# 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 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 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 Cody Arndt Abigail Stefanec
- 30 Julie Ahrens

# ANNIVERSARIES







## **GREETERS**

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

## <u>USHERS</u>

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

# **ACOLYTES**

2 (Wed) – Lane Haller
6 – Noah Behn
9 (Wed) – Colin Harr
13 – Slade Pigman
17 ( Maundy Thurs) – Henry Subbert
18 (Good Fri) – Evan Waechter
19 (Sat Easter Vigil) – Lane Haller
20 – Noah Behn
27 – Colin Harr

### SPECIAL SUNDAY GUESTS

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>: St. Paul's Lutheran School Kids to sing and provide breakfast after church/Sunday School.

Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>: Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Tilahun Mendedo

#### SPECIAL MEETINGS

Council Meeting: Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Voters Meeting: Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> after church.



Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2PM

Devotion/Bible Study:
Vicki Claypool
Hostess:
Beth Fink

All ladies are invited!

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Service at 8:30 AM

Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> Service at 7:30 PM

Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> Service at 7:30 PM

Saturday Easter Vigil, April 19<sup>th</sup> Service at 7:00 PM

> Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> Service at 8:30 AM





#### CTSFW CALL NIGHTS...



The Vicarage call night is set for Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM (CDT). The Candidate call night is Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM (CDT). You can watch both of these events online at <a href="https://www.ctsfw.edu/callday">www.ctsfw.edu/callday</a>. Let's see who our new Vicar will be and where Vicar

Jacob Shepard and Marizza will be headed!

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

- \*Country View Nursing Facility: Jennie Dellinger, Melba Muhlenbruch, Tillie Nelsen, Dixie Schmitt
- \*Franklin General Assisted Living: Merlin Behn
- \*Rehabilitation Center of Hampton: Jamie Fink, Mardell Jorgensen
- \*Leahy Grove: Patty Rodemeyer
- \*Good Shepherd Health Center: Jean Morgan
- \*At Home: Jerry Meyer, Kathy Jones
- \*Other members at home who may not be able to come to church.

#### UPCOMING MAGAZINE RENEWALS

The Lutheran Witness renewal month is July 2025. The price for 2025 is \$20.65/year. If you are interested in subscribing to this magazine, please telephone the church office by April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Portals of Prayer is renewing in July as well. Let Stephanie know by this Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> if you would like your name removed from the direct mailing list. Thank you!

#### LOOKING AHEAD...

The Rite of Confirmation will be Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Our confirmands this year are Noah Behn, Lane Haller, Colin Harr, Slade Pigman, and Henry Subbert. Please pray for these young men as they prepare.



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

# THANK YOU... thrivent

To all our Thrivent members for designating Trinity Lutheran Church for your 2024 Thrivent "Choice Dollars"! These dollars will be directed towards the following expenditures:

Vicar Fund \$1,824.00
KLMJ Advent & Lenten Devotions \$912.00
Building Fund \$3,040.00

Total 2024 Choice Dollars \$5,776.00

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

#### FROM VICAR STEFANEC...

Dear Trinity,

As we continue examining how Old Testament individuals foreshadow Christ, we now consider Solomon. Solomon was the son of David and succeeded David on the throne of Israel. When David desired to build the temple for God to dwell in, God told him, "When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he will be to me a son," (1 Samuel 7:12-14).

When Solomon becomes king of Israel at the end of David's life, he reigns with wisdom and righteousness—at first. He puts to death his enemies and is given exceptional wisdom by the grace of God. He builds the temple of God with excellence, and his kingdom is blessed with riches and abundance. However, Solomon is led away from the Lord when he marries foreign wives who lead his heart away from the Lord. He even builds high places for other gods. So, like every man who came before him, Solomon is not ultimately the deliverer of his people.

Yet, there is another, truer Son of David: Christ. Although Solomon was the offspring of David, Christ is the true offspring who came from

David's own body. Yet as the Psalm says, "The Lord said to my Lord..." (Psalm 110:1). Although he is the Son of David, he is the most high God. Although Solomon was the son of David, Christ is the Son of God. Although Solomon put to death his enemies, the true King of Israel put to death sin on his throne of the cross. Although Solomon was given wisdom, Christ is the personification of Wisdom. Although Solomon built the temple of God, Christ's body is the Temple. Although Solomon's kingdom was great, Christ's is greater still and will have no end. Although Solomon fell into idolatry, Christ bore the idolatry of his people and carried it to the grave. Although Solomon's reign ended when he died, Christ's reign was inaugurated when he took his last breath. For Christ is the Son promised to David.

As we continue through Lent, let us remember the perfect Son Christ is. As we reflect upon and repent of our sin this season, let us remember that the true Son of David is the sinless one. No man before him resisted sin. No man before him carried your sin to the cross to deliver you from it. So, let us look to our King as the one who defeated death by death, and let us patiently await the final consumption of his kingdom. For there, the peace and abundance will be greater than that of Solomon, and there will be sin no more.

For Prayer: Heavenly Father, you promised your servant David that his offspring would reign forever. Let us repent of our sin and find our promised rest in his kingdom, so that we may abide in your presence within your kingdom of all eternity. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, Amen.

