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# TRINITY CONNECTION

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## WELCOME!

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The Trinity Connection informs the members of Trinity Lutheran Church about the church’s mission, and people, helping them to grow in faith and commitment to Jesus Christ.



*FRONT PAGE: Trinity folks learn and play Pickleball in Saint John’s gymnasium*

On a recent Sunday our congregation sang the hymn, “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” (ELW 729). The opening line says, “The church of Christ, in every age beset by change, but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.”

I kept glancing back at the first stanza as we sang the remaining four, wondering if that last part was quite right. “The church must...keep rising from the dead?” It struck me as extreme. Yes, the church is always changing. Yes, we claim and test our heritage, following the Spirit. But rising from the dead? Don’t be so dramatic, dear hymn. The church hasn’t died since it started, shortly after Jesus’ own rising. Right?



**PASTOR DAN GERRIETTS**  
SENIOR PASTOR

Maybe. For years, historians have argued there is an every-500-year trend in Christianity whereby a new and more vital form of religion emerges. It happened around the Reformation. And it happened 500 years before that, and 500 years before that. In each case, some long-held ways of being church died. New forms of faith rose up. And in between each major shift, Christianity rebirthed itself in countless smaller ways as particular practices, structures and even theologies shifted.

For instance, did you know that part of the adult baptismal rite in the early church involved slapping the candidate in the face? At some point, the church let that practice die. (Good call.) Other practices were born. The church is always dying and rising. You have to in order to keep following Jesus.

As we celebrate Christ’s rising this Easter, I’m reminded how God is bringing new life at Trinity:

- *the relaunch of TLC’s Care Ministry in February – a powerful lay team that is helping us visit, support and provide home communion for more people than ever*
- *the new worship/music leadership model where ministries that used to be led by one person are now shepherded by 10 different people*
- *the departure of our Youth/Young Adult Director Kristian Carlson (a loss for us!) but a new beginning for him in his home congregation, and a chance for us to find our next great leader*
- *the call committee for our Pastor of Spiritual Care receiving some candidates to consider*

In Christ, we are always rising. What a promise – for the church, and for each of us.  
**Pastor Dan Gerrietts**

## EASTER GARDEN & MEMORIALS

Please see the signup sheets located by the church office— if you would like to:

- Remember or honor a loved one with an Easter plant. Plants can be purchased for \$15 each (Plant limit of 30).
- Remember or honor a loved one with an Easter memorial. You can also call in your request to the church office. The Easter garden (and Easter memorial) deadline is **March 22**.





## HOLY WEEK

### PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

March 23-24

**Wandering Heart:**

*"Songs of loudest praise"*  
JOHN 12:12-16

*Jesus rides into Jerusalem while people praise him.*

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28 (6:30 PM)

**Wandering Heart:**

*"Streams of mercy"*  
JOHN 13:1-20

*Jesus washes Peter's feet.*

### GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA

March 29 (6:30 PM)

*"Were you there?"*

*Written by Pastor Larry Day featuring Trinity Musicians*

### HOLY SATURDAY

March 30 (5:00 PM)

**Wandering Heart:**

*"And I hope"*  
LUKE 24:1-12

*Peter runs to the empty tomb and learns Jesus is alive.*

### EASTER SUNDAY

March 31 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

**Wandering Heart:**

*"And I hope"*  
LUKE 24:1-12

*Peter runs to the empty tomb and learns Jesus is alive.*



## LENT 2024

We continue with Lent as we focus on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves - a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us. Looking at Peter's faith journey, the lyrics of "Come Thou Fount" came to mind. It's as if Peter himself wrote this song. And so, as we follow Peter's story, we will sing our way through this hymn, binding our wandering hearts to God.

## SERMON SERIES - WEEKENDS IN LENT

### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 2-3, 2024

**Wandering Heart:**

*"Praise the mount"*

MATTHEW 16:13-20

*Simon Peter calls Jesus the Messiah, and Jesus gives him the name Peter.*

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9-10, 2024

**Wandering Heart:**

*"I'm fixed upon it"*

MATTHEW 16:21-23

*Jesus scolds Peter after he questions Jesus' mission and calling.*

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16-17, 2024

**Wandering Heart:**

*"Teach me"*

MATTHEW 18:15-22

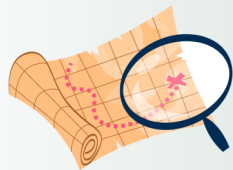
*Jesus tells Peter to forgive seventy-seven times.*



