February 17-18, 2024 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME TO TRINITY! We are very happy that you are here to worship with us today. Trinity Lutheran Church and Nursery School believes that we are called to be "ALWAYS GROWING IN CHRIST" and we want to do everything possible to help you grow. We pray that the Gospel you hear today will take root in your life and do just that, grow.

THE LORD'S TABLE: We believe that the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, is the real body and blood of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. If you believe likewise, please join us at the altar when it is time to celebrate this holy meal. Even if you do not believe as we do, we still welcome all adults and children to come forward at Holy Communion to receive a blessing from Pastor. Just decline the wafer at Holy Communion and Pastor will give you a blessing. Please note, the center ring of the tray of individual cups is non-alcoholic wine.

Rec'd last week: \$9606.00 YTD Income (as of 12/31) \$484,708.19

Treasurer's Update

Net Gain(12/31 YTD) \$21,836.34 YTD Expense (as of 12/31) \$462,871.85

Attendance Saturday 27, communed 27; Sunday 75 communed 69

ALTAR FLOWERS In thankfulness and praise from Brust Funeral Home

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate The Second Sunday in Lent. The sermon is titled "Who is Jesus?" and the hymn of the day is "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" (LSB 708). The scripture lessons for worship are:

Introit	Psalm 115:11–13, 18	To Your Name Give Glory
Old Testament	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Isaac's Birth Promised
Epistle	Romans 5:1–11	Peace with God Through Faith
Gospel (sermon text)	Mark 8:27-38	Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

HYMN OF THE DAY is "A Mighty Fortress" (LSB 657) by Martin Luther (1483-1546). Last year at Reformation, we sang this hymn in its rhythmic version (LSB 656), as Luther composed it. In his day, the congregation sang only the melody of the hymn, unaccompanied by organ, and the rhythms were necessary to enliven the singing. But two centuries later, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) wrote a rich four-part version of this melody for soprano, alto, tenor, and bass (LSB 657). To accommodate the rich harmonies, Bach simplified the rhythms into an "isometric" (all equal rhythm) setting. In the 18th century, hymns were also unaccompanied but often sung in harmony with four voice parts.

LWML - Would like to thank the everyone for buying sweet treats. We raised \$522.00 for missions.
ALTAR GUILD will be having a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20 in the Trinity Center at
7 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about the important duties of the altar guild are invited to attend. Contact Marilyn Felz (630) 627-2409.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP would like to invite you to their February Potluck on **Wednesday**, **February 21st @ 11am** in the Trinity Center. All are welcome! Please add your name to the sign up sheet posted in the Narthex next to the Usher's closet. Any questions, feel free to contact <u>heuser.donna@gmail.com</u> or call 630-913-6631.

EASTER BREAKFAST - 9:00-10:30 There are 2 ways to enjoy Easter Breakfast! In person or To-Go. Reservations are required by **March 19th**, for in person and pre-orders for pick up, please call the office,630-834-3440 or email <u>margaret@trinityvp.com</u>. Payment will be taken at the door. \$10 per person, \$5 for kids 10 & under, under 3-Free.

RETREAT We would like to plan some kind of group retreat as a congregation. Two factors are when and what? When would you be most likely to attend a group retreat? Summer? Fall? And what kind of retreat would interest you? Please provide Margaret with your preferences. Some options might be: 1) A retreat at a Christian camp where we could have group Bible Study, some worship and some fun outdoor "camp" activities.

2) A bus tour to the Ark and the Creation museum in Kentucky. Diamond Tours runs these and you can see more about them at their web site.

3) A hotel type retreat at a Christian conference center such as Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, WI where we could have hotel like accommodations and a beautiful location in which to worship together and pursue some Biblical topic of mutual interest or even perhaps bring in a guest presenter. Green Lake also offers a golf course. Again you can look at their website.

PANTRY DONATION TUBS - Our pantry donation tubs are empty and feeling lonely. Please consider dropping off an item or two. We're always in need of food, but also toiletries, adult care, pet and baby supplies. Thank you for your support.

SPONSOR-A-BILL: Plowing bills for January have totaled **\$3,495.00**. As you can, please consider donating to this expense, as your contributions in sponsoring our bills help keep our budget on track & reduce the need for end-of year pleas to meet the budget.

PLEASE DONATE GENTLY USED COATS AND CLOTHING for the Ukrainian refugees. We're accepting men's, women's and children's coats and clothing. With the war in Ukraine still ongoing, the need is still great. Please drop in the red bin in the narthex.

GIFTS OF STOCKS & BONDS Donating appreciated securities is an easy & tax effective way to make a tithe to Trinity. The benefits include: avoid paying capital gains tax on the sale of appreciated stock, receive a charitable income tax deduction, and make a lasting impact on the missions of Trinity. If you have a question or are interested in making this happen, please see Bonnie Dale or Debra Banks, Stewardship Committee members.

HOMEBOUND

Aperion, W. Chicago: Deborah BychowskiDowners Grove Rehab: Tom SaundersBeacon Hill: John & Connie Graham, LaVera Levin, Lowell & Judy PalsBrighton Gardens, Whtn: Bill RothenburgerThe Bickford, Aurora: Grace FinkeLacey Creek: Judy SheridanThe Roosevelt at Salt Creek: Eileen Reese

AT HOME: Greg & Sue Bukowski, Pastor & Carol Drews, Georgianna Ryl, Edith Schneider, Marcy Seils. Strength and patience for all the caregivers.

