

# April 2024

Elder: Denny Peters  
 Altar Guild: Joann B. & Heather S.  
 Stewardship: Sharilyn Buryanek



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Class	4	5	6 6 pm Worship*
7 See Every Sunday <b>11:30 am Church Council</b> Usher Team: Jerry Wakeman Greeters: Corinne & family Lowe Acolyte: Logan Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	8	9 Circuit Pastors Mtg./Kingsley	10 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Class	11	12	13 8 am Band of Brothers Breakfast 6 pm Worship
See Every Sunday <b>8:30 am Elders Mtg.</b> <b>Kids Sing. 11:30 Voters mtg.</b> Usher Team: Curt Anderson Greeters: Tom & Jane Murren Acolyte: Eastyn Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Tom Murren Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	15 7 pm LWML	16	17 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Class	18	19	20 6 pm Worship*
21 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Brenda Watkins Acolyte: Emmalee Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Jon Burt Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	22	23	24 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism NO Bible Class <b>Confirmands</b> <b>6:30 pm pictures</b> <b>7 pm questioning</b> <b>7:30 reception</b>	25	26	27 6 pm Worship
28 <b>Confirmation</b> See Every Sunday Usher Team: Dave Aldrich Greeters: Curt & Lycia Anderson Acolyte: Lukas Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Mandie Allen Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	29	30		<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>EVERY SUNDAY</b>                      9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL &amp; BIBLE CLASS                      10:30 AM WORSHIP                      COMMUNION ON 1ST, 3RD &amp; 5TH SUNDAYS                      WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.trinityhawarden.com">www.trinityhawarden.com</a>                      PRAYER CHAIN: Jean Toft 712-551-6990                 </div>		



Pastor Jordan Andreasen and his family will be here April 13-14 to preach during the worship service and speak in Bible class on April 14 about their upcoming missionary work in Romania. Pastor Andreasen is from Spirit Lake, IA and most recently served as a pastor in Aberdeen, SD. Please come and hear about the Lord's work in Romania and eastern Europe.



**PRAYER CHAIN**

God has called us to pray and promised to hear. Need a prayer? Please call Jean Toft at 551-6990 and she will pass your prayer requests to those who will pray. There is always room for more to join this prayer group. Please consider joining.



**ATTENTION CATECHISM STUDENTS**

*Wednesday, April 24th*

6:30 pm pictures of confirmands  
 7 pm questioning (part 2)  
 7:30 pm reception for the confirmands and families.  
 Confirmation Sunday is April 28th.



**Congratulations to our Confirmands this year:**

**Justin Ortner, Makiya Schurman and Tessa Schurman**

**God bless you as you grow in your faith!**



**The LAST session of catechism classes will be Wednesday, April 24.**

**Church Council** meets Sunday, April 7 after worship.

**Voters** meet Sunday, April 14 after worship.



Youth Families plan an activity for Sunday afternoon, April 21.

Thank you to everyone who supplied Easter Lilies this year!

## Easter Lilies 2024

### Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of...

Our loved ones who have passed	by Mike & Linda Bockelman
Chuck Marienau	by Sandy Marienau
Dean Bolluyt & our parents	by Carol Bolluyt
Gerald Toft	by Jean Toft & family
Ann Waterman & Anne Gabel	by Tom & Janie Murren
Erlyn & Shirley Cain	by Don & Stacia Hart
Karen Watterson	by Jodi Utech
Don & Margaret Witt	by Brenda Liffengren
Russ Brandsma	by Betty Brandsma
Dale Boerma	by Joyce Boerma
Gerrit & Esther Boerma	by Joyce Boerma
Julius & Elsie Anderson	by Joyce Boerma

### Given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of...

Easter	by Jane Buryanek
Family	by Bill & Sharilyn Buryanek
Families	by Mike & Linda Bockelman
Easter	by Dallas & Ardis Huebner
Our risen Savior	by Curt & Lycia Anderson
Our risen Lord	by Deb Kratochvil
Easter	by Duane & Carol Aldrich
Jesus' Resurrection	by Rhonda Huls

HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*

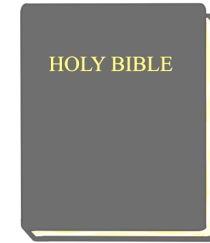
## WEDNESDAY BIBLE

### CLASS RESUMES

Wednesday April 3

Bible Class resumes at 7 pm.

We will be studying 2 Timothy.