## EASTER FOOD PROJECT

The Ministries Committee is asking for monetary donations to provide local, less fortunate individuals or families with a healthy Easter meal to enjoy. A donation of \$35 will feed a household of up to four people, \$70 will feed a household of eight people, and so forth. Give online or in person! If you prefer, you may mail your donation separately or with your offering to Trinity and indicate the amount for the Easter Food Project on the offering envelope. The church office also has envelopes

designated for your donation. **Funds will be collected through March 17.** If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving an Easter box, please call the church office. The deadline for submission of recipients is March 10. You can also help by signing up to deliver food bags to recipients on Saturday, March 23. Please get in touch with the church office.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN

**Friday, March 1, 2024**

**6:00 PM / Trinity Fellowship Hall**

The Middle School Lock-In will be held Friday, March 1, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. All 5th-8th graders are welcome, and they can bring a friend too! We will have pizza, fruit kabobs, cookies, games, small group time with high school leaders, and a scavenger hunt around the church! Everyone is welcome!

## SAVE THE DATE -

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
June 10 - 13, 2024**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

Trinity Day Camp/Vacation Bible School is open to ages 3 – Grade 6 (entering fall 2024) and is held at Trinity June 10-13.

Mark your calendar!



## SUMMER CAMP 2024

**Riverside Bible Camp**

If you're entering Grade 3 in Fall 2024, you can go to Camp Riverside. Register today! Information is available at the church office, or contact Marty Greder, Education Director, at 423-0536 or [marty.greder@trinity-mc.org](mailto:marty.greder@trinity-mc.org).

*Trinity has a subsidy for a member and a friend, so register today and think Summer!*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MARCH

Students will finish their study of John the Baptist at the start of February and begin studying the story of Lydia later in the month. **Reminder:** No Sunday School on March 10 & 17. Have a wonderful Spring Break! See you back on Palm Sunday, March 24. No Sunday School on March 31 – Have a blessed Easter and attend worship as a family! Classes resume April 7.

**GRADES K - 12**

## PALM SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

Palm Sunday is March 24. There IS Sunday School class. In addition, students will sing and have a palm processional at the **END** of the 9:00 AM service and the **BEGINNING** of the 10:30 AM service. Please plan your morning accordingly. Coffee and treats are available in The Gathering Space.



**AGES 0 - 10**

## Easter Egg Hunt at Trinity

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

**10:00 AM | Trinity Lutheran Church**



All Children ages 0-10 years old are welcome to hunt for Easter eggs at Trinity on Saturday, March 23, from 10:00-11:00 AM. Please bring a basket and gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am for story time, crafts, and the Easter Egg Hunt!

## 5-12TH GRADE HELPERS NEEDED

Any 5th-12th grader is welcome to help load the Easter Food boxes into delivery cars and then help with the Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 23**. Helpers should arrive by 9:00 AM and will be done at 11:00 AM.

## WELCOME TO THE TABLE CLASS

**Wednesdays, March 6 & 20, 2024 5:15 PM**

The Education Committee and church staff recommend 4th grade as a good time to receive instruction on Communion. Our two-part Communion class, Welcome to the Table, is being offered for Grade 4 students accompanied by at least one parent. The class is designed for those

youth who have already taken Communion and those who are preparing for their first Communion. We welcome older or younger students who have not yet had Communion instruction or desire to have Communion instruction before 4th grade to participate. Students who complete the class will be recognized on Maundy Thursday at 6:30 PM with a reception following in the Gathering Space.



## FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR KRISTIAN

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

**10:00 AM / The Gathering Space**

Join us as we give thanks for Youth Director Kristian Carlson as he leaves for a new call.



Our Trinity youth attended several fun events in February! Pictured here is the Annual Winter Jam (above), held at Wells Fargo Arena, and the Middle School Bulls Game event (below), at the Mason City Arena. Thank you to all who participated and to all of our amazing chaperones!



## YOUTH

### MEAL FUNDRAISERS

High School Youth are serving supper for Wednesday Night Alive during Lent! Free-will donations at these meals support the upcoming trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. All donations will be matched, up to \$1,000. Thank you for your support! Supper is from 6:00-6:30 PM.

