




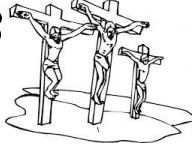


# April 2025

Elder: Denny Peters

Altar Guild: Joann Boyer & Heather Schurman

Prayer Chain: Jean Toft



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>EVERY SUNDAY</b> 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS 10:30 AM WORSHIP COMMUNION ON 1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUNDAYS WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.trinityhawarden.com">www.trinityhawarden.com</a>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
See Every Sunday <b>11:30 am Church Council mtg.</b> Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Bockelmans Acolyte: Bailey, Lesley A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin			 <b>PIE NIGHT</b> 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Lenten Worship			6 pm Worship*
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
 See Every Sunday <b>8:30 am Elders meeting</b> <b>11:30 Voters Meeting</b> Usher Team: JP Breugem Greeters: Burts Acolyte: Lincoln, Kade A/V: Tom Murren Accompanist: Peggy Christensen			5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism	 7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship*	 7 pm Good Friday Worship	No Worship
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
 See Every Sunday <b>NO Sunday School or Bible Study</b> Usher Team: Jerry Wakeman Greeters: Buryaneks Acolyte: <b>7am</b> Arlette & Ivette <b>10:30</b> Addilyn & Luci A/V: <b>7</b> Jon Burt, <b>10:30</b> Mary Ortner Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman			5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism	6:30 pm Confirmands' pictures 7 pm Questioning 7:30 pm Reception		6 pm Worship
27	28	29	30			
See Every Sunday <b>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</b> Usher Team: Curt Anderson Greeters: Mary K. & Audree O. Acolyte: Janissa, Aubree A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin						

## Having the Right Priorities

What are your top priorities in life? To whom or to what do you give the most time and attention? Jesus said, *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”* (Matthew 6:21). Where we prioritize our time and money will reveal our most important priorities and the condition of our hearts.

By God’s grace, we see that the priorities the world promotes contrast with God’s priorities. The world’s focus is on self-promotion, power, and the accumulation of an abundance of possessions. Success is of upmost importance. The world tells people that happiness and security are found only in having more stuff. The acquisition of things demands a person’s time, attention, and money to obtain and maintain.

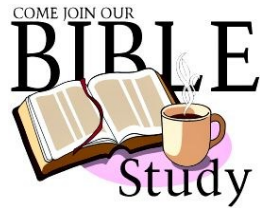
God’s Word does not condemn material wealth, but it does provide a warning that the riches of this world will not provide long-lasting peace, contentment, security, joy, or hope. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus said, *“For what good does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?”* (9:25).

Scripture provides numerous examples of people who had the wrong priorities. An example of having wrong priorities with time is the story of Mary and Martha. In Luke 10:40, we read, *“But Martha was distracted with much serving.”* Mary and Martha were hosting Jesus. Martha became so preoccupied with preparing food and serving that she was distracted from the opportunity simply to sit and listen to Jesus’ teaching. Mary *“chose the good portion”*; she sat at Jesus’ feet to learn from Him. This highlights the importance of prioritizing spiritual growth and connection over mere physical acts of serving.

An example of having a wrong priority with money is the parable of the Rich Fool. The Rich Fool wanted to build bigger barns to store his crops. His goal was to *“eat, drink, be merry”* (Luke 12:19). Jesus called him a fool because he gave no credit to God for his success, nor did he show any interest for the welfare of others. He lived only for himself. In this parable, Jesus said, *“Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions”* (Luke 12:15).

Jesus directs us to *“...seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you”* (Matthew 6:33). We are called to prioritize God’s will and purpose above everything else. With the faith that God gives us, we are enabled to distance ourselves from the attitude of the world that glorifies the earthly life and its possessions, and we can trust that God will provide for our needs.

## NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY



*Life Together*- We will explore what it means to live in this world following Jesus. Following Jesus influences us personally, but, also, our lives together. We will explore scriptural concepts found in Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s book by the same name, *Life Together*.

**Wednesday night Bible Study will start up again on May 21.**

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**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** will not be meeting in the month of April.



