# April 15-16, 2023 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.

**FROM PASTOR** Many worshippers like to take a few minutes to pray before worship, but sometimes Trinity can be a very loud place. Please keep your visiting to a minimum in the sanctuary or the chapel and save it for fellowship time after worship. In an effort to remind us of this, the ushers will be closing the doors of the sanctuary/chapel 5 minutes prior to worship and reminding people in the narthex to keep their voices low so that those who wish to pray are uninterrupted. On the inside front cover of the hymnal are some excellent prayers if you would like a starter.

## **Budget Offerings**

Rec'd last week: \$14,968.00 **March** E-Offering: \$4329.20 Avg weekly deficit: \$500.00 We need \$5 more per week, per household, to meet our budget goals for 2023.

**Attendance** Easter Sunday 224 communed 172

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – In honor or Dave & Judy Bruschuk on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

**NEXT WEEKEND** we celebrate The Third Sunday of Easter. The sermon is titled "Open Eyes and Hearts on Fire," with the hymn of the day "Stay with Us" (LSB 879). The scripture lessons for worship are:

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36–41 Peter's Sermon
Epistle 1 Peter 1:17–25 Called to Be Holy
Gospel (sermon text) Luke 24:13-35 The Road to Emmaus

**WE ARE SEEKING A NEW DIRECTOR FOR THE BOARD OF HUMAN CARE**. If you enjoy helping others please consider joining our board. We meet once a month to share our thoughts on keeping in touch with the Homebound, acknowledging birthdays, reaching out to those in need, and so much more. If interested, please contact

Donna Heuser @ heuser.donna@gmail.com or 630-913-6631.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** is "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" (LSB 490) by the German hymn writer Christian Fürchtegott Gellert (1715-1769). Gellert was trained as a pastor, but at that time all sermons had to be given by memory, without a manuscript. Gellert had difficulty with this task, so he became a tutor and then eventually a professor at the University of Leipzig, lecturing in poetry, rhetoric, and moral philosophy. His students included Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.

**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP** The Board of Human Care will be hosting a potluck on **Wednesday, April 19**<sup>th</sup> at **11:00** am after Pastor Alan's Bible study. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, outside the usher's closet.

**SAVE THE DATE:** This year's golf outing will be **August 5th**. We need sponsors! Also, if your company matches donations, consider making a donation and asking them to match.

**LWML WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE PACKAGES 4 PATRIOTS MAILING.** Please place your donations in the box in the narthex by Sunday, April 23. We want to thank the congregation for your continued support and prayers. Items needed are:

Single or Double Pack Toothbrushes, Full Size Body Wash and Shampoo, Full size deodorant, Gillette Razors and Cartridge Refills, Men shaving gel (tube only please no aerosols) Feminine Hygiene Supplies, Sun Block Lotion, eye drops for dry eyes, Nail clippers, AA & AAA batteries, GUM, chapstick, Laundry detergent in capsules form,

Small size Motrin, Advil, Aspirin & Tylenol, Gold Bond Medicated body and foot powder, Athletes foot powder/cream, Protein Bars, Nuts, Sunflower Seeds, Trail Mix, Beef Jerky \*\*\*Slim Jims are PORK Sausage and can't be included in care packages, individual Powdered drinks mixes (Gatorade, lemonade, Kool-Aid, Crystal Light, Tang, Snapple) energy drinks, powdered drink mixes, Instant coffee. Letters and drawings thanking our soldiers for what they do. \*\*\*Please do NOT donate Aerosol Shaving Cream (prohibited) will explode, OR hotel toiletries BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HOLD UP IN SHIPPING. BAR SOAP IS UNWELCOME BECAUSE OF ODOR. CAN RUIN A Care Package.

**SPONSOR-A-BILL**: This quarter's bill to sponsor is Music Maintenance (approx. \$200/mo). These funds will cover the costs associated with piano & organ tuning. As you can, please consider sponsoring one of these bills above & beyond your normal giving. Sponsor-a-Bill contributions help keep our budget on track & reduce the need for end-of-year pleas to meet the budget.

POST-ABORTION SYNDROME Many struggle with the guilt of abortion. Some of these individuals may be sitting in the pew in our congregation. They may be too ashamed to approach you, and thus, in spite of their regularly receiving God's gifts, may be continuing to quietly suffer from post-abortion syndrome (PAS). Passiontide presents a good opportunity to remind them that Jesus died for the sin of abortion, too and that there is forgiveness and healing in Him. Please read more with the insert in the Children's bulletin.