**March 6:** Chili

**March 13:** Sloppy Joes

**March 20:** Pizza & Root B. Floats

### NOTE FROM KRITSIAN

Dear Trinity Lutheran Family, Serving as part of this congregation is an immense blessing. I am glad to have witnessed profound messages from students, staff and families. The culture you and your families have created around radical hospitality are a gift I carry closely.

What a gift.

God has been active and AT WORK in my life. I recently got engaged (yay!), and after two and a half wonderful years, I feel God is calling me back to Minnesota for Children's Ministry and to be closer with family in this new chapter of my life. I will be serving at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, MN.

I want to reassure you that our High School Youth Trip this summer is still in motion and capable hands, as Pastor Daniel will be leading the way. I have complete confidence that through his guidance, it will be a journey of growth and inspiration. My last day with you will be on March 20th. Until then, I will continue to help fundraise through lent via WNA meals with the youth and parents, and regular Sunday and Wednesday activities.

With heartfelt thanks and humility,

**Kristian**

# CONNECTION CREW

BY MICHELLE MURRAY



Assembling and mailing over 400 Connection newsletters requires quite a crew. The last Wednesday morning each month finds a team of volunteers gathered in the Fellowship Hall to label, fold, tape and put the finished newsletter in bins to go to the post office.

Although the Connection newsletter is offered online, so many people still prefer a physical copy. Marge Baack is one of them. “I just love to sit down and read it page to page,” she said.

Baack and her husband, Harlan, are two of the volunteers who make sure the newsletter gets into people’s hands

each month. Other members of the crew include Eloise Davis, Sharon Heimbuch, Kathy Pitcher, Patty Flatness, Craig Remmen, Mike Last and Criss Moore.

Of course, Lou Ann Rossler starts the process. She’s been doing this a long time, and remembers when the newsletter went out once a week, even having to be broken down by differ-

ent zip codes before getting mailed. Rossler said she “gives the Connection crew the stuff and they just take off and do it!” She added, “They’re just a lovely group of people!”

Why volunteer for this essential task each month? “It’s fun!” Moore said. Remmen added, “Because Lou Ann calls and asks!” Marge Baack chimed in, “We’re just a one-of-a-kind committee!”

Heimbuch explained that she was passionate about volunteering at the Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank. “Now I am able to do less than I used to,” she said, “so I’ve replaced my work there with this.” Although she was sad to give up her work at the Food Bank, she finds helping with the Connection mailing fulfilling as well.

Everyone on this crew volunteers in many other ways, either at Trinity or other locations in town. Kathy Pitcher explained that she and Remmen will be co-chairs of the Scandinavian Bazaar this year. The two laughed when Pitcher said, “We play well together!” Remmen joked, “She does kind of mother me sometimes...” This is the type of conversation you might hear if you’re anywhere near this bunch as they’re working. Chatting happily and sometimes



stopping for a snack keeps them coming back every month.

Davis explained that she also used to help with mailings at Stebens Children’s Theatre after she retired from being a para at the high school for almost 30 years. She shared a secret about working on the Connection crew: Sometimes the crew spots their name and address on a newsletter, but “[It] gives us a first look, we can’t take it home!” Davis said. A retired teacher, paras, a print shop expert, a factory worker and a former Lutheran bishop (among other occupations)...all have their own gifts that they bring to the table in getting the Connection out each month. Since Remmen spent 30 years in a printing company and also has a self-confessed fascination for paper, he said, “It reminds me of the work I used to do...but this is more fun!” Patty Flatness said, “I really enjoy helping with the Connection! The group we have going is the best and we keep

track of each other beyond that, too.” She added, “[It] Gives us a first look at the upcoming month also!”

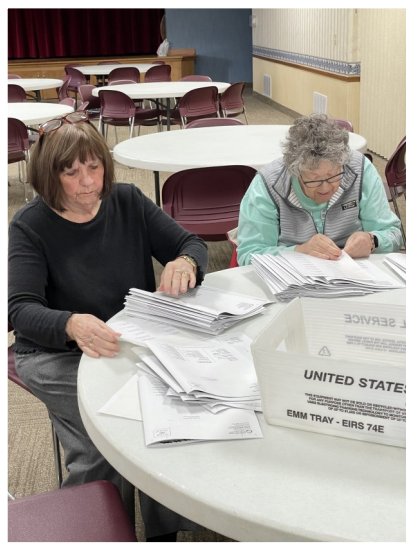
And retired Bishop Mike Last mentioned that he appreciates the good fellowship involved in assembling the Connection newsletters.

