

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
Pastor 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 – Cody Arndt
Abigail Stefanec
- 30 – Julie Ahrens



GREETERS

- Al & Janelle Fink
- Phil & Kristi Hauser
- Gene & Sharon Miller
- Mike & Donna Spetman

USHERS

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

ACOLYTES

- 5 – Evan Waechter
- 19 – Vivian Hansen

An Elder or Usher will fill in for all other Sundays and special worship services

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS MONTH

April 5th – Easter Worship Service with breakfast after church provided by the LYF.

April 12th – St. Paul's Lutheran School children will be here to sing and provide a free-will offering meal after church.

Monthly Communion Chapel is
Wednesday, April 15th at 1:00 PM.



ANNIVERSARIES

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


Anniversary Blessings!

SPECIAL MEETINGS THIS MONTH

Council Meeting: Monday, April 13th at 5:30 PM.
Voters Meeting: Sunday, April 19th after church.



Wednesday, April 1st at 2PM

Devotion/Bible Study:
Judy Hankom
Hostess:
Beth Fink

All ladies are invited!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

Service at 7:30 PM

Good Friday, April 3rd

Service at 7:30 PM

Saturday Easter Vigil, April 4th

Service at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 5th

Service at 8:30 AM



THANK YOU...

To all our Thrivent members for designating Trinity Lutheran Church for your 2025 Thrivent "Choice Dollars"! These dollars will be directed towards the following expenditures:

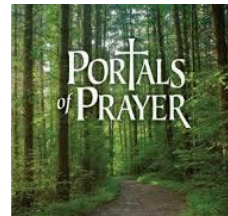
Vicar Fund	\$1,767.90
KLMJ Advent & Lenten Devotions	\$1,473.25
Building Fund	\$2,651.85
Building Fund	\$1,473.25
Parking Lot	589.30
Pew Cushions	589.30

Total 2025 Choice Dollars \$5,893.00

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



UPCOMING MAGAZINE RENEWALS



Portals of Prayer is renewing in July as well. Let Stephanie know by this Friday, April 3rd if you would like your name removed from the direct mailing list. Thank you!

The Lutheran Witness renewal month is July 2026. The price for 2026 is \$23.50/year. If you are interested in subscribing to this magazine, please telephone the church office by April 20th.



SEMINARY CALL NIGHTS...

Fort Wayne's Vicarage call night is set for Tuesday, April 28th at 6:00 PM (CDT). The Candidate call night is Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00 PM (CDT). You can watch both of these events online at www.ctsfw.edu/callday. We will have two candidates being called to be Pastors this year: Vicar Jacob Shepard and Vicar Jacob Stefanec.

St. Louis' call day is April 28th with Vicarage Assignments at 3pm and Candidate Calls at 7pm. You can watch on <https://www.csl.edu/academics/call-day-services/>.

LOOKING AHEAD...

The Rite of Confirmation will be Sunday, May 3rd. Our confirmands this year are Vivian Hansen and Evan Waechter. Please pray for Vivian and Evan 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.

FROM VICAR LINNEMAN...

The Sermon on the Mount

Before the era of microphones, if you wanted to be heard by a crowd, you had to know how to make use of terrain. The Gospel of Matthew tells us that great crowds had begun following Jesus from all around the area, Galilee and the Decapolis, even from Judea and Jerusalem. This great crowd had accumulated around Jesus somewhere around his new home of Capernaum, and like any good preacher, Jesus isn't going to pass up this opportunity to preach.

We know from other accounts that crowds following Jesus could number into the hundreds, even thousands (five thousand men in one instance), and we have no reason to suspect that this crowd was any smaller. So how is just one man supposed to teach all of these people? You have to get higher than the people, so Jesus takes his place up on this hill and begins to teach.

But there is more to this mountaintop teaching than just vocals, because if you know who Jesus is, this event should remind of another event where God descends upon a mountaintop and teaches his people. In Exodus 19-20, we read about another time the Son of God descended upon Mount Sinai to teach the people, and in that day, he came in fire and thunder, with a voice that echoed across the wilderness and terrified the people gathered there. On that mountain, he gave the 10 Commandments to the people of God with his own voice.

The parallels then are striking, from a theological standpoint, because you have the same Son of God speaking with his own voice again on a mountain teaching the people in a very similar way. But instead of frightening commands, this time, he pronounces blessings. Instead of fire and thunder to terrify, we find a gentle and lowly teacher, Jesus Christ, sitting and teaching.

How can a situation so similar look and sound so different? Because these two sermons reveal two different things about God himself. On Sinai, we find God the judge, who is righteous and punishes sin. But in the Sermon on the Mount, we see our

God for who he truly wants to be. He does not want to be the enforcer of the Law, that is what Martin Luther calls his "alien work." Jesus wants to be the Good Shepherd, who gently leads his flock. This is what Luther calls his "proper work." He wants only to bless, not curse.

But God the righteous judge must execute judgement on sin; his righteousness will not be questioned. In order that Christ the Good Shepherd might give us these blessings, he takes upon himself all of our sin, and he puts it to death on the cross. Are you poor in spirit? Do you hunger and thirst for righteousness? Are you merciful? In Christ, you are these things, and so in Christ, you receive his blessing, and your reward will be great in heaven.

On this mountain top, we find the Christ who fulfills the covenant of Sinai. By so doing, he pronounces these blessings to you, his beloved children, because he has set you free from the Law so that you might live in his peace forever.

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

- *Country View Nursing Facility:
Jennie Dellinger, Melba Muhlenbruch,
Dixie Schmitt
- *Franklin General Assisted Living:
Merlin Behn
- *Rehabilitation Center of Hampton:
Mardell Jorgensen, Kathy Jones, Dennis Schutte
- *Leahy Grove:
Patty Rodemeyer
- *Apple Valley in Clear Lake:
Cliff & Ruth Berghoefer
- *Chandler Place in Minnesota:
Jean Morgan
- *At Home:
Jerry Meyer, Jim & Kay Stahl
- *Other members at home who may not be able to come to church.

