- 8 – Jean Showalter  
Kristy Abbas
- 9 – Eugene Jorgensen  
Ruth Kloetzer
- 10 – Coleton Barz  
Vicar Patrick Cox
- 11 – Bradi Moore
- 12 – Tate Schmitt
- 13 – Merlin Behn
- 14 – Gracie Bollhagen
- 15 – Doug McWilliams
- 16 – Kevin Behn
- 17 – Scott Heilskov
- 18 – Laura Hegtvedt
- 19 – Mildred Pingel  
Jack Showalter  
Emma Behn
- 20 – Barb Meyer
- 21 – Shayla Schmitt
- 22 – Sheree Holmstrom
- 23 – Jamie Patton  
Deanna Genz  
Kyle Hegtvedt
- 24 – Jim Barrick
- 26 – Jessica Janssen (Fender)
- 27 – Denise Grell
- 28 – Todd Schmitt  
Jason Fink
- 29 – Marie Rodemeyer (100)  
Cody Arndt
- 30 – Julie Ahrens



# ANNIVERSARIES



- 14 – Justin & Sarah Behn
- 19 – Lynn & JoEllen Arends
- 21 – Dan & Denise Grell



## GREETERS

- Lynn & JoEllen Arends
- Al & Janelle Fink
- Phil & Kristi Hauser
- Mike & Donna Spetman

## USHERS

- Rodger Schnabel, Chair
- Larry Behn
- Gene Lampe
- Mark Rodemeyer
- Mitch Vanness

## ACOLYTES

- 7 – Cooper Hansen
- 14 – Noel Hansen
- 21 – Lukas Showalter
- 28 – Lane Haller

## SPECIAL SUNDAY GUESTS

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>: St. Paul's School Kids to sing and provide a freewill luncheon.

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>:  
Rev. Dr. Tilahun  
Mendedo, Lutheran  
Bible Translators



## SPECIAL MEETINGS

Council Meeting: Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM.  
Voters Meeting: Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> after church.



Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2PM  
 Devotion/Bible Study:  
 Stephanie Behn  
 Hostess:  
 Vicki Claypool

All ladies are invited!

Please let Stephanie know if you need a copy of the Bible Study.

The Rite of Confirmation is set for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Our confirmands this year are Cooper Hansen, Noel Hansen, and Lukas Showalter. Pray for these young people as they prepare.



After the worship service that day, The Board of Parish and Social Ministry would like to invite you to a reception congratulating the confirmands in the fellowship hall.

### CTSFW CALL NIGHTS...

The Vicarage call night is set for Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Pastor Bollhagen has been asked to preach at the Vicarage Call Service!** We will be having a "Watch Party" so stay tuned for details 😊. Pastor will also be attending the Pastoral call night on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, to see where Vicar Cox will be serving.



### UPCOMING MAGAZINE RENEWALS

The Lutheran Witness renewal month is July 2024. The price for 2024 is \$20.65/year. If you are interested in subscribing to this magazine, please telephone the church office by April 26<sup>th</sup>. Our renewal deadline by mail is May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Portals of Prayer is renewing in July as well. Let Stephanie know by next Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> if you would like your name removed from the direct mailing list. Thank you!

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### THANK YOU...

To all our Thrivent members for designating Trinity Lutheran Church for your 2023 Thrivent "Choice Dollars"!

TLC's Thrivent members have designated our \$6,710.00 Choice Dollars to the following expenditures:

Vicar Fund	\$2,909.00
KLMJ Advent/Lenten Devotions	\$2,909.00
Carpet Expense	\$ 446.00
Building Fund-Parking Lot Repair	\$ 446.00

Thank you for considering our suggestions.

Your Thrivent Member Network,  
 Rozann Herwig, Judy Hankom, Al Fink

### REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS WITH YOUR PRAYERS, PHONE CALLS, VISITS, AND CARDS...



- \*Country View Nursing Facility:  
 Mavis Claypool, Jennie Dellinger, Bob Heilskov, Melba Muhlenbruch, Tillie Nelsen
- \*Franklin General Assisted Living:  
 Merlin Behn, Dixie Schmitt
- \*Rehabilitation Center of Hampton:  
 Daisy Bentrrott
- \*Hubbard Care Center:  
 Mildred Pingel
- \*Our members at home who may not be able to come to church.

## FROM VICAR SHEPARD...

Dear Saints at Trinity,

We continue on in our look at the liturgy this month by taking a look at the creed. As you know, there are three creeds that we use in worship depending on the time or season. These are the Apostle's, the Nicaean, and the Athanasian creed. In the fifth century, Tyrannius Rufinus wrote a commentary on the Apostle's Creed where he records the tradition surrounding the creed itself. By his attestation the Apostle's Creed came about on the day of Pentecost when the Apostles, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, uttered this creed as a unanimous testimony of the faith. Whether this is true, we may not know. It is, however, our oldest creed dating back to the early third century (A.D. 200s) where it was intimately connected to the Baptismal rite even as we have it today in the form of questions. The Nicaean Creed was begun at the council of Nicaea in A.D. 325. Here, it was presented almost as we have it today. At the following council, the council of Constantinople in A.D. 381, the words "and through the son" were added to the third article. Known as the filioque (meaning proceeding), it was added as a statement of divine authority and as a clarification of the inner economy of God. This addition has become one of the major contentions between the Western Church and the Eastern Orthodox.

The Athanasian creed was written in the late fifth century, in France by St. Athanasius. The purpose of the creed was to fight against the trinitarian heresies which were beginning to arise. The creed focuses upon the humanity and divinity of Christ, as well as the "unity in trinity and trinity in unity" within the Godhead which is why it is traditionally recited on Trinity Sunday.

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" meaning: I believe. The creeds are a statement of belief. This is what's so ironic about the "no creeds but Christ" crowd. That is a statement of belief, that is a creed. Albeit, a self-defeating one, but a creed nonetheless. If we all believe in Jesus then what is the point of the creeds? The point is unity. In order to be united in a common belief you must know what it is you believe. The creeds confess who God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are. They confess the humanity of Christ, his crucifixion, his death, and his resurrection. As well, memorizing the creeds are a great way to have an answer in your back pocket for when someone asks you what you do believe about God. They aren't empty words but a confession of Christ as Lord.

Blessed Eastertide!

Vicar Shepard

P. S. Please join us for book club! Starting this Tuesday (4/2/24), we will begin with an overview of the ideas contained within Carl Trueman's book *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self*. Have you ever looked at the world today and thought, "how did we get here?" Trueman offers an answer to that question with his clear and thorough history of ideas starting right before the enlightenment all the way to today. Want to come, but don't have the book yet? No trouble, join us anyway for a fun and thoughtful discussion!