“The place buzzes!” he exclaimed, “and I like that!” He also added,

“I’m a person who needs to stay busy. That’s why I’m here. To sit at home and twiddle my thumbs...that’s not me!”



Thanks to this crew for being an important part of “connecting” Trinity members. If anyone is looking for a way to be involved at Trinity in this low-key and fun atmosphere, contact Lou Ann in the church office. †



# YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP SPEAKER:

*Julie Van Hove* BY MICHELLE MURRAY

Julie Van Hove of Defined Ministries in Story City was the featured speaker for the February 7 WNA Young Women's Group. This special event included a personalized evening of exploring areas of life that don't often get explored. Van Hove stressed taking the time to listen to Jesus's calling at any season of life. She called it "settling down and settling in" and invited those in attendance to focus on "what God was inviting them into."

Van Hove said, "I believe there's a lot of importance in the BEING versus the DOING in our lives." Sometimes it's good to step back, zoom out on our life and zoom back in, asking ourselves, "What can I do with this?"



A delicious dessert was provided for the group as Van Hove declared, "Dessert is always the answer." Defined Ministries, created in 2021, "helps you step into the dreams, visions, and ambitions to which God is calling you." Van Hove speaks for events, services and retreats and is also available for

mentoring. For more information, visit [www.definedministries.com](http://www.definedministries.com). †

## MIDDLE-AGE ADULT **APPETIZER HOUR**

**Friday, March 1, 2024**

**6:00 PM / The Gathering Space**

Middle-aged adults are welcome for an Appetizer Hour on Friday, March 1, from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Appetizers will be provided, as well as a project to take home. Attendants may choose to continue the fellowship at a local restaurant.



## TRINITY TROOP 14 **CHILI SUPPER**

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

**4:00 - 7:00 PM / Fellowship Hall**

Trinity Boy Scout Troop 14 will host a chili supper on March 9 from 4 to 7:00 PM. All proceeds raised will go towards annual camp and merit expenses in 2024. All are welcome! **Tickets are \$10.00.** This event is sponsored by Thrivent.



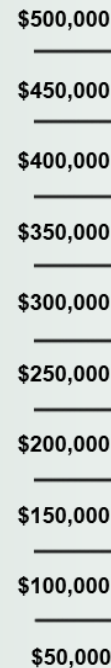
## **DONATIONS REQUESTED:** **CANDY FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT**

We pack 1,200 Easter eggs for our annual Easter egg hunt. That's a lot of candy! Donations of bags of candy are greatly appreciated. **Please drop off candy at the office by March 17.** Thank you!

# T150

## CONSTRUCTION LOAN

Trinity continues to pay on the remaining construction loan for the T150 building renovations, technology upgrades, and our mission project. Thanks to the ongoing generosity of many, we have been able to make loan payments from special gifts alone and not the general budget. Trinity's mission and outreach continue to be blessed by this \$4.5 million project. To make a gift, go to [trinity-mc.org/trinity-at-150](http://trinity-mc.org/trinity-at-150) or write "T150" on your check or envelope.



**Total Dollars Received - \$3,899,943**  
**T150 Loan Balance - \$320,218**  
**Loan Interest Paid To Date - \$148,744**

**AND SURELY  
I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS  
TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE**

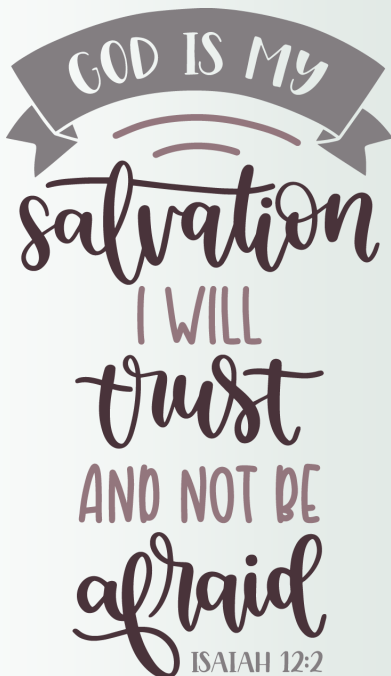
— MATTHEW 28:20 —



**WARD & MORRISON  
ART EXHIBIT**

*Trinity's Rotating Art Exhibit  
January - March of 2024*

Paul Ward is a self-taught watercolorist from Plymouth, Iowa. He started painting with watercolor in 1974. He enjoys painting landscapes, farms, and wildlife. His lifelong hobby greatly influenced his daughter, Ashley (Ward) Morrison. Ashley got her Bachelor's Degree in Art and Design in 2004 but just started with watercolor and ink in 2021. Her art has no collective theme, but children's illustration themes have recently inspired her. Stop by the church to view these two artists' work on exhibit now through the end of March 2024!