**ELDERS** meet on  
Sunday, April 13 at 8:30 am.

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LWML will meet on Monday,  
April 21 at 7 pm.



**Church Council** meets on  
Sunday April 6th after worship.

**The Voters** meeting will be  
Sunday April 13th after worship.



Arlo Scott Fronk was baptized here at Trinity on Saturday, March 22, 2025.

Parents are Sutton Janssen and Dustin Fronk of Shakopee, MN. Arlo's sponsor was Colby Janssen. Welcome to God's family, Arlo!

God's blessings!



Remembering their baptisms and confirming their faith, the following students will be confirmed on **Sunday, April 27:**

Jordan Bultman, Lesley Mora, Luci Ramos,

Addilyn Van Wyhe, and Bailey Ver Mulm

**Thursday, April 24th** schedule for the confirmands:

6:30 pm pictures taken,

7 pm questioning

7:30 pm a reception for the confirmands.

God's Blessings on your confirmation day!

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



**Wednesday April 9:** Pie Night at 7 pm.

**Palm Sunday April 13** at 10:30 am - kids sing during worship.

**April 17 Maundy Thursday** at 7 pm with communion.

**April 18 Good Friday** at 7 pm.

**Saturday, April 19** No Saturday night worship.

**Sunday, April 20** Easter Sunrise service at 7 am.

**Sunday April 20** Easter Breakfast served by youth at 8 am.

There is **no Sunday School** or Bible Class on **Easter Sunday**.

**Sunday April 20** Easter Worship at 10:30 am.

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### Stewardship Corner

In Christ, we are new creations. What does that mean? In Christ, we discover the meaning of life, and we no longer need to search for something to fill and satisfy the emptiness of our hearts. It means that we are now "under new management." We live under new rules. Rather than obeying the dictates of the world, the devil, and the flesh, we live under God's authority. We have a new perspective and live for new purposes. Our thoughts and the desires of our hearts take on new direction. We begin to live in the light of eternity. Turning away from a life of rebellion against God, we now desire to know Him and to please Him. Our new purpose in life is to glorify and enjoy God.



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### Looking Ahead...

Pastor graduates with his PhD on May 16 in St Louis at the Seminary.

Wednesday night Bible Study will begin again on May 21.



# FEMA

Bill, Tracy, and Pastor continue to meet with FEMA in March. We are still waiting for a response on reimbursement.

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## Trinity Lutheran Church 125th Anniversary



There is a **NEW cookbook** in the works to celebrate our 125th Anniversary! You can share your recipes, and family stories about recipes by leaving them in the drop box under the narthex table or email them to Heather Schurman at [pamperedheather3657@gmail.com](mailto:pamperedheather3657@gmail.com).

There will be fun sections in the cookbook for kids, and for our ancestor's recipes, etc. Deadline for submitting recipes will be May 4, 2025.

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### Easter Quiz

1. What is the Sunday before Easter called?
2. Who betrayed Jesus just before his crucifixion?
3. Which day of Holy Week honors the Last Supper?
4. Who denied Jesus three times before he was crucified?
5. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?

(Answers on bottom of the birthday and anniversary page.) ⇒

It is not our life that God's help and presence must still be proved, but rather God's presence and help have been demonstrated for us in the life of Jesus Christ. It is in fact more important for us to know what God did to Israel, to His Son Jesus Christ, than to seek what God intends for us today. The fact that Jesus Christ died is more important than the fact that I shall die, and that fact that Jesus Christ rose from the dead is the sole ground of my hope that I, too, shall be raised on the Last Day. Our salvation is 'external to ourselves.' I find no salvation in my life history, but only in the history of Jesus Christ. Only he who allows himself to be found in Jesus Christ, in his incarnation, his Cross, and his resurrection, is with God and God with him (54).

Our story, our congregation's story, is proclaiming the Word of God which reveals the work of God in the story of Israel and in its fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

As we move through the events of Holy Week and Jesus' resurrection- we do not do so "just to relive history" as though it were just any old history. This is our family, our history, our Father's saving act, our Savior's death and resurrection. It happens as a living reality of what God has done for you, for me. It isn't merely remembering in the sense of remembering the events of the past. It is rather remembering by receiving what God has done and continues to do in His Word, Jesus Christ, for us.