#### **HOMEBOUND**

Lutheran Home: Elizabeth Stearns Beacon Hill: LaVera Levin

Lexington Elmhurst: Eileen Reese The Bickford, Aurora: Grace Finke

Brighton Gardens, Whtn: Bill Rothenburger Aperion, W. Chicago: Deborah Bychowski

AT HOME: Pastor & Carol Drews, Ron & Betty Edwards, Georgianna Ryl, Edith Schneider, Marcy Seils,

Strength and patience for all the caregivers. Keith & Carol Speers

IN NEED OF HEALING: Greg Bukowski, Lee Ann & Steve Castillo (cousins of Carol Edwards), Linda Gibboney (daughter of LaVera Levin), Mark Grimh (nephew of the Bennins), Cheryl Ilcken, Mike McIntyre (cousin of Danya), Sue Kohs (cousin of Bert & bonnie Dale), Lisa Miller (daughter of Judy Sheridan), Rick Miller (son-in-law of Judy Sheridan), Tracy Schumpp (niece of Donna Williams), Victoria Vansickle (daughter of Greg & Sue Bukowski).

We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.

#### 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, Peter Halpin (son of Dan & Rhonda Halpin), Will Hinckley (grandson of Ed Gustovich), Cameron Littleson (Traci Dale Maher's brother-in-law), Matt & Mary Macella (grandchildren of Arlene Johnson), David & Alexander Nordman (grandsons of Ron Nordman), Josh Preisel (grandson of Alice Bezik), Ella Sperry (granddaughter of Cliff & Olinda Sperry), Paul Stahlke, Quentin Stubbs.

## BIRTHDAYS 16-Brendan Ferris 18-John Johnson, Aiden Rexroat

19- Pam Jaras, Mark Kuba, Matthew Pansera 20-Gary Buehre, Gregory Bukowski, Dan Manteufel 21-Dean Peacock, Kelli Wysoglad 22- Marcy Seils

ANNIVERSARIES: 22-Bill & Chris Bennin

#### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF April 16th:**

Sunday: Worship 8:00 AM (FaceBook Live) & 10:30 AM Monday: 1:00-Al Anon 7:00 Mens Bible Study

Tuesday: 6:00 Bible Study 8:00 AA

Wednesday: 10:00 Bible Study 6:00-Big House 6:30-Growing in Prayer

7:00-The Others 8:00 Choir Thursday:

Friday:

**Greeters:** 

Worship 4:30 PM **Saturday:** 

#### **THOSE WHO SERVE April 16th:**

Keyboard / Organ: 4:30pm - Kurt Linstead 8am & 10:30am Mary Stahlke

8:00 Jim Bruschuk 10:30 Christy Crandell Vocalist:

8:00 John Dorn & Donna Stubbs Lay Assistants:

10:30 Rich Kumnick & Kate Ilcken

Acolytes: 8:00 Aliyah Brockie 10:30 Caroline Marchewka/LoreLai May

**Ushers:** 4:30 Rich Kumnick

8:00 Bert Dale, Derek Bruschuk, Josh & Erin Bruschuk, Neal Rogers

10:30- Dave Heuser, Harley DeJong, Keith Wojtas **8:00** Bonnie Dale 10:30 Donna Heuser

**Greeters:** 

Cindy Weber, Marilyn Felz, Donna Heuser Altar Guild

## **THOSE WHO SERVE April 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

Keyboard / Organ: 4:30pm - Kurt Linstead 8am & 10:30am Mary Stahlke

8:00 Jim Bruschuk 8:00 Darren Taylor **Vocalist: 10:30** Greg Billing

10:30 John Dorn & Gloria Marchewka Lay Assistants:

**8:00** Jacob Bruschuk/Cruz Collins **10:30** David Sullivan Acolytes:

4:30 Craig Musa **Ushers:** 

8:00 Scott Golz, Dante Apuzzo, Dino Apuzzo, Neal Rodenbostel

10:30- Gary Buehre, Rich Kumnick, Barbara Wolski 8:00 Donna Stubbs 10:30 Carol Edwards

**Altar Guild** Denise Airdo, Marilyn Bloechle THOSE WHO SERVE April 30th:

Keyboard / Organ: 8am & 10:30am Mary Stahlke

Vocalist:
Lay Assistants:
Acolytes:
Ushers:

8:00 Jim Bruschuk
10:30 Jonathan Stahlke
10:30 Greg Billing & Carlo Airdo
10:30 Caleb Ilcken / Garret May
8:00 Jon Alvarez, Steve Boudro,

4:30 Bert Dale 8:00 Jon Alvarez, Steve Boudro, Joe Peacock **Ushers:** 

10:30 Ron Boettger, Bob Rundgren, & Chris Gore

**Greeters: 8:00** Olinda Sperry **10:30** Nancy Rex Altar Guild Olinda Sperry, Donna Williams, Judy Buehre

**THOSE WHO SERVE May 7th:** 

Acolytes:

Keyboard / Organ: 8am & 10:30am Mary Stahlke 8:00 Darren Taylor & Donna Stubbs Lay Assistants:

10:30 Rich Kumnick & Kate Ilcken 8:00 Aliyah Brockie **10:30** Caroline Marchewka/LoreLai May

4:30 Rich Kumnick **Ushers:** 

8:00 Bert Dale, Derek Bruschuk, Josh & Erin Bruschuk, Neal Rogers

10:30- Dave Heuser, Harley DeJong, Keith Wojtas

10:30 **Greeters:** Carol Boettger & Jenny Swensen **Altar Guild**