Our new leadership positions were voted in during our Annual Meeting in January of 2024. We welcome Ethan, our new Council officer!

**ETHAN MILLER | VICE PRESIDENT**

*Where did you grow up?* Humboldt, IA (Class of 1999)

*Tell us a little about your family:*



- Married to Rebecca on December 22, 2012 (11 years) - She teaches middle school science at Central Springs MS on the Nora Springs campus. She is currently enrolled at Iowa State University as a graduate student for Educational Leadership and will receive her School Administration license in May 2025.
- Gretta - 10 years old - 4th grader at Central Springs and involved in: Stebens, volleyball, basketball, and softball.
- Margo - 7 years old - 1st grader at Central Springs and involved in: gymnastics, volleyball, basketball, and softball.

*Where do/did you work, and how do you spend your time?*

- Work as a Mental Performance Coach for athletes and teams across the US.
- Sales Associate for Farm Bureau Financial Services.

*What are your interests and hobbies?*

- Enjoy outdoor and fitness activities.
- Love time invested with family and friends.

*What do you most enjoy about serving on Council and/or being a part of Trinity?*

- We have been Trinity members for over 10 years and fell in love with this church and congregation from day one.
- Serving for various committees has been extremely important to us in being able to give back.
- Trinity's mission as being a servant church in the heart of Mason City is something I'm proud to be a part of .
- This is our family's home and the relationships that we have formed mean the world to us.



**CARE MINISTRY RELAUNCH**

Volunteers are needed to make in-person visits, call people on the phone, and send postcards. Please get in touch with Parish Nurse Becky Elsbernd for more information: [becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org](mailto:becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org). Current visitation volunteers and potential new volunteers are invited to fill out the Care Ministry Volunteer survey. You can click this link to do it online: <https://form.jotform.com/240164927457058>.



## BOOK DISCUSSION

**Monday, March 11, 2024**

**1:00 PM / The Gathering Space**

The next book discussion is **Monday, March 11** at **1:00 PM** in the Gathering Space at Trinity Lutheran Church. We will be discussing the book **Meet Me at the Museum** by Anne Youngson. "Meet Me at the Museum is a celebration of long letters, kindred spirits, and the possibility of writing a new story for yourself, at any stage of life." Multiple copies are available to check out from the Trinity Lutheran Church office.



## LUNCH AND LEARN

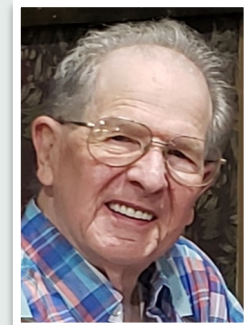
### WHAT'S NEW IN HEALTHCARE?

**Thursday, March 21, 2024**

**12:00 PM / Fellowship Hall**

Chad Boore, Chief Operations Officer (COO) at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center, will come to share about the changes and challenges in health care today.

Soup and salad will be served for a free-will offering. Please call the church office to **RSVP or sign up on the office bulletin board by Tuesday, March 19.**



## AFFIRMING AND HEALING PRAYER

**Monday, April 4, 2024**

**1:00 PM / Trinity Library**

Does prayer for healing really work? Are "I am" prayers stronger than petitioning prayers? Join the "Affirming & Healing Prayer" workshop and experience adding power to your prayers. April 4, from 1-3 PM, in the Trinity Church library. Start with the "affirming" version of the Lord's Prayer. Explore six kinds of prayer. Compose several of your own positive healing prayers, including your own "conversational" healing prayer. Workshop leader Jim Collison is a graduate of St. John's University in Collegeville, MN. Jim was a lay minister for over 40 years, mainly with the Congregational Church in Orchard, IA.

## REJOICING SPIRITS

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

**5:00 PM / Trinity Fellowship Hall**

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us as we learn about Jesus' journey to the cross and beyond through camp-style music, an interactive skit, and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.