### BE IN THE WORD

"The Chosen" Season 3 is shown on Sunday mornings at Bible Class. Join us as we watch and discuss this popular series. The coffee is on!

### MENS GROUP

**Band Of Brothers**, will meet Saturday, April 13 at 8 AM for breakfast. Remember to bring your booklets.



### LWML

The next LWML meeting will be Monday, April 15 at 7 pm. We are growing! Join us !

"In the resurrection we find solace in our mourning, in our uncertainty, and in our troubles. Our longing for escape finds its hope in the resurrection of Christ. It is God's approval upon the redemptive work of His Son. It is the assurance that as He was raised from the dead, so shall we, and all who have 'fallen asleep in Him' shall be raised to life eternal." *Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

# Kids' Summer Camp Information:

Dear students and parents,

The Thrivent Choice committee of Trinity Lutheran Church would like to help kids attend summer camp at Camp Okoboji.

Camp Okoboji has a long history with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Previous campers would be anxious to tell you how much they love it and can't wait for next year. Activities during the camps include bible study, music, crafts and sports. More info is available at

[www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)

The church will provide \$100 per child in financial aid. We will also provide \$150 per child for week long camps and \$100 per child for shorter camps from our Thrivent Choice dollars. Additional financial aid may be available from Iowa District West for those with financial hardships. Talk to pastor if needed.

Our mission is to give every kid a chance to go to camp and every effort will be made to accommodate each family's financial needs.

Registering for camp and transportation to and from will be the responsibility of the parents.

Camp dates and costs are as follows:

Kids' Kamp is a weekend camp for kids in Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade with a parent or other adult family member. Cost is \$140 for adult and \$90 for kid. Kids' Kamp is May 31-June 2.

2 options for Cub Week! Cub Week is for kids who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

June 23-27 (5 day option-pick up on Thursday) \$310

July 14-20 \$375

July 7-13 Junior High Week is for kids who have completed 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. \$375

July 21-27 Youth Week is for kids who have completed 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. \$375

Please contact Mary Ortner if you are interested in going to camp this summer.

Mary's contact info:

[maryballard76@gmail.com](mailto:maryballard76@gmail.com)

Phone# 712-635-2497

Thank you,

Trinity Lutheran Thrivent Choice Committee

From Pastor's Desk continued...

<sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Job 19:25** For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. <sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup> whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

4. When Jesus comes at the end of time the dead are raised and the old, sinful world is destroyed and a new world is made for us who have believed in Christ. It will be like the Garden of Eden but better! Sin, physical pain, hard work, sickness, and suffering, and death will be no more!

<sup>ESV</sup> **Revelation 21:2** And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Revelation 21:1** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

To summarize: the goal of the Christian life is not to die and go to heaven, but to die and be raised with new, glorified spiritual bodies at Jesus' coming. We are meant to live forever with a physical body which has been recreated by the Lord.

Myths and untruths about what happens when we die:

1. Our loved ones do not look down on us. They are in the presence of the Lord and have been released from the sin and suffering of the world. Why would you want them to be stuck in this sinful world looking down at the sinful, death-filled world?

2. We do not become angels or get wings! Angels (which I will write about another time) are slaves of the Lord. God has determined a fixed number of angels before the creation of man. He does not add to the number. We are children and heirs of the heavenly kingdom of God; we sit at the table of the Lord! Angels will serve the Lord and us in slavery for eternity. Why would you want to be a slave when Christ makes you a son or daughter!

As people who believe in Scripture alone as the true revelation of God and our only source of faith and life, we hold God to His Word. We do not add to it or endorse myths and untruths which cheapen the awe-some resurrection of Christ, which promises physical resurrection for us! It is important that Christians speak faithfully about this and believe it, even if this goes against popular opinions in our time. Christ is risen! And we will be raised, too! That's our end, that's our hope, that's the truth!

### From Pastor's Desk...

The resurrection of Jesus means that we now consider what it means for us, especially when we die.

1. Death happens when the body stops living. The soul, which was first breathed into man, by God in the Garden of Eden returns to God. Because the body is a creature and part of creation, returns to the ground. That's why you hear at the graveside "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust".

<sup>ESV</sup> **Genesis 3:19** By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

<sup>ESV</sup> **Ecclesiastes 12:7** and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

2. The soul returns to the Lord and rests with Him. We often say it goes to heaven. Heaven is where God dwells in all His holiness. However, heaven is not some place in the clouds, but reality of which we know little.