**IF WE DO NOT PLAN WISELY,  
WE OFTEN FIND OURSELVES  
ASKING THE QUESTION,  
"WHERE DID THE TIME GO?"**

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16).





Life Together

It's easy to look back and remember the "good ole days." Much of our life is spent remembering the past. Our life together has been formed by what came before us. While these articles have focused on Trinity's past and our life together, our remembering is much more than just looking back at the "good ole days." This is how the Bible sees things, too.

In this book, *Life Together*, Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes that the Bible forms us in its story.

I find no salvation in my life history, but only in the history of Jesus Christ. Only he who allows himself to be found in Jesus Christ, in his incarnation, his Cross, and his resurrection, is with God and God with him. Only in the Holy Scripture do we learn to know our own history. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is the God and Father of Jesus Christ and our Father. We become part of what once took place for our salvation. Forgetting and losing ourselves, we, too, pass through the Red Sea, through the desert, across the Jordan into the promised land. With Israel we fall into doubt and unbelief and through punishment and repentance experience again God's help and faithfulness. All this is not mere reverie but holy, godly reality. We are torn from our own existence and set down in the midst of the holy history of God on earth. There God dealt with us, and there He still deals with us, our needs and our sins, in judgment and grace... We are the reverent listeners and participants in God's action in the sacred story, the history of the Christ one earth. And only in so far as we were there, is God with us today also (53-54).

The story of the Scriptures becomes the story of everything- past, present, and future, because it encompasses our story and unites it with Christ. Bonhoeffer continues:

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
- 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 (20 years)
- 5 Jim & Norma Petry (61 years)
- 6 Jon & Mindy Burt (23 years)
- 11 Frank & Dee Peterson (27 years)
- 16 John & Nancy Jacobs (54 years)
- 21 Harlan & Ruth Benda (62 years)
- 26 Roger & Mary Johnson (56 years)



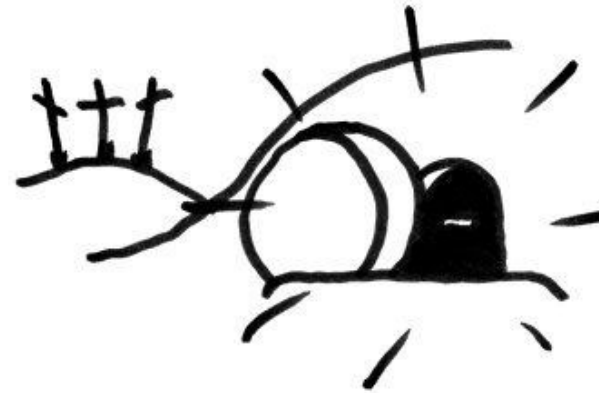


## ***Praying for our Congregation this Month***

Each week, we will pray for 5 or 6 families in our congregation (alphabetically, by last name). In the month of April, these are the families that we will pray for :

- April 6**      Brice & Amanda Buryanek, Boston, Briggs, Bode  
Nancy Buryanek  
Amy & Jimmy Cason  
Dan & Peggy Christensen  
Katie & Cole Clarey, Remi and Liam
- April 13**     Dana Curiel  
Josh Curiel  
Jan Daggett  
Clark & Lisa Danielson, Meghan, Mia  
Justin & Tracy DeBruin, Brooke, Brady, Addilyn, Emmalee
- April 20**     Marge Dimmick  
Clarissa Dreckman  
John & Lynn Eilts  
Ashley Eilts  
Brian & Karen Engleman  
Nic Engleman  
Brenda Finch  
Gloria Finch
- April 27**     Lois Greder  
Mitchell & Tara Gradert  
Dave Hamilton  
Mark Hamilton  
Carl & Tara Harry and Ellie  
Pam & Monte Harvey  
Bud Hass

## **APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER**



***He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.***

***Come and see the place where he lay.***

***Matthew 28:6***



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