## WALK A WAY

### Walking Pilgrimage -

**La Crosse, WI to Winona, MN  
May 8-10, 2024**

Find refuge and step away from your routine on a pilgrimage experience along the Mississippi River. Explore a way of being that supports listening and letting go. We depart from Mason City on Wednesday morning, May 8, and return late afternoon on Friday, May 10. We will walk approximately 28 miles from La Crosse, WI, to Winona, MN, over three days on the Great River State Trail and Flyway Trail. Overnight accommodations include the Franciscan Spirituality Center (FSC) in La Crosse, WI, and the Alverna Center in Winona, MN. Private spiritual direction is available for an additional fee at the FSC. The Reverend Stephen Benitz of St. John's Episcopal Church and Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse of Trinity Lutheran Church, will guide us on our pilgrimage. A support vehicle travels with us to assist as needed and to provide snacks and water along the way. Cost: \$300 (this includes transportation, overnight accommodations, and meals.) Partial scholarships are available. Participants will be responsible for paying for their own celebratory lunch on Friday. Register and pay a \$150 deposit to save your spot. Space is limited to nine people. **The registration deadline is March 31, 2024.**





## WHAT GIVES YOU HOPE?

We asked our high-schoolers what gives them hope. These are the answers we received:

“Having hope in Jesus and God is a vital thing that people should have. I see hope in God for making everyone in his image and loving everyone for who they are and not who they might pretend to be. Jesus gives me hope because even when people lashed out at him, he still died on the cross for them. Jesus Christ gives me hope to start every day as a new experience and to thank God for this wonderful life he has given us.”

- Amanda Blanchard

“I think what gives me hope is knowing all people can be forgiven. It does not matter who you are or what you do, you are able to be forgiven and loved by God. And just as God loves all of us, despite the fact we sin. Then we should be able to love and forgive each other too, just as God does.

I also have hope in the children of tomorrow. One day I will be gone and I have hope that the next generations will live on and make us proud. I know they will have respect, compassion, care and love for others. The future in humanity to be forgiven and move forward is what gives me hope.”

- Brooklyn Holley

## Verses to Live By MARCH 2024

Starting this month, we will introduce a column focusing on congregation members and their favorite Bible verses. The participant will share a verse that speaks to their heart, as well as their thoughts about how this verse has influenced their life. The pieces will close with a question and a prayer. The first installation of “Verses to Live By” was written by Stu Vold.



### STU VOLD

Selecting my favorite Bible verse is easy. Narrowing it down to one is not so easy. In spite of 7 ½ decades of good, smart Sunday School teachers and pastors explaining the meaning of Bible passages, I still find many Biblical messages disconcertingly difficult to understand and sometimes contradictory. That says something about me, I think, and not about the pastors. Thus, my tendency is to lean on verses that simplify the intentions and instructions inherent in Biblical stories.

With that as background and perspective, for many years now I settled on Micah 6:8. It is straightforward and simple: “He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Or, as a friend once summarized this verse—be fair, be kind, be humble. Think of a world where we each lived by those tenets.

I believe acting justly (being fair) and loving mercy (being kind) are somewhat self-explanatory, if not always easy. Walking humbly with my God is a little trickier, for me anyway, because it is open-ended without offering prescriptive behaviors. At a minimum, that “requirement” encourages living a life fueled by FAITH and by GRATITUDE for the blessings that flow from God.

Perhaps no one else thinks this verse is as simply instructive as I find it to be. Even so, ask yourself which one of these requirements (not mere suggestions) you believe to be the most important and/or the most difficult.

Finally, a closing prayer, one which I use each morning, which recognizes the trust we can have in God’s consistent generosity:

Thank you, God, for giving me everything that I will need today, and help me to use those gifts to live my life in the way you want me to live it.

**Amen.**

## CO-ED SOFTBALL RETURNS THIS SUMMER

It's almost that time of year again for co-ed church softball! There will be a sign-up sheet outside the church office. Stephanie Johnson will be coaching again this season. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Stephanie at 641-420-5301. More information is coming soon. Go team Trinity!