<sup>KJV</sup> **Revelation 6:9** And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: <sup>10</sup> And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

**NOTE:** the Bible says little more about heaven. Often it refers to heaven as the skies or speaks of the kingdom of heaven as being found in Jesus (Matthew 4:17). So where are our loved ones when they die? Answer: with Jesus and in the ground. Heaven is NOT the end of the world, nor is it the final reward for Christians.

3. Resurrection- We confess weekly "I believe in the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come." As Christians we await the Lord's coming at the end of time to raise the dead and give us new physical bodies. The Bible points us to the resurrection as the ultimate Christian hope and our eternal future. Heaven is not the goal; the resurrection is!

<sup>ESV</sup> **1 Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Romans 6:5** [Speaking about baptism as a present reality] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

<sup>ESV</sup> **1 Corinthians 15:51** Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

### Happy April Birthdays!

- 2 Ruth Benda
- 5 Derek Allen, Austin Bultman, Ethan Schurman
- 8 Larry Bauder, Marge Dimmick, Karlee Vander Hamm
- 9 Jerry Wakeman
- 10 Caroline Lowe
- 11 Jan Matz, Karen Weyen
- 12 Jack Borchers
- 13 Shauntelle McInnes, Laraine Thorpe
- 15 Pam Van Ballegooyen
- 18 Mike Bockelman, Gloria Green
- 20 Becky Klaus
- 21 Jane Reed
- 22 Ashley Noble
- 23 Clark Danielson, Rita Vander Feen
- 24 Jim Popken
- 26 Katrina Burt, Denny Peters
- 27 Robert Keehn, Myleigh Vos
- 28 Ryan Noble



### Happy April Anniversaries!

- 2 Dave & Amy Huebner (19 years)
- 5 Jim & Norma Petry (60 years)
- 6 Jon & Mindy Burt (22 years)
- 11 Frank & Dee Peterson (26 years)
- 16 John & Nancy Jacobs (53 years)
- 21 Harlan & Ruth Benda (61 years)
- 24 Lee & Merry Landenberger (39 years)
- 26 Roger & Mary Johnson (55 years)



**Read the Bible in one year by reading the following passages this month...**

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| 1. Isaiah 25:1-9      | Romans 1-3          |
| 2. Psalm 114          | Romans 4-6          |
| 3. Psalm 115          | Romans 7-9          |
| 4. Psalm 116          | Romans 10-13        |
| 5. Psalm 117          | Romans 14-16        |
| 6. Psalm 118          | 1 Corinthians 1-3   |
| 7. Psalm 119:1-8      | 1 Corinthians 4-6   |
| 8. Psalm 119:9-16     | 1 Corinthians 7-9   |
| 9. Psalm 119:17-24    | 1 Corinthians 10-11 |
| 10. Psalm 119:25-32   | 1 Corinthians 12-14 |
| 11. Psalm 119:33-40   | 1 Corinthians 15-16 |
| 12. Psalm 119:41-48   | 2 Corinthians 1-4   |
| 13. Psalm 119:49-56   | 2 Corinthians 5-7   |
| 14. Psalm 119:57-64   | 2 Corinthians 8-10  |
| 15. Psalm 119:65-72   | 2 Corinthians 11-13 |
| 16. Psalm 119:73-80   | Galatians 1-3       |
| 17. Psalm 119:81-88   | Galatians 4-6       |
| 18. Psalm 119:89-96   | Ephesians 1-3       |
| 19. Psalm 119:97-104  | Ephesians 4-6       |
| 20. Psalm 119:105-112 | Philippians 1-2     |
| 21. Psalm 119:113-120 | Philippians 3-4     |
| 22. Psalm 119:121-128 | Colossians 1-2      |
| 23. Psalm 119:129-136 | Colossians 3-4      |
| 24. Psalm 119:137-144 | 1 Thessalonians 1-3 |
| 25. Psalm 119:145-152 | 1 Thessalonians 4-5 |
| 26. Psalm 119:153-160 | 2 Thessalonians 1-3 |
| 27. Psalm 119:161-168 | 1 Timothy 1-3       |
| 28. Psalm 119:169-176 | 1 Timothy 4-6       |
| 29. Psalm 120         | 2 Timothy 1-2       |
| 30. Isaiah 25:1-9     | 2 Timothy 3-4       |

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