IN NEED OF HEALING: Joann Cavaliers (friend of Patti Rothenburger), Carolyn Evans (aunt of Danya Rogers), Linda Gibboney (daughter of LaVera Levin), Amy Mathers, daughter of Assistant to the Bishop Derek Mathers), Phyllis McCurdy (Sister of Donna Heuser), Lisa Miller (daughter of Judy Sheridan), Kathy Remus, Mary Stahlke. We pray for peace throughout the world.

WE PRAY FOR Latasha Green(TCNS Dir) and family upon the death of her step father.

FOR THE CHURCH:

Seminarian: Jackson Scofield Bishops: Matthew Harrison and Jamison Hardy Missionaries to the Dominican Republic-Rev. Dr. Jonathon and Deaconess Cheryl Naumann Jay and Julie Dass, Lutheran Confessional Church of Pakistan Morren Chelsi Lempas (Youth sponsored child from Indonesia) Asian Indian Ministry

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Commander in Chief – President Joseph Biden Adam Biladeau, Matt Boudro, Noah Brockie, Peter Halpin (son of Dan & Rhonda Halpin), Cameron Littleson (Traci Dale Maher's brother-in-law), Matt & Mary Macella (grandchildren of Arlene Johnson), Josh Preisel (grandson of Alice Bezik), Ella Sperry (granddaughter of Cliff & Olinda Sperry), Paul Stahlke, Quentin Stubbs.

BIRTHDAYS 18- Kristina Scherer, **19**- Diane Devermann **20-**Thadius Collins, Brian Speers **21**-Ryan Gerstner **22-**Kate Boudro, Lucy BUrgess **23**- Charlotte Collins, Christian Karras

ANNIVERSARIES: 20-Ron & Betty Edwards

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF February 18th:

Sunday:	Worship 8:00 AM (FaceBook Live) & 10:30 AM Dart Tournament
Monday:	1:00-Al Anon
Tuesday:	3:30 The Projects 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Altar Guild Mtg 8:00 AA
Wednesday:	WORSHIP 7:00 PM 10:00-Bible Study 5:00 Confirmation
	5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Growing in Prayer 7:30 Big House
Thursday:	7:00 Choir
Friday:	Winter Extreme
Saturday:	Worship 4:30 PM Winter Extreme

THOSE WHO SERVE February 18th:

Keyboard / Organ	: 4:30pm – Kurt Linstead 8am	& 10:30am Julie Smallfield
Lay Assistants:	8:00 H. Meier & A. Brockie	10:30 R. Kumnick & K. Ilcken
Acolytes:	8:00 Jacob Bruschuk	10:30 Caleb Ilcken
Ushers:	4:30 Bert Dale	
	8:00 Jon Alvarez, Steve Boudro,	Joe Peacock
	10:30 Ron Boettger, Bob Rundg	ren, & Chris Gore
Greeters: Altar Guild	8:00 Donna Stubbs Carol Boettger & Jenny Swensen	10:30 Bob & Diane Devermann

THOSE WHO SERVE February 21st:

Organ:	Mary Stahlke
Ensemble:	Jubilate Choir
Acolytes:	Lorelai May
Ushers:	Dave Heuser & Harley DeJong
Altar Guild	Carol Boettger & Jenny Swensen

THOSE WHO SERVE February 25th:

Keyboard / Organ	: 4:30pm – Kurt Linstead	8am & 10:30am Mary Stahlke
Vocalists:	8:00 Kate Ilcken	10:30 Christy Crandell
Lay Assistants:	8:00 Donna Stubbs	10:30 Carlo Airdo & Gloria Marchewka
Acolytes:	8:00 Cruz Collins	10:30 Garrett May
Ushers:	4:30 Rich Kumnick	
	8:00 Bert Dale, Derek Bru	schuk, Josh & Erin Bruschuk, Neal Rogers
	10:30 - Dave Heuser, Harl	ey DeJong
Greeters:	8:00 Cliff & Olinda Sperry	10:30 Marilyn Bloechle
Altar Guild	Carol Boettger & Jenny Swe	ensen

THOSE WHO SERVE February 28th:

Organ:	Mary Stahlke
Ensemble:	Jubilate Choir
Acolytes:	Jacob Bruschuk
Ushers:	Scott Golz & Neal Rodenbostel
Altar Guild	Carol Boettger & Jenny Swensen
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THOSE WHO SERVE March 3rd:

Keyboard / Organ	: 4:30pm – Kurt Linstead	8am & 10:30am Mary Stahlke
Ensemble:	8:00 Voices of Praise	10:30 Jubilate Choir
Lay Assistants:	8:00 Darren Taylor	10:30 Jodie Esposito
Acolytes:	8:00 Hank Pavlovsky	10:30 Lorelai May
Ushers:	4:30 Craig Musa	
	8:00 Scott Golz & Neal Ro	odenbostel
	10:30 Gary Buehre &, Rid	ch Kumnick
Greeters: Altar Guild	8:00	10:30

THOSE WHO SERVE March 6th:

Organ:	Mary Stahlke
Ensemble:	Jubilate Choir
Acolytes:	Caleb Ilcken
Ushers:	Ron Boettger, Bob Rundgren, & Chris Gore
Altar Guild	