MARCH CALENDAR



**Friday, March 1, 2024**

6:00 PM Middle-Age Appetizer Hour TGS  
 6:00 PM Middle School Lock-In TLC

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

5:00 PM Worship\*\* TS

**Sunday, March 3, 2024 - Third Sunday in Lent**

9:00 & 10:30 AM Worship\*\* TS  
 9:15 AM Sunday School TEW

**Monday, March 4, 2024**

9:00 AM Centering Prayer TR322/Zoom  
 9:00 AM Trinity at Community Kitchen CK  
 6:00 PM Bronze Bell Choir TS

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class TGS

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study FH  
 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL  
 10:30 AM Clappers Bell Choir TS  
 1:30 PM Lent Worship Service TGS  
 5:15 PM Welcome to the Table (First Class) TR208  
 6:00 PM Lent Meal TFH  
 6:30 PM Lent Worship Service TS  
 7:15PM Choir TLC

**Thursday, March 7, 2024**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class TGS

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

4:00 PM Boy Scout Chili Supper TFH  
 5:00 PM Worship TS

**Sunday, March 10, 2024 - Fourth Sunday in Lent**

9:00 & 10:30 AM Worship TS  
 9:15 AM Sunday School TEW

**Monday, March 11, 2024**

9:00 AM Lectio Divina TR322/Zoom  
 9:30 AM Altar Guild TR300  
 1:00 PM Book Discussion TGS  
 5:30 PM Bronze Bell Choir TS

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class TGS

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study FH  
 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL  
 9:30 AM Lydia Circle TR208  
 10:30 AM Clappers Bell Choir TS  
 1:30 PM Lent Worship Service TGS  
 6:00 PM Lent Meal TFH  
 6:30 PM Lent Worship Service TS  
 7:15PM Choir TLC

**Thursday, March 14, 2024**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class TGS  
 9:30 AM WELCA Bible Study TR208

**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

5:00 PM Worship\*\* TS

**Sunday, March 17, 2024 - Fifth Sunday in Lent**

9:00 & 10:30 AM Worship\*\* TS  
 9:15 AM Sunday School TEW  
 10:00 AM Farewell Reception for Kristian TGS  
 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks TGS

**Monday, March 18, 2024**

9:00 AM Trinity Quilters TFH  
 9:00 AM Centering Prayer TR300/Zoom  
 10:00 AM Healing Touch Exchange (HTSM Team) TR321  
 6:00 PM Bronze Bell Choir TS

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class TGS  
 10:45 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry TR307

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study FH  
 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL  
 10:30 AM Clappers Bell Choir TS  
 1:30 PM Lent Worship Service TGS  
 2:00 PM Cancer Support Group TR300/Zoom  
 5:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits TFH  
 5:15PM Welcome to the Table (Second Class) TR208  
 6:00 PM Lent Meal TFH  
 6:30 PM Lent Worship Service TS  
 7:30PM Choir TLC

**Thursday, March 21, 2024**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class TGS  
 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn TFH

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt  TLC  
 5:00 PM Worship TS

**Sunday, March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday**

9:00 & 10:30 AM Worship TS  
 9:15 AM Sunday School TEW

**Monday, March 25, 2024**

9:00 AM Trinity Quilters TFH  
 9:00 AM Lectio Divina TR322/Zoom  
 6:00 PM Bronze Bell Choir TS

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class TGS  
 9:30 AM Caregivers Support Group TR300/Zoom

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study FH  
 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL

**Thursday, March 28, 2024 - Maundy Thursday**

6:30 PM Worship (with First Communion) TS

**Friday, March 29, 2024 - Good Friday**

6:30 PM Worship with Cantata TS

**Saturday, March 30, 2024 - Easter Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship TS

**Sunday, March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday**

9:00 & 10:30 AM Worship TS





## WORSHIP

**SATURDAYS**  
5:00 PM / Sanctuary  
*Traditional*

**SUNDAYS**  
9:00 AM / Sanctuary  
Livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube  
KCMR 97.9 FM or kcmrfm.com  
*Traditional*  
**SUNDAYS**

10:30 AM / Sanctuary  
Contemporary

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## CALENDAR KEY

**TLC** - Trinity Lutheran Church (Various locations in the building) / **TFH** - Trinity Fellowship Hall / **TK** - Trinity Kitchen  
**TR** - Trinity Room (Number) / **TGS** - Trinity Gathering Space / **TS** - Trinity Sanctuary / **TPL** - Trinity Parking Lot  
**TYR** - Trinity Youth Room / **TCR** - Trinity Choir Room / **TEW** - Trinity Education Wing / **CK** - Community Kitchen  
**YTFB** - YouTube & Facebook  
\*\*Holy Communion Served ++Rite